

Happy Events: by Tim Hammond

In Person:
Janet Waddell: Happy to be bowling in a league on Friday for the first time in 11½ months. – At Seminole Lanes!
Richard Breske: Happy to be here.
Donna Cloud: Happy to be here.
Phil England: Happy the City of Pinellas Park employees are here.
Joe Minarik: Happy for the Tampa Bay Lightning!
Tom Stewart: Not Happy for the Super Bowl increase in *Bucs* season tickets.
Cory Krauss: Happy to be here and for Janet getting back to bowling.
Christine Patel: Happy her Dad (Jerry) is walking well.
Jim Plunkett: Happy \$2 that his son passed the EMT test.
Barbara MacKellar: Happy \$2 to see friends from the Pinellas Park City Administration here today.
Jeff MacKellar: Happy for a successful week.
Starlyn Fikkert: Honored to be with City of Pinellas Park employees today.
Jim Fikkert: Thankful that Starlyn was able to attend the meeting in person today and that she is doing better after surgery.

On ZOOM:
Ken Bray: Happy to be here today on *Zoom*.
Jim Hammond: Happy to be here today on *Zoom*.
Debra Ellis-Abney: Happy to see Jim Hammond and Jerry Krauss on *Zoom* today.
Don Higgins: Happy to be here today with the city employees.
Tami Scheele: Happy to be here today on *Zoom* to honor the city employees.
Theresa Pinnix: Seconds Tami’s motion!

Another Lexophile
 Kleptomaniacs always take things literally.

Words of Wisdom
 “We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changing it has gone through to achieve that beauty.”
Maya Angelou

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
Jerry Krauss	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 Krahl / Sean S.
Wendy Sideri	Josh Astarita
h-Dr Paul Nanda	h-Jerry Wennlund
h-Donna Cloud	h-Sandy Donaghy
h-Carolyn Burns	h-Dolores Caunitz

50 / 50
Richard Breske won last week’s prize of \$12 and donated it back to the club. This week, the Ace of Hearts will win the Jackpot that starts at \$279.



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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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Rotary Opens Opportunities

- Trivia Questions:**
1. How tall was Napoleon?
 2. What country is the largest producer of the Covid-19 vaccine?
 3. What percent of Rotary districts have at least one Rotaract club?
 4. Which county is Florida’s richest county?
 5. Bermuda is a territory of what country?
 6. Who was Baseball’s National League 2020 MVP?

Upcoming Programs & Events
Mar 18th Tom Stewart Club Assembly
Mar 20th MOW4Kids Food Packing
March 25 Students of the Month
April 1st David Allen P/C
April 6th Board Meeting
April 8th Josh Astarita P/C
April 15th Students of the Month
April 17th **BOWL-A-THON**
April 22nd Harry Alchin P/C
April 29th LAW DAY with KIWANIS
 At Quaker Steak & Lube
 Speaker—Sheriff Bob Gualtieri
May 6th Jim Andrew
May 11th Board Meeting

Visiting Rotarians:
 Donna Cloud Honorary
 Dan Marlow Arcadia FL

Club Anniversaries:
 David Allen 3/12 6 Yrs
 Paul Scheele 3/13 7 Yrs

Wedding Anniversaries:
 Jim & Starlyn Fikkert 3/13 11 Yrs

Missed Last Week:
Wendy Sideri David Allen
Yvonne Fay Jim Andrew
Paul Scheele David Sideri
Josh Astarita Alex Cruz

Questions to Ponder!
 “Why is it called *:After Dark*”
 when it is really “After Light”???

Rotary Opens Opportunities!

This Week's Program:

Program Chairman Ken Bray will introduce **Laura Hine**, a member of the *Pinellas County School Board, District One*, with a degree in *Aerospace Engineering* from the **U. S. Naval Academy**. Laura was an Officer in the U.S. navy and has a passion for strong public education. Pinellas County Schools is a 1.5 billion dollar operation, and is the largest landowner and the largest employer in Pinellas County, and has over 100,000 students. She created an award-winning after school program, and then provided scholarships and a bus ride home for the children. She has increased fundraising four-fold in order to support these and other programs, helping to increase enrollment at North Shore Elementary by 20%. She was elected to the Pinellas County School Board in 2020. She says "We must respect each other, hear each other, dream together and sharpen our pencils together to achieve the very best we can for every student."

Laura believes that strong public education is vital to our communities and to our democracy, and that education can and must be exceptional for all students.



