

Happy Events: by Tim & Janet

**In Person:**  
**Jim Andrew:** Happy for the *Rays* win.  
**Ken Bray:** Happy \$2 for a vacation at the beach with his wife, Georgia. Also happy for the *Rays* win.  
**Tom Stewart:** Happy that Jim Fikkert sat at their table and told them about the *Green Bay Packers*.  
**David Allen:** Happy for the *Bucs* and *Rays* wins. Thanks to the twelve who signed up for “Pack a Meal” on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>.  
**Cory Krauss:** Happy 30<sup>th</sup> birthday for his sister, Kelsey.  
**Paul Scheele:** Please charge Mrs. Scheele for his Happy \$5 and he is challenging all Rotarians to dig deeper for the *Polio Plus Day 50/50*.  
**Janet Waddell:** Happy for the *Rays* win, just wish games were earlier. These midnight endings are getting old.  
**Josh Astarita:** Happy for the *Ray’s* long ride, but games too late. Happy to be here and not on *Zoom* today.  
**Jim Fikkert:** Just happy.  
**Barbara MacKellar:** Proud to have her nephew, Milton, here as our speaker today.  
**Jeff MacKellar:** Happy for the *Lions, Bears* and *Seminole’s* wins.  
**Alex Cruz:** Happy \$6 for his anniversary – All he has in his pocket. Tom sprung for the other \$2 for eight great years.

**On ZOOM:**  
**Don Higgins:** Happy \$2 for the Polio Plus fundraiser and for the *Rays* win and sad \$ for *Gators* not being able to play due to Covid.  
**Theresa Pinnix:** Happy to be here on Zoom.  
**Tami Scheele:** Happy \$5 for the *Rays* and *Bucs* win.  
**Wren Krahll:** Happy \$5 for granddaughter’s all A’s and 1 B report card.  
**Kenny Krauss:** Happy for his birthday party with his family.  
**Starlyn Fikkert:** Happy her new Refrigerator was delivered.  
**Kevin Krauss:** He and Mary Ann enjoyed celebrating daughter, Kelsey’s 30th birthday with a trip to Denver and Vail, CO.

**Another Lexophile**  
A rubberband pistol was confiscated from an algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

Words of Wisdom

“Only Americans can hurt America!”

Dwight D Eisenhower

Club Buddies

Chantel Wonder	Jerry Wennlund
Harry Alchin	Jeff MacKellar
Jim Andrew	Richard Breske
Theresa Pinnix	Kenny Krauss
David Sideri	Cory Krauss
Jim Plunkett	Christine Patel
Janet Waddell	Joe Minarik
Jerry Krauss	Yvonne Fay
Phil England	Joe Kolodziej
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 Krahll / Sean S.
Wendy Sideri	Josh Astarita
	h-Dr Paul Nanda
h-Donna Cloud	h-Sandy Donaghy
h-Carolyn Burns	h-Dolores Caunitz

**50 / 50**  
Milt Sheet IV won last week’s prize of \$12 and donated it back to the club. Next week, the Ace of Hearts will win the Jackpot that starts at \$91.



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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: Kevin Krauss, David S. & Phil E.

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Trivia Questions:

1. How many ounces are in a US gallon?
2. What is the average depth in the ocean?
3. What colors are in the Italian flag?
4. How many planets are there in the Solar System?
5. How high is the current Sunshine Skyway Bridge?
6. What Major League Baseball pitcher holds the all time record for the most strikeouts?

Upcoming Programs & Events:

Nov 3rd	Board Meeting
Nov 5th	Theresa Pinnix P/C
Nov 7th	Meals on Wheels Packing
Nov 12th	Starlyn Fikkert P/C
Nov 18th	Great American Teach-in
Nov 19th	Students of the Month
Nov 26th	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Dec 3rd	Jim Plunkett P/C
Dec 8th	Board Meeting
Dec 15th	Kevin Krauss P/C

Missed Last Week:

Wendy Sideri	Richard Breske
Chantel Wonder	Tim Hammond
Jerry Wennlund	David Sideri
Joe Kolodziej	Yvonne Fay
Joe Minarik	Jimmy Hammond
Chris Patel	Jim Plunkett

Visiting Rotarians:

Robert (Bob) Kelzer ..... St Pete Downtown

Wedding Anniversaries:

Richard & Bevie Breske .....10/28 ....53 Yrs

The Art of Insulting!

“I’ve just learned about his illness.  
Let’s hope it nothing trivial”

Irving S Cobb

Rotary Opens Opportunities!

**This Week's Program:** Program Chairman Don Higgins will introduce Karen Mathews who has served as the **East House Manager** at *Ronald McDonald House Charities Tampa Bay* for seven years. In the preceding years, Karen was a weekend manager and a volunteer at the East House, a Spanish/Math teacher and Dean of Students at Canterbury School of FL, and a Principal at Wellington School for 4 years As a Spanish-speaker, Karen has many opportunities to connect with the international families that stay at RMH. Originally from Rhode Island, Karen spent five years in Bethel Maine before joining her parents in St Pete in 1984 and has now spent more than half her life in Florida! In her spare time, Karen enjoys running and cycling, activities well suited to the pandemic. She also loves to travel, including trips to New York to visit her two grandsons.



