

## Happy Events ..... Janet Waddell

### In Person:

**Janet Waddell:** Happy & proud that her grandson, PJ, had a 200 game in the High School league & won both of his points  
**Richard Breske:** Happy to have gotten to the meeting today and stayed dry and avoided the rain before it came down.

**David Sideri:** Happy to have friends from Texas flying in for the Bucs game tonight. Hope the **Bucs** win.

**Joe Minarik:** Happy for the **Rays** and that Football is starting  
**Starlyn Fikkert:** Looking forward to Saturday evening social at **Big Storm Brewery**.

**Jim Fikkert:** Just Happy to be here.

**Phil England:** Happy he survived 33 holes of disc golf the other day. His arm is killing him now.

**Kevin Krauss:** One of his bowling teammates (David Sideri) had a miserable game on Tuesday at **Seminole Lanes**.

**Jim Plunkett:** Glad to be walking without pain. First time in a long time.

**Chris Patel:** Looking forward to her dad, Jerry's, WWII presentation today.

**Cory Krauss:** Glad to have Jim Plunkett at the "Krauss" table today.

**Jerry Krauss:** Happy to have his daughter, Christine, here at Rotary today.

**Barbara MacKellar:** Happy to have her grandson, Nathan, here with her today.

**Jeff MacKellar:** Looking forward to Jerry's presentation and Kenny's Birthday Party.

**Kenny Krauss:** Happy the Rotary Bulletin staff put in such a nice article about his birthday party. All are invited.

**Tom Stewart:** Very Happy the expensive stuff he bought on E-Bay that was wrong has been returned and he got a refund.

### On Zoom:

**Don Higgins:** Happy the **Gators** are coming to play the **Bulls'** in their football game.

**Ken Bray:** Happy the **Rays** are 9 games ahead of Boston!

**Theresa Pinnix:** Happy to be at the meeting on **Zoom**.

**Debra Ellis-Abney:** Happy to be here and that her sister is now employed by the VA.

## Another Lexophile

Why should a bowling center be quiet?  
 So you can hear a pin drop!

## Words of Wisdom

“Be Careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint!”

**Mark Twain**

### Club Buddies

Chantel Wonder	Janet Waddell
Harry Alchin	Jeff MacKellar
Jim Andrew	Richard Breske
Theresa Pinnix	Kenny Krauss
David Sideri	Cory Krauss
Jim Plunkett	Christine Patel
Joe Minarik	Debra Ellis Abney
Caitlyn Peacock	Yvonne Fay
Phil England	Bob Kelzer
Tami Scheele	Jimmy Hammond
Jim Fikkert	Tim Hammond
Ken Bray	Don Higgins
Tom Stewart	Kevin Krauss
David Allen	Starlyn Fikkert
Paul Scheele	Alex Cruz / Nhi N.
Barb MacKellar	Wren / Sean / Brian
Wendy Sideri	Josh Astarita
Jerry Krauss	h-Priscilla Kolodziej
h-Dr Paul Nanda	h-Jerry Wennlund
h-Donna Cloud	h-Sandy Donaghy
h-Carolyn Burns	h-Dolores Caunitz

### 50 / 50

Jerry Krauss won last week's prize for \$8 and donated it back to the club. The grand jackpot is \$142.00 The card to draw is the Ace of Diamonds.



## Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950

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### This Week's Agenda:

- ✻ Pledge of Allegiance
- ✻ Singing of *God Bless America* or *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
- ✻ Rotary Prayer: Jimmy Hammond & Jim Fikkert
- ✻ Rotarian & Guest Intro's Cory Krauss, Alex Cruz & Jim Fikkert
- ✻ Sergeant at Arms Announcements: Tom Stewart, Kevin K, David S.

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### Trivia Questions:

1. John Paul Jones is often called the “Father of the US Navy”. Where was he born?
2. How many Golden Globe Awards did Marilyn Monroe win?
3. Which country has the highest volume of fresh water?
4. How smart must you be in order to become a member of Mensa?
5. How many letters were originally in the English Alphabet?
6. On cloudy days, what color often appears in a sunset?

### Club Anniversaries:

Jerry Wennlund .....9/13 ..... 32 Year  
 Wren Krahl (TBRPC).... 9/17 ..... 1 Year  
 Brian Ellis (TBRPC) .... 9/17 ..... 1 Year

### Guests of Rotarians:

Nathan Ciminera ..... Barbara MacKellar

### Rotarian Birthdays:

Jim Fikkert ..... 9/17 ..... 69 Yrs  
 Yvonne Fay ..... 9/17 ..... 59 Yrs

**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES!**

### Upcoming Programs & Events

Sept 23rd Barbara MacKellar P/C  
**Sept 30th Chantel Wonder –1st Club**  
**Night Social Meeting– Banquet Masters**  
**Oct 5th Board Mtg (ECC Electrical)**  
 Oct 7th Jeff MacKellar P/C  
 Oct 14th Joe Minarik P/C  
 Oct 14th Ronald McD House Dinner  
**Oct 20th Ladies and Men's Nite Out**  
 Oct 21st Students of the Month  
 Oct 28th Chris Patel  
**Nov 2nd Board Mtg (Allen Industries)**  
 Nov 4th Theresa Pinnix  
 Nov 11th Jim Plunkett  
 Nov 18th Students of the Month  
**Nov 25th Happy Thanksgiving (no mtg)**

### Missed Last Week:

Wendy Sideri Yvonne Fay  
 Caitlyn Peacock David Allen  
 Jim Hammond Jim Andrew  
 Tim Hammond Tami Scheele  
 Josh Astarita Wren Krahl

### Questions to Ponder!

How come Abbreviated is such a long word?