Pinellas Park High School - February Students of the Month



Dylan Gibson is a Senior in the First Responders program with a WGPA of 3.4. He played JV basketball his Freshman year and joined the Varsity Basketball team in his Sophomore year. He is in his 2nd year as a Pinellas Park Fire Explorer. Through this program, he has helped at the fire department, volunteered at some of their events, and has walked in the Christmas parade with them. Outside of school he has two jobs, at **Signal 15**, where they sell Firefighting, Police, EMT, Paramedic, & Explorer uniforms and at **Kinetix Inspired Fitness**. On Mondays after school, he hosts programs for FPSA state competition team training. His career goal is to become a Firefighter Paramedic. He wants to make the right decisions for his future and be the best he can be in whatever he does.

Prit Patel is a senior in the Early Admission Program at **St. Petersburg College**. He has been on the Dean's list all throughout high school and has earned a WGPA of 4.4. He has been a part of FBLA all four years, and has served as their treasurer for the last two. He has also been a member of the Key Club for three years. He played varsity soccer in 11th grade, but his sports involvement was halted due to Covid-19. He has been certified in three adobe designing programs and is certified in Intuit QuickBooks. He has volunteered at **Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine**, which is a free clinic that offers medical care to those who cannot afford health insurance and at **Polk Scholastic Chess Tournaments**, a chess competition in Polk County. He also volunteered in the school media center at his previous high school. Whenever he can he goes down to his local temple and helps with organizing, serving food and cleaning. In his free time, he likes to do strength training, cardiovascular exercises, play chess, and spend time with his family. He will either be attending the University of Florida or the University of Central Florida as a Finance Major and then hopes to pursue a career in investment banking.

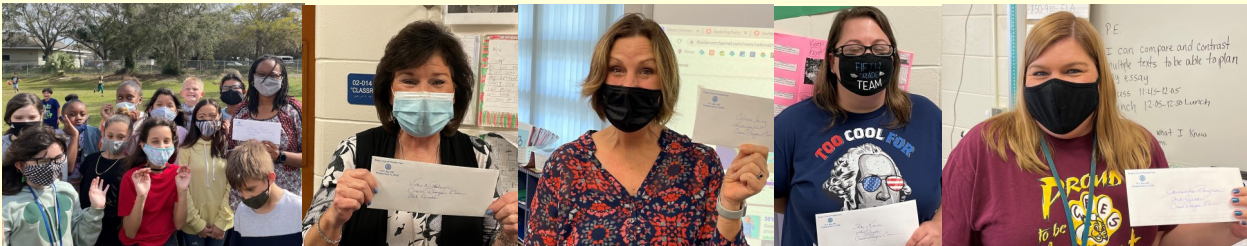


Happy Teachers' Smiling Faces at Cross Bayou Elementary

Congratulations to Speaker/Teacher \$50 check recipients:

Litonya Thompson, Vicki Nicholson, Coleen Young, Stacy Rouse, & Samantha Borgman

Many thanks to Rotarian Janet Waddell for delivering the checks to the school, and to Volunteer Coordinator, Christine Beatty, for handing out the checks & taking the pics!



Last Week's Program:

City of Pinellas Park's Employee of the Year



Congratulations to **Lt. Nathan Gilroy** who was chosen as the City of Pinellas Park's **Employee of the Year**. Nathan was nominated for **Firefighter of the Year for Pinellas Park** Fire Department since he had demonstrated his utmost commitment, diligence and professionalism to the department and its members. The Division Chief considers Nathan to be his right-hand man in navigating decisions, implementing directives, and then effectively carrying out the mission with no

missteps. Nathan took over seamlessly when the Chief went out on paternity leave and took care of the EMS division during the height of the pandemic. Nathan continued to have a positive attitude and strong work ethic during the roller coaster period of this position. Nathan loved being in the LR35 position and even though he knew the position was going to be short lived, he continued to display a professional attitude and strong work ethic. Nathan was very determined and knowledgeable in this position and in his job duties. **Congratulations also to the other nominees - Jeremy Copeland, Police Officer of the Year and Jayme Cooper, Professional Services Employee of the Year.** They are winners also as they were chosen as the best from their respective departments.



Next Week's Program:

Our students are on Spring Break next week and will come on March 25th. President Tom Stewart will hold his Club Assembly next week.



From Rotary International President-Elect Shekhar Mehta:

**"Gandhi once said that if you find the goal, the means will come."
That is how it's been my whole Rotary life.**

Pinellas Park Middle School

Thank you cards for our Pinellas Park Rotary Club and our Pinellas Park Rotary Foundation.



BOWL-A-THON - \$20 Raffle Tickets

Harry Alchin has the **\$20 raffle tickets**. If you would like and can sell more tickets, please let Harry know. We need to sell all **300 tickets**. We also need more **Gift Cards & items** for the Opportunity Raffles. **Thanks to everyone** for their support. It takes all of us to make this a successful year!

