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Find out more about our club:
DunedinNorthRotary.org
2023-2024 LEADERSHIP

- President: Doug Campbell
- PP/Vice President: Gary Coughlin
- President-Elect: Candice Kelly
- President-Nominee: Rob Walker
- Secretary: Angie Eisele (meeting)
 Sherrie Davis Kinkead (recording)
- Treasurer: Rob Walker
- Directors: 1-Yr: Alan Gustafson, Jay LeFebvre, Dick Spong; 2-Yr: Candice Kelly, Bill Huntley, Kris Gray; 3-Yr: Mel Ora, Jaquelin Nuila, Teresa Cordova O'Dea
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- Foundation Chair: Steve Schwartz
- Admin Chair: Sherrie Davis Kinkead
- Membership Chair: Mark Middleton
- Service Chair: Becky Stein
- PR Chair: Candice Kelly
- Programs: Jay LeFebvre

MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

7:30-8:30 am on Wednesdays
 Dunedin Golf Club, 1050 Palm Blvd.

MAILING ADDRESS:


PO Box 307, Dunedin, FL 34697

All visitors are welcome for Wednesday meetings, 7:30-8:30 am, either on Facebook Live or in-person. Friends and family are welcome to volunteer.

Let there be Peace on Earth...

Peace Pole Project

HELP CELEBRATE PEACE THROUGH SERVICE!
 February 23 • 6:00 - 7:30 pm
 Dunedin Community Center

Rotary  Dunedin Dunedin North Dunedin Waterside

The three Rotary clubs of Dunedin will celebrate our Peace Pole and Rotary's focus on promoting Peace and Goodwill throughout the world by fostering understanding and unity among diverse communities.

Help us salute the anniversary of Rotary service in the world and our communities.
 Arrive early to hear a special performance by Strings and Things.

It's Magical! – 2024-25 Theme Announced

Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is The Magic of Rotary and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.



"Don't misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 8 January. "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."

Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end.

"One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, 'Show me the magic again,'" she said. "Obviously, the water filter wasn't magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life."

PRIORITIZING PEACE

Urchick urged members to champion Rotary's Action Plan, find a balance between continuity and change, and work for peace. She plans to host a presidential peace conference in 2025 with the theme "Healing in a Divided World."

Rotary has a long history of promoting peace through its network of peace centers, Urchick noted. Located at top universities around the globe, the centers have trained nearly 1,800 peace fellows who are now working in more than 140 countries. The newest center, located at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey, will welcome its first class of fellows in early 2025.

"The Rotary Peace Fellowship began more than 20 years ago to equip peace and development professionals from communities around the world to become effective catalysts for ending and preventing conflict," Urchick said. "This conference will focus on Rotary's peace efforts and provide opportunities to learn together."

In addition to emphasizing peacebuilding, Urchick reiterated Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio. She urged the incoming governors to join or initiate PolioPlus Societies in their districts and do all they can to help end the disease.

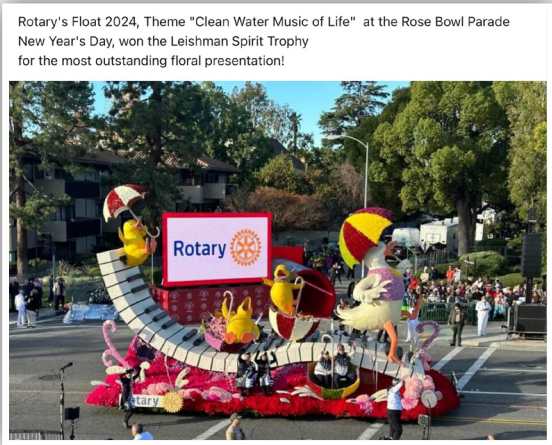
"Contact elected officials and other government leaders. Remind them that polio is still a threat. Push them to support polio eradication," she said. "Polio remains our top priority and requires our fullest commitment, but there is so much important work to do."

BALANCING CONTINUITY AND CHANGE

Urchick also underscored the necessity of balancing continuity and change, both of which animate Rotary's Action Plan. "The plan is all about building on our best ideas, not abandoning them," she said. "We face a tough balancing act. We must change ourselves and stay true to who we are."

She asked the governors to do whatever is needed to make the club experience irresistible to members. "That might mean changing how things are done in your district," she said. "If your district has been doing things one way for 50 years, it's probably time to reassess. If a club in your district isn't active or is losing members, maybe it's time to start a new club that fits better with the community. Just because a club or district hasn't changed in a while doesn't mean no one is hungry for change."

One way to make positive change, she said, is to embrace the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion within clubs. "I hope you'll join me in opening your arms to future people of action, even if – and in some cases, especially if – they don't look or act like the typical member of your local club," she said. "With DEI, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. It's in those moments when we are committed and focused that we are the most effective and relevant."



Meeting Notes from January 10 – Sherrie Davis Kinkead

DUTIES: Greeters: Mel O, who was all alone because Jennifer B has Covid!; Invocation: Teresa CD; *Pledge of Allegiance* and "5"-Way Test: Gary C; "Emcee": Prez Doug C

VISITORS: Tracy West (speaker)
HAPPY BUCKS: JoAnn R - sad to hear of John Espey's death; kudos to George Ann on the article in Tampa Bay Magazine; great to see Tracy West; Happy New Year (aka HNY)! John T -

our community was lucky and escaped a big one; HNY! Sherrie DK - stood in for Pat Snair, who sent a Happy Buck to say hello to all our members. We miss you, Pat! Priscilla H - not much to brag about on the Syracuse game, but there's a new coach in town, so watch out next year; HNY. George Ann B - thanks to those who saw the TB article; when Margaret called, George Ann could not understand why they wanted to interview her after her retirement from DFAC; switching gears, she is helping Community Dental Clinic raise money for a 4-D printer for dentures that can be done onsite. Teresa CO - hello to all – missed us last week when our meeting was canceled. Jay L - likes to update on past speakers and saw the Sunshine Sonar made the news recently by finding a woman and her car that went missing for 13 years; just found a 2005 Cadillac with three bodies Chantale of Salty Science started her Atlantic row on 12/12/23 and has about 800 miles left; her team is 9th overall and 2nd in women when Jay checked (update as of 1/16/24 -- they have less than 370 nautical miles and are 1st in women, 7th overall). Douglas O - spent a week with 3 grandkids, daughter and son-in-law in Wester, MD. Jay P - read a thank you from Seaman James Pitts for the gift card and our prayers for