

**Happy Events ..... November 18, 2021**

**Joe Minarik:** Happy \$100 to be back. Thanks to members who called, to Richard Breske who brought meals, to Janet for delivering bulletins, to his bowling team for visits and gifts, to his wife, Pat, for the trips to the Dr and for feeding him, and to his daughter, Holly, and her husband, Scott, for helping around the house and keeping his spirits up.

**Yvonne Fay:** Happy to see Joe and Dr Nanda. Thanked everyone for the food and help at Ronald McD house dinner. Proud of her 4 year old granddaughter who stood and said the whole pledge of allegiance by herself.

**Phil England:** Happy \$3 to watch them dig the footers for their new house and spent a great weekend with his son and daughter-in-law who have the dog that was living with them.

**Don Higgins:** Happy to see Dr Nanda and Joe at the meeting.  
**Janet Waddell:** Also happy to see Dr Nanda and glad Joe is feeling well enough to come to meetings again.

**Wendy Sideri:** Happy to be here at a meeting.

**Dave Sideri:** Happy \$20 to bring Dr Nanda to our mtg today.

**Theresa Pinnix:** Happy to have been babysitting her son's dog for the last week.

**Kenny Krauss:** Happy \$2 to see Joe and Dr Nanda

**Jerry Krauss:** Happy \$2 also to see Joe and Dr Nanda

**David Allen:** Happy \$2 also to see Joe and Dr Nanda

**Starlyn Fikkert:** Happy that she and Jim will be visiting mom and dad for a week.

**Alex Cruz:** Happy to be going to see the comedian tonight.

**Barbara MacKellar:** Happy to have their future Rotarian, Nathan, here with them again today.

**Jeff MacKellar:** Happy \$2 for Joe & the students here today.

**Tami Scheele:** Happy \$3 for Joe, Dr Nanda and the students from Hollins, Kynmerion (Interact VP) and Ronaiyah, who helped with the setup of the Interactive Book Club equipment

**Steve White (Hollins):** Happy \$5 to be here, to see the PPHS students here in person, for the holiday week starting tomorrow and for the Ohio *Buckeyes*. Go *Buckeyes*!

**Elise Whitley (PPHS):** Happy to be back in person

**PPHS Dad:** Happy for his daughter's accomplishments

**PPHS Mom:** Thanks to Rotary for this honor for her son.

**Richard Breske:** Happy to see Joe back. Next week he will be having dinner with his son and family in Gainesville, GA

**Tim Hammond:** Happy to see Joe back at meeting.

**Tom Stewart:** Happy \$3. On Aug 25th boat broke down. Finally got it back fixed yesterday.

**On Zoom:**

**Wren Krahl:** Hope all have a happy Thanksgiving. Stay safe

**Ken Bray:** Happy Thanksgiving. He's leaving for Costa Rica for three weeks. Happy to see Joe and Dr Nanda.

**Caitlyn Peacock:** So thankful for all who helped with the Thanksgiving food distribution—Tami, Alex and Janet.

**Words of Wisdom**

**“Do not judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.”**

**Robert L Stevenson**

**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**

**Don Higgins** won last week's prize for **\$13** and donated it back to the club. The grand jackpot starts today at **\$238.00** The card to draw is the Ace of Diamonds.



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday Dec 2nd, 2021—12:15 P.M.**  
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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. Which movie was recently voted as the most popular Christmas movie of all time?
2. Since 1900, which US President won the largest percentage of the Electoral College vote?
3. Which river in the continental United States is the longest?
4. “Jack the Ripper” lived in which city and during which century?
5. Name two of the five longest living dog breeds.
6. In the movie, *Christmas Vacation*, what was Clark Griswold's bonus?

