

Happy Events: Wanda Clevenger
Chris Patel - Grandson was 9th in line but moved up and in to get into school.
Tim Hammond - Happy to be here
Joe Minarik - \$2 Harry, David, Kevin and Joe all bowling in Las Vegas National USBC Tournament
Richard Breske - \$2 Bev and his granddaughter came back
David Sideri - \$5 Fishing with Jeff's crew. Rough boat ride
Harry Alchin - Happy to be heading to Las Vegas in the early morning
Kevin Krauss - Gave Harry his new Florida Senior Star shirt for bowling
Tom Stewart - Happy to be here
Janet Waddell - Enjoyed her oldest grandson's (PJ's) graduation last Thursday
David Allen - \$2 hoping Sgt At Arms (Tom) will not ask him any questions
Jeff MacKellar - grandson had great time on fishing trip with David Sideri and happy for students of the month here today
Starling Fikkert - Finally got reservations for the installation banquet at the Bayou Club. Will be sending email invitations today.
Jim Fikkert - Oldest grandson graduated high school
Cory Krauss - Likes Steve White's shirt
Jerry Krauss - Celebrated 68th wedding anniversary with wife Joan by going out to lunch with Kevin. Only 1% of the world are married that long and in two more years, only 1/10th of population is married that long. Congratulations Jerry and Joan!
Kenny Krauss - was at Doctor on Monday for neuropathy and was put on two new meds. After four days, much better
Phil England - Happy for *Lightning* win and happy for great nephew getting into school

Words of Wisdom
“Wisdom doesn’t necessarily come with age. Sometimes, age just shows up all by itself.”

Tom Wilson

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	Wanda Clevenger
	h-Priscilla Kolodziej
h-Dr Paul Nanda	h-Jerry Wennlund
h-Donna Cloud	h-Sandy Donaghy
h-Carolyn Burns	h-Dolores Caunitz

50 / 50

Cory Krauss won last week's prize for \$9 and donated it back to the club. The Grand jackpot is \$27.00 The card to draw is the Ace of Clubs.



Lexophiles

When you look for something, why it is always in the last place that you look?
Because when you find it, you stop looking!



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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 is the only native American breed of house cat?
2. What date was the date of the Normandy landings in World War II, otherwise known as D-Day?
3. What is the animal that represents the 2022 Chinese New Year?
4. What is the largest Native American Indian Tribe, based on both population and land area?
5. What is the best ever finish at the Indianapolis 500 by a woman?
6. Which U.S. state produces the most steel?

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

Jun 9th	Tim Hammond P/C
Jun 11th	INSTALLATION BANQUET
Jun 14th	Board Meeting - TBA
Jun 16th	Don Higgins P/C
Jun 18th	Road Cleanup
Jun 23rd	Bob Kelzer P/C
Jun 30th	Club Assembly
WELCOME OUR NEW PRESIDENT	
STARLYN FIKKERT	
Jul 5th	Board Meeting
Jul 7th	Cory Krauss

Missed Last Week: Don Higgins

Alex Cruz	Josh Astarita
Wendy Sideri	Wren Krahl
Jim Andrew	Debra Ellis-Abney
Chantel Wonder	Paul Scheele
Yvonne Fay	Tami Scheele
Barbara MacKellar	Jim Plunkett

Questions to Ponder!

Teacher: Donald, what is the formula for water?
Donald: H I J K L M N O
 Teacher: What are you talking about?
Donald: Yesterday you said it was H to O

Visiting Rotarian:

Randy Neillson....(President) Tarpon West

Wedding Anniversaries:

Tami & Paul Scheele.....6/1.....25 Yrs

Rotarian Birthdays:

Brian Ellis.....5/27.....31 Yrs
 Paul Scheele.....6/1.....79 Yrs

Club Anniversaries:

Janet Waddell.....6/5.....8Yrs

Serve to Change Lives

This Week's Program: Starlyn Fikkert will introduce Jim's Program Speaker today.

Jane Morse-Sweet arrived in Florida after spending 22 years living in Brazil, Germany and Spain. She settled in St Petersburg and started working for Gulfcoast Oncology. She worked at Gulfcoast for over 20 years and then worked for Florida Cancer Specialists for one year. She started at Gulfcoast as a receptionist and ended up as the Director of the Gulfcoast Oncology Foundation. She was the front office manager for a number of years and knew every patient by name. As her heart was, and still is, with the patients, she started a number of support groups, organized cancer awareness programs, caregiver groups and ongoing fundraisers to help patients with non-medical financial assistance. She was one of the founders of Happy Hands in Rio de Janeiro, co-authored a bilingual cookbook and also raised money for an orphanage in the heart of Rio. She was also involved with the American International schools in Brazil, Germany and Spain and taught English as a second language. In 2015, she was awarded the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce "Inspire Award" and in 2017, the Women's Service League's "Spirit of Service Award".



