

**Happy Events ..... January 6, 2022**

**Joe Minarik:** Happy \$5 for Cory & Kaitlyn, Kevin & Mary Ann, Jerry & Joan and Great-Uncle Kenny! Congratulations!

**Don Higgins:** Happy to be here today.

**Richard Breske:** Happy to be here today.

**Barbara MacKellar:** Proud of grandson, Nathan, our Future Rotarian in the making, took the Bright Futures test and made one of the best scores.

**Jeff MacKellar:** Congrats to the Krauss' on the new addition and hopes that Chicago Bears hire Jim Harbaugh

**Tim Hammond:** Happy \$ hoping that *Alabama* beats *Georgia*

**Jim Fikkert:** Happy to be back home after all of their holiday travels.

**Starlyn Fikkert:** Had a great two weeks with grandkids and kids. Knows that Jim is happy the *Packers* are doing well.

**Alex Cruz:** Congrats to the Krauss Family on the new baby.

**Jim Plunkett:** Happy to be here.

**Jerry Krauss:** Happy that daughter, Nancy, is back from Vienna. They shut down the area due to Covid. Had to be tested every day—cost was 80 Euro each time. Happy for Cory, Kaitlyn and Conrad (his dad's name)

**Jim Andrew:** Happy for Cory & Kaitlyn.

**Kevin Krauss:** Happy \$20 for his really cute Grandson!

**Janet Waddell:** Happy \$5 for a great Christmas with family and friends, marred only by 2 Covid exposures and having Omicron for New Years weekend.

**ZOOM:**

**Debra Ellis-Abney:** Happy to be here today and glad to have made last week's night meeting

**Christine Patel:** Had a great New Year's eve. Kevin and Mackenzie made dinner and they played Yahtzee.

**Lexophiles**

*Why do Eggs hate jokes?*

*The answers crack them up!*

**Words of Wisdom**

**“The best cure for Sea Sickness is to sit under a tree.”**

**Spike Milligan**

**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 / 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**

Kevin Krauss won last week's prize for \$10, donating it back to the club. The grand jackpot starts today at \$304.00 The card to draw is the Ace of Diamonds.



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday Jan 13th, 2022—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. What was the first film directed by Clint Eastwood?
2. What are the most common and the rarest color of eyes in dogs?
3. After Tom Brady (34) and Joe Montana (16), name the 3 QBs tied for the third most (14) playoff wins.
4. What was the Alaska Purchase originally called?
5. How long did it take to construct the Eiffel Tower?
6. Which animal makes the loudest sound?

**Upcoming Programs & Events**

Jan 20th	Students of the Month
Jan 27th	Harry Alchin P/C
Feb 1st	Sanders School SOM
Feb 3rd	David Allen P/C
Feb 8th	Board Meeting
Feb 10th	Jim Andrew P/C
Feb 12th	Valentine Party
Feb 17th	Students of the Month
Feb 24th	Josh Astarita P/C
Mar 3rd	City of PP—Employee of Yr

**Missed Last Week:**

David Allen	Wendy Sideri
Yvonne Fay	Ken Bray
Phil England	Tami Scheele
Cory Krauss	Josh Astarita
Theresa Pinnix	Dave Sideri
Chantel Wonder	

**Questions to Ponder!**

**Did you hear about the angry pancake? He just flipped!**

**Club Anniversaries:**

Pete Hervey.....1/1 .....	50 Years
Sandy Donaghy.....1/7.....	3 Years
Theresa Pinnix.....1/8 .....	13 Years
Carolyn Burns.....1/8.....	7 Years
Donna Cloud.....1/8.....	7 Years
Dolores Caunitz.....1/8.....	7 Years

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Don and Charlotte Higgins ..... 1/11 ... 53 Yrs

**Serve to Change Lives**

### Last Week's Program:

Last week Program Chairperson Tom Stewart introduced fellow Rotarian Richard Breske, who provided a presentation on The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Our Pinellas Park Rotary Club has submitted \$10,500 to the Annual Giving through the PHF Lottery, and \$4,000 to the Permanent Fund / Polio Plus, for a total of \$14,500, thus far during this Rotary calendar year, which runs from 7/01/2021 thru 6/30/2022.



TRF is the heart of Rotary. The TRF Chairperson is fellow Rotarian John Germ. The annual fund goal is \$125 million. The Polio Plus Fund goal is \$50 million, with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation providing a 2 for 1 match; total amount \$150 million. The purpose of the Polio Plus Fund is to eradicate Polio and is also used to help around the world with other health issues like covid.