**Lexophiles**

*I was going to tell you a really bad bowling pun.....  
But I thought I'd spare you!*

**Guests of Rotarians:**

Nathan Ciminera ..... Barbara MacKellar

**Rotarian Birthdays:**

Carolyn Burns ..... Nov 10th  
Chantel Wonder ..... Dec 3rd  
Alex Cruz ..... Dec 4th

**Upcoming Programs & Events**

<b>Dec 4th</b>	<b>Rotary Road Cleanup</b>
<b>Dec 7th</b>	<b>Board Meeting (ECC)</b>
<b>Dec 9th</b>	<b>Tami Scheele P/C</b>
<b>Dec 11th</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY!</b>
<b>Dec 16th</b>	<b>Students of the Month</b>
<b>Dec 17th</b>	<b>Teacher Checks-Cross Bayou</b>
<b>Dec 18th</b>	<b>Salvation Army Bell Ringing</b>
<b>Dec 18th</b>	<b>Christmas Basket Deliveries</b>
<b>Dec 23rd</b>	<b>Kevin Krauss P/C</b>
	<b>Bowl-a-thon Info meeting</b>
<b>Dec 30th</b>	<b>Evening Meeting ~ Jazz</b>
	<b>Band &amp; Early New Year's Eve Party!</b>
<b>Jan 11th</b>	<b>Board Meeting (Allen Ind)</b>
<b>Jan 6th</b>	<b>Tom Stewart P/C</b>
<b>Jan 13th</b>	<b>Caitlyn Peacock P/C</b>
<b>Jan 20th</b>	<b>Students of the Month</b>
<b>Jan 27th</b>	<b>Harry Alchin P/C</b>
<b>Feb 1st</b>	<b>Sanders School SOM</b>

**Missed Last Week:**

Chris Patel	Jim Fikkert
Jim Andrew	Kevin Krauss
Cory Krauss	Josh Astarita

**Questions to Ponder!**

**How do you make seven even?  
Take away the “s”!**

**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES!**

### This Week's Program:

**Program Chairperson David Sideri** will present **Charlie E. Hart, Jr.** As a full service Commercial Real Estate Advisor, **Charlie** brings more than 10 years of business, operations, and management experience to assist clients throughout the purchase process. Charlie has worked in tenant representation, sales, development, and buyer representation in the Tampa Bay area. Prior to his real estate career, Charlie was recruited out of the **Kellogg School of Management** by **Amazon's Retail Leadership Development** program. As a Product Manager at **Amazon**, he ran the second largest holiday gift guide world-wide. Also, while at **Amazon**, he managed the P&L for **Amazon's Pet Habitats and Supplies** business, including category auditing, reporting, analysis, and strategy. Under his leadership, the category actualized double-digit top line growth and doubled profitability goals. Prior to this, he was an award-winning business strategy consultant with **PwC** where he translated clients' internal data and primary customer research into engaging customer touchpoints. Charlie currently serves on the board for the Clearwater Free Clinic, St Paul's Finance Committee and The H Foundation. He lives with his wife, Charlotte, and son, Tripp, in Belleair. **Charlie will talk to us about Amazon and ten amazing tips!**



### Next Week's Program:

**Program Chairperson Tami Scheele** will be hosting a celebration for the **SAVE** Promise Club, which is part of the **Hollins HS Interact Club**. The **SAVE** Promise Club has been busy this past year finding ways to encourage all of their students and staff to take part in events by sponsoring poster and essay contests, and hosting school-wide assemblies. The club found ways throughout the year to encourage and reach every student, and was recently awarded the Youth Encouragement Award. We will be recognizing five of the club members.



**Teacher / Speaker Award Checks for the Rawlings Elementary School Teachers**  
**Rotarian Josh Astarita**, with **Lori Ann DiPenta**, delivered checks to **Todd Haraminac, PE;**



**Patricia Overbeck, Gifted; Christine Eells, PreK; Michelle Rollins, 4th; Kalie Wieland, Speech**



**Winner of the Weekend in Fikkert's Condo on Indian Shores**



Congratulations to **Jerry Krauss** who won the raffle for the weekend on Indian Shores. Many thanks to those who sold or purchased tickets to raise funds for **Ready For Life** and the good work that they do. We raised \$2,600.00.