Next Week's Program: Program Chairperson Tim Hammond will introduce Joe Pondolfino,

Program Director for **Pinellas Hope**, an outreach program for the homeless community. **Pinellas Hope** is located on 124th Avenue N., just west of 49th street. It is an outreach ministry established on Dec 1, 2007, through the Catholic Charities ministry in partnership with the interfaith community, local government, businesses, and other not-for profit ministries. The focus of the ministry is to assist homeless adults living on the streets by providing them with temporary emergency shelter. However, the ministry has expanded over the years to include medical and dental services, eye exams, adult education, mental health services, employment assistance and much more.



If you have been wondering where in the world **Josh Astarita** has been these past couple of months, he sent in pics of his newest project that he is working on. He is doing a build-out in a 2100 square-foot steel building on ten (10) acres in Dade city. He is building out an 800 square-foot cabin - two bedroom two bath - that he and Stephanie will use for a weekend getaway. The only days his contractor had available to work on the project was a Thurs / Fri / Sat timeframe, so he had to miss a lot of Rotary meetings. Now the rooms are ready for him to paint and put in flooring!



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SAVE THE DATE:

INSTALLATION BANQUET - SATURDAY - JUNE 11th

Bayou Club - 7979 Bayou Club Blvd (enter from Starkey Rd)



Last Week's Program



Lark Stafford just graduated from Hollins High School. Enrolled in the Cambridge Diploma and Academy of Entertainment Arts programs, she graduated ranked 13th in her class with a 4.57 GPA. She obtained all "A"s during her four years in high school. She was not involved in sports or clubs her first two years, and her Junior year was all on-line due to the pandemic quarantine. Her Senior year, she decided to take the opportunity to reset her school life and outlook, joining National English Honor Society, National Honor Society, and Academic Teams. She served as President of both the Gardening Club and Literacy Team. It was in these clubs and teams where she discovered her dedication to community went far beyond the simple requirements set by the **Bright Futures Scholarship** Program. On the Literacy Team, they all shared a love of reading. They were able to organize a school book-drive that collected close to 1000 books to donate to a local group home that was previously devoid of new and varied reading materials. In the Gardening Club, she was surrounded by happy faces of those who didn't mind hard work and getting a little dirty, if it meant making the staff and student body smile with the addition of colorful flowers and herbs. These experiences made her realize that her life would be best suited as someone who lives in service of the well-being of others. She likes to curl up to a video essay and work on her drawing tablet. Since December, she has been working as a freelance Character Illustrator and hopes to continue this side-job for many years to come. She also enjoys writing poetry. Soon she will be attending Florida State University to study Creative Writing and Psychology. She hopes to master both subjects and obtain a PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy. Someone she would like to spend time with is her Father. Her Mother fully deserves the full 5-star treatment, as she has been her primary caretaker, but her father is continually gone on business trips due to his continued commitment to providing for his family. She wants nothing more than for him to witness the result of her academic journey. She has gone from a little girl of 7th grade who barely understood how to properly format a speech, to being a woman, who will soon be off to FSU's Honors program with more than a year of college credit under her belt. More than anything, she wishes that her father could have borne witness to all this success in person. She is grateful for his dedication to his work, but that is why she would cherish a one-on-one dinner with him even more.



Cadet Major Anthony Hale just graduated from Dixie Hollins High School and the JROTC program. His school accomplishments in the JROTC program alone are immense. He has earned the rank of Major and ranked 1st in the State for solo exhibition along with 7 other neck medals, 4 chest medals, 34 ribbons, and 10 arcs. He is the S-2 in the Royal Battalion (the security officer), and finally he is the Drill, Exhibition, Color Guard, and Honor Guard Commander for the JROTC program. For his community service, he has volunteered with "team teaching" at Blanton Elementary School. They prepare a class in groups, and he had the opportunity to teach a 2nd grade class for the day. He enjoys going to the gym and going to Marine PT in his free time. After high school, he wants to enlist in the United States Marine Corps as an Embassy Guard, and then become a recruiter like his recruiter, SGT Diaz, so he can inspire young people the way he has been inspired. If he could have lunch with one person, it would be General Dwight D. Eisenhower. The way Eisenhower inspired his troops to sacrifice themselves for the greater good is amazing. His speeches were truly inspiring and as Eisenhower once said "Motivation is the art of getting people to do what you want them to do because THEY want to do it".