## This Week's Program:



We will honor our  
*Sept 2021 Students of the Month* today.

*Hollins High School*  
**Tyler Bell & Mia Pineda**

*Pinellas Park High School*  
**Emily Singh & Randy Phan**



## Next Week's Program:

**Program Chairperson Barbara MacKellar** will introduce several students from the *Hollins Interact Club*. They will be sharing their stories on how they spent their summer starting the *Interactive Book Club at Barbara Ponce Library* which our club sponsored. They will also talk about the opportunity they have to offer tutoring at the *Barbara Ponce Pinellas Park Library* this school year.

The S4TL Delegate from Hollins HS, Ms. Butcher, will also be joining us to give a brief summary of her experiences at S4TL.



## SAVE THE DATE - Upcoming Events:



**Rotary Day with the**  
**Tampa Bay Rays**  
**Sunday Sept 19th - 1pm**



## Ready for Life—Safety Harbor

Volunteer for the upcoming **Harbor Sounds Music Festival October 2, 2021** in **Safety Harbor**. *Ready for Life* has partnered with the *Harbor Exchange Club* to help put on this wonderful event and is looking for volunteers to help.



## Ronald McDonald House:

401 7th Ave So. We are on the schedule to fix and pack food for the families on **Thursday October 14th**. We will cook Brats and Hamburgers there on their grill and package them for delivery to the families staying in the house. Sign up with Yvonne Fay, [Yvonne@united-ac.com](mailto:Yvonne@united-ac.com)



## **PINELLAS PARK ROTARY CLUB'S**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SATURDAY - DECEMBER 11th -**  
**FUSION RESORT, Treasure Island**

(more info to come soon)



## Last Week's Program:

**Program Chairperson Jerry Krauss** presented a program called "*Memoirs of World War II, Surviving the Battle of Okinawa*". **Ted Estridge** was a US Army soldier who fought and was wounded in the battle. He provided a first hand account of the battle, which was the subject of a short documentary film that was shown as part of the presentation. The island of Okinawa has 466 square miles of dense foliage, hills and trees, and is located to the south of the Japanese mainland. It is 70 miles long and 7 miles wide. The Japanese government knew that if Okinawa fell, so would Japan.

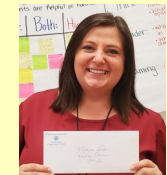


The Battle of Okinawa was one of the last major battles of World War II. The battle was fought over a period of three months, from April 1, 1945 through June 22, 1945 with members of the US Navy's Fifth Fleet and more than 180,000 US Army and US Marine Corps troops. The Army went to the southern part of the island, and the Marines to the north. Following a massive bombardment, the US landings were unopposed. The strategy of the Japanese forces was to draw the US military into extended combat where suicide Kamikaze bombers would strike US ships harbored off the coast, hopefully weakening them to the extent that the *Yamato*, which was the largest battleship in the world, could finish them off. The strategy failed and the *Yamato* was destroyed by American planes. 36 American ships were sunk.

The Japanese soldiers fought a desperate battle coming out from hidden underground caves. This led to extensive use of flame throwers by US troops. The fighting was brutal and to the death. In the end, only 7,000 Japanese troops surrendered. The US Commander, General Simon Buckner, Jr., was killed by sniper fire on the last day of the battle. At least 12,000 American and 100,000 Japanese soldiers were killed, along with more than 100,000 Japanese civilians. There were 49,000 US casualties. Okinawa was used as an air base for the planes which dropped the Atomic Bombs on the Japanese mainland, which eventually ended the war. Ted returned to Okinawa after the war, where he served as a Missionary for 15 years.

## Teacher / Speaker Award Checks for the Rawlings Elementary School Teachers

Rotarian Janet Waddell, accompanied by Rawlings Volunteer Coordinator, LoriAnn DiPenta delivered checks to Cindy Bennett-School Counselor, Ashlei Quail-K, Lynn Stevens-1st, Megan Foster-5th, Rachelle Faerber-K.



## **Pinellas Park Rotary Social** **Big Storm Brewery**

Many thanks to **Starlyn Fikkert** who made the arrangements for the first Social Evening for our Club this year at **Big Storm Brewery** on 49th St N last **Saturday Sept. 11, 2021 at 5pm**. The evening included hot and cold appetizers and a Cash bar. **Joe & Pat Minarik, Bevie & Richard Breske, Donna Cloud, Mike & Janet Waddell, Jim & Starlyn Fikkert and Bob Kelzer & Chantel Wonder** enjoyed the evening. **Barb & Jeff MacKellar** and **Debra Ellis-Abney** came by as the party ended.