### SAVE THE DATE - Upcoming Events:

**ROTARY ROAD CLEAN-UP ~ Sat Dec 4th ~ 8am ~ 6051 78th Ave Sign up with Phil**

**PINELLAS PARK ROTARY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**SAT DEC 11th ~ 5-9pm ~ FUSION RESORT, Treasure Island**

**Fri Dec 17th - Cross Bayou Elem - 6886 102nd Ave 7:45 - 8:15am**  
**Present Checks to Teachers**

**Sat Dec 18th Christmas Baskets & Bell Ringing**



### Last Week's Program: **Students of the Month**

**Kynmerion Montgomery** is a Senior in the Avid program at **Hollins High school**. Her GPA is 3.1, and class rank is 133 / 336. She is a member of NHS, Leadership, Interact Club, Save Club and the Varsity Basketball team. Through the Leadership Club, she helps run the food pantry by organizing incoming items, bagging them for distribution, and delivering them to the students. With the Interact Club, she helped at last year's Rotary Bowl-a-thon, and Rotary's Interactive Book Club / Literacy Project. She has also raised money to help pediatric cancer. With **Save the Promise** Club, she led the **Start With the Hello** campaign, and the **See Something / Say Something** campaign. They handed out kindness grams and celebrated local sheriff officers. With the NHS, she did a beach cleanup and helped with the blood drives. She plans to become a lawyer, starting her education in Tallahassee as an undergrad student and then attending **FAMU School of Law** in Orlando. She would like to be the bridge between her family and the law.

**Ronaiyah Tape** is a Senior at **Hollins High School** and an active member of **Save the Promise** Club, Interact Club and NHS. She has made honor roll since 10th grade. While her current GPA is only 2.58, she is working on raising it. She was a member of the cheer team for basketball this year. With the Interact Club, she has raised money for pediatric cancer. With the **Save the Promise** Club, she has participated with **Start With Hello** and **See Something Say Something** for the past two years. She also helped organize and run the games for **National No Violence Week**. In her free time, she works and takes care of her animals. After graduation, she plans to attend USF, studying to be an ultrasound technician. To make an impact on the world, she would have everyone in the world do at least ONE act of kindness for someone each day. Hopefully, then the negativity and violence would stop. She would love to be able to have dinner one more time with her great grandma who passed away when she was little. She was always a kind and sweet person who never gave up on anything that came her way, and was a blessing to peoples' lives.

**A'jene' Bradley**, a senior, at **PPHS** is currently a 4-year First Responder student studying firefighting. She has always loved and enjoyed school. As the VP of the Executive Board at **PPHS**, she supports students' needs and concerns and tries to make the high school experience as fun as possible. She is a member of the NHS, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Secretary of The Florida Public Service Association. With a cumulative GPA of 3.7 and WGPA of 4.1, she is ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in her class of 400 students. She is the former 3-year president of the Pinellas County Urban League "Nulites", a youth community group that focuses on creating a new generation of professionals while helping the less fortunate in our community with give-a-ways and gift packaging. After High School, she would love to receive a scholarship from **Sunstar**, working to gain experience for 2 years, and then attend the fire academy and work as an EMT firefighter, eventually earning a paramedic certification. She enjoys meditating and spending time with family and friends. To make a change and impact the world, she would like to find the hard solution of mitigating the affects and difficulties of mental illness of all ages. Mental illness affects more than about 52 million lives, so a global and widespread solution could save so many beautiful lives.



**Wesley Dize** is a senior in the school's **Criminal Justice Academy** and serves as president of the National Honor Society. His parents taught him to hone his education, and thanks to their advice, he has earned 3.9 GPA with multiple Honors, AP, and Dual Enrolment courses and has set his sights on his dream career by applying to the **University of Central Florida** in the major of Forensic Biochemistry. He has been a Pinellas Park Police Explorers member for 4 years and has had the opportunity to learn from active-duty officers while giving back to the community by accumulating over 250 volunteer hours. If he could eat dinner with anyone, it would be his younger self, so he could tell him not to worry about the little things, not to be afraid of trying new things or to be ashamed to ask for help with the big things.