The Endowment Fund goal is \$95 million, and Outright Gifts total \$40 million. The purpose of the Outright Gifts Fund is to provide water and sanitation in countries, such as Uganda, where clean, fresh water is scarce.

The Pinellas Park Rotary Club has also set up an Alzheimer's Fund, which has collected \$89,600 and thus far provided \$29,400 in grants and for expenses.

The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693. TRF Contact Center (866) 976-8279, TRF Fed Tax ID # for 501C3 status is 36-3245072. For tax purposes, the TRF will send an e-mail acknowledgement for all donations received.

### Next Week's Program:

## Students of the Month Pinellas Park High School Hollins High School



### Upcoming Events—Save the Dates:

**Tuesday Feb 1st** - Sanders School - Students of the Month (Nov, Dec & Jan) Celebration - Come join us at the school, 5025 76th Ave N, as we celebrate the with the staff and students. Arrive by noon. Pizza Lunch. We will be done by 1pm.

**Saturday Feb 12th - Valentine Sunset Cruise** - Hubbard's Pier - John's Pass - Cruise, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Bottled Water, and Publix Platters. 4:30 to 7 pm. \$50 per person. Sign up with Starlyn Fikkert.

### Superbowl Squares: Fundraiser for Ready For Life (Aged Out Foster Students)

Please see Rotarian Joe Minarik to purchase \$10 Superbowl Squares for the upcoming Superbowl game, scheduled for Sunday February 13th in Inglewood, CA. (\$500 for RFL and \$125 for the final score squares of each quarter of the Superbowl.)



### **BOWL-A-THON - MARCH 26th - 10 - 4PM**

### **IT'S TIME TO START SOLICITING \$\$\$\$ AND PRIZES FOR THE RAFFLES**

\*\*\*\* Salvation Army December Bell Ringing Update: We raised \$238.44 \*\*\*\*

### This Week's Program:

Program Chairperson Caitlin Peacock will introduce Jason Bent, who is an Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law with the Stetson Law School. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Michigan Law School. He will talk about Stetson Law School and what it means to Pinellas County. He focuses his work on employment law, employment discrimination law, and civil procedure.



Jason co-authored a legal treatise entitled, *The Statistics of Discrimination: Using Statistical Evidence In Discrimination Cases*. He also co-authored *An Illustrated Guide to Civil Procedure*.

In what should be a very interesting topic for discussion, he will present arguments regarding the legalities of Affirmative Action under Title VII, and the existing constitutional equal protection jurisprudence, and whether this leaves sufficient room for some forms of algorithmic affirmative action.

### **Pinellas Park High School - December Students of the Month**

Melissa Michael, a senior in Pinellas Park High School's Criminal Justice Academy, currently holds an unweighted GPA of 3.8 and WGPA of 4.3. She ranks 16th in her class of 375 students. She is the president of the Patriot Chapter of Florida Future Educators of America. Having been in this club since her



freshman year, she has held the role of president for the past two years. She is certified in Adobe photoshop, ServSafe, PowerPoint and Word. She enjoys volunteering with local schools providing students with clean and healthy meals and assisting teachers with grading papers. At Skyview Elementary, she saw how many families in the community rely on schools to provide their children with nutritious meals. At Morgan Fitzgerald Middle, she experienced the harsh realities of being a teacher and what it means to put your students before yourself as she watched the teachers stand in front of the classroom door as they went into a real campus lock down. She gained an insight into the life of teachers and has determined that her future career goal is to be a high school science teacher. She would eventually like to get a doctorate degree in education and teach as a professor at a college, but her current goal is a bachelor's degree at St. Pete Community College. She has faced many difficult situations during high school and her teachers have always been there for her. She wants her impact on the world to start with her future students.

Corbin Crawford, a senior at PPHS in the First Responders Program, currently holds a 4.02 WGPA and is in the top 10% of the class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and is captain of the sports football and wrestling teams. In football, he was a two-year varsity starter and in wrestling, a two-time regional qualifier. He is also involved in the community, volunteering with Bambino Buddy Baseball. They meet at Davis Field one to two times a week and mentor kids with disabilities and build relationships with them through the game of baseball. In his free time, he likes to hang out with friends and enjoy outdoor activities like fishing, boating, camping, and riding ATV's. He plans to attend college at the University of North Florida or the University of Florida, to major in construction management. After college, he plans to enter the construction management field eventually becoming a construction manager. If he could have dinner with one person, it would probably be Warren Buffet because he is a very successful and wise person, from whom he could learn a lot.