**Next Week's Program:** Program Chairperson Theresa Pinnix has reached out to several people, but has not yet lined anyone up as next week's speaker. If anyone knows of anyone who would like to be our speaker, please contact Theresa. We will also induct **Debra Ellis-Abney** with *Garden Sanctuary* into our Club next week. Debra has been helping out with our Pinellas Park Rotary Installation Banquet Program for many years. She worked side by side with former Rotarian Bruce Cloud and we look forward to having her formally join our club.



### **Last Week's Polio Plus 50/50 Fundraiser:**

Program Chairperson Joe Minarik made special tickets for the event, but was unable to attend, so **Kevin Krauss** volunteered to step in to sell the tickets. He sold 33 strips of tickets at \$10 each and raised \$330 with \$165 for Polio Plus and \$165 for the winner of the drawing. **Rotarian Jim Andrew** won the drawing and donated \$35 back so that the Polio Plus amount would be \$200. Congratulations to Jim and thanks to all of our Rotarians who participated in this great cause!

## **Mark Your Calendar:**

**Sat Nov 7th - MEALS ON WHEELS FOR KIDS** - Catherine Hickman Theatre 5501 27th Ave So, Gulfport - 10am - 1pm - We have 12 volunteers. Our club will provide a lunch for us in the adjacent Clymer Park after we finish working.



**Great American Teach-In (GATI)** will be virtual this year and held on **Wed. Nov 18th**. If you would like to participate to share information on your vocation, avocation, or info on Rotary, they are looking for business owners and workers to talk to the students, either in Elementary, Middle or High School. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact **David Sideri**.



\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE DATE & TIME CHANGE\*\*\*\*\*

### **FRIDAY DEC 11th - Pinellas Park Rotary's CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**FUSION RESORT-SKYVIEW TERRACE - 290 107th Ave TREASURE ISLAND**  
**Arrive between 5-5:30pm Sunset is 5:30pm Cocktails & Appetizers 5:30 - 6:30pm;**  
**6:45pm-ish family style dinner; 7:30 - 8:30pm Yankee Present Swap**  
**8:30-ish Cookies for dessert! \$60 per person**

Please also let **David & Wendy** know if you are able to help decorate. Plan to bring a present for **Yankee Present swap** and wear an **Ugly Christmas Sweater** for the contest.



## **Last Week's Program:**

Program Chairperson **Barbara MacKellar** introduced her nephew, **Milton Sheen, IV**, the **President and CEO** of *Suncoast Precision Tool* and a former member of our club years ago. *Suncoast Precision Tool* is an industrial supplier who supplies materials to *H & S Swanson Tool* and companies like theirs around the world. His company was started by his grandfather, (Barbara's Dad) **Milton Roy Sheen Jr.** in 1963 out of his garage. When Milt IV started working for his grandfather in 1982, the company was still working out of the garage. In 1995, they purchased their new building and in 2008, they moved into their current location. The company has weathered multiple downswings in the economy, including the recession in the 1990's. With the recession in 2008, just after they purchased their current building, their income dropped 75%. They laid off all but the essential workers, vacated all remote locations, consolidated their sales force and did a "business reset". That experience helped get them through these past few months. Luckily, they had already moved to a digital, on-line sales platform with their website that has given them more global exposure. Their most important employees used to be their salesmen, now it is their IT person. Their company has been using the internet for their sales for over 13 years now and that helped the company prepare for this recent slowdown. During this pandemic, they were designated an essential business allowing them to keep their business open. As more people have turned to the internet, their business has been booming. Their website afforded them visibility in the marketplace. Milt has a dedicated staff of 6 people. He feels automation and on-line exposure are crucial to survival in today's business world.



## **Former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar:**

**Kristen Welker**, last week's Presidential Debate Moderator is a *White House Correspondent* working for *NBC News* and *MSNBC*. She is the co-anchor of *Weekend Today* and the Saturday edition of the *Today* show. Kristen graduated from *Harvard University* with Honors and she spent a year in Madrid, Spain, as a *Rotary Ambassador Scholar* while majoring in Journalism.



## **Happy Teachers' Smiling Faces at Pinellas Central Elementary**

**Congratulations to Speaker/Teacher \$50 check recipients:**

**Erin Georgia - 2nd Gr; Gabrielle Zaharoolis - 2nd Gr; Lauren Alexander - 1st Gr;**  
**Madison Crossen - 4th Gr; and Sarah Cooman - 4th Gr.**

**Many thanks Rotarian Wren Krah for delivering the checks to the school and to Volunteer Coordinator, Jamie Carpenter, for handing out the checks & taking the pics!**

