

**Happy Events:** by **Tim Hammond**

**In Person:**

**Yvonne Fay:** Happy \$5 - Glad to see Jerry Krauss here today.

**Janet Waddell:** Happy her son, Jeff, & family are coming to visit.

**Theresa Pinnix:** Happy \$5 for being to introduce today's speaker, Laura Hine.

**David Allen:** Happy he was able to visit his son in Charlotte, NC last week.

**Jerry Krauss:** Happy to be back at today's meeting. He had the same procedure as Pat Minarik. Also, don't be afraid to have heart valve replacement surgery as it is day surgery now.

**Jim Plunkett:** Happy to welcome Jerry Krauss back.

**Alex Cruz:** Happy that it is BEE season and now he will have honey.

**Jeff MacKellar:** Happy \$2 for getting his refrigerator back after a week and a half and glad Jerry Krauss is back.

**Phil England:** Happy \$5 – For a well-done Funeral for a friend, for Jerry Krauss being back, and happy today's speaker is a Navy Vet also.

**Joe Minarik:** Happy \$3 for the *Tampa Bay Lightning*, the *Gators* and happy Jerry Krauss is here today.

**Cory Krauss:** Happy to be here.

**Richard Breske:** Happy \$1 for being here or anywhere today. Happy \$1 for a fund to be set up to buy the club a wireless microphone for Jeff MacKellar to use.

**On ZOOM:**

**Josh Astarita:** Had a wonderful time at his nephew's birthday party at Seminole Lanes. He is enjoying long weekend at his property in Dade City.

**Tami Scheele:** Happy \$5 for Laura Hine being today's speaker and for Ken Bray's daughter having successful surgery.

**Debra Abney:** Happy \$5 for her husband getting his first COVID-19 shot. Also happy for the beautiful day today and jealous of Josh who is attending the meeting outside.

**Christine Patel:** Happy to have spent a couple of days in the North Georgia mountains for a girls' weekend. They saw deer near the waterfalls.

**Another Lexophile**

The soldiers who survived mustard gas and pepper spray are now seasoned veterans.

**Words of Wisdom**

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us. What we have done for others and the world remains immortal.”

**Albert Pike**

(sent in by friend Lee Lovelace)

**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 / Sean / Brian
Wendy Sideri	Josh Astarita
	h-Priscilla Kolodziej
h-Dr Paul Nanda	h-Jerry Wennlund
h-Donna Cloud	h-Sandy Donaghy
h-Carolyn Burns	h-Dolores Caunitz

**50 / 50**

**Phil England** won last week's prize of \$16 and donated it back to the club. This week, the Ace of Hearts will win the Jackpot that starts at \$304.



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday March 18, 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: **Kevin Krauss, David S. & Phil E.**

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

**Trivia Questions:**

1. Where was St. Patrick born?
2. In 1975, Pope Paul VI canonized the first Irish saint in over 700 years. What was his name?
3. What is the 3 leaf clover that is a symbol of Ireland called?
4. What is the official constitutionally recognized language of Ireland?
5. What is another name for a 5-leaf clover?
6. What famous event occurred in May of 1916 in Ireland?

**Upcoming Programs & Events**

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	<b>BOWL-A-THON</b>
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
May 13th	Students of the Month

**Missed Last Week:**

Wendy Sideri	Starlyn Fikkert
David Sideri	Jim Fikkert
Barbara MacKellar	Tom Stewart
Chantel Wonder	

**Questions to Ponder!**

*Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?*

**Rotary Opens Opportunities!**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Mike Kenyon ..... Canandaigua

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Jim & Starlyn Fikkert ..... 3/13 ..... 11 Yrs  
Jim & Linda Plunkett ..... 3/18 ..... 32 Yrs

**Last Week's Program:**

Rotarian Theresa Pinnix, on behalf of Program Chairman Ken Bray introduced 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 increased fundraising four-fold in order to support these and other programs, helping to increase enrollment at North Shore Elementary by 20%. She helped initiate the *Bridging the Gap* program, helping minority children catch up with their peers, in 2016, and was elected to the Pinellas County School Board in 2020.

“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.**

Laura presented a very interesting PowerPoint presentation showing the progress our schools have made over the last 12 years bringing up grades and scores of all demographics; Blacks Whites, and Hispanics. She also showed graphs of the increase in graduation rates over the last 12 years and other very interesting statistics.

**This Week's Program:**

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



**Next Week's Program:**

**Students of the Month for Pinellas Park and Hollins High Schools.**



**2021 Bowl-a-thon is less than one month away !!!!!**

**We still need bottles of liquor for the Liquor Basket and items or GCs for the Opportunity Raffles. We still have lanes available also. Thanks to everyone who is helping in any way!**

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**  
**In America, all are Irish on March 17th!**  
**“Top of the Morning to ya!”**

**Rotary in Ireland**

There are 72 clubs in District 1160, which encompasses the entire island of Ireland, with 1,675 members. The motto of Rotary in Ireland is:

**“People of Action”**

**Traditional Irish Blessing**

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

May the friendships you make,  
Be those which endure,  
And all of your grey clouds  
Be small ones for sure.  
And trusting in Him  
To Whom we all pray,  
May a song fill your heart,  
Every step of the way.

When Irish eyes are smiling,  
Tis like a morn in spring.  
With a lilt of Irish laughter  
You can hear the angels sing  
When Irish hearts are happy  
All the world is bright and gay  
When Irish eyes are smiling  
Sure, they steal your heart away.

*May you always have walls for the winds,  
a roof for the rain,  
tea beside the fire,  
laughter to cheer you,  
those you love near you,  
and all your heart might desire.*

A best friend is like a four-leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have.  
**He who keeps his tongue, keeps his friends.**  
May your home always be too small to hold all your friends.

**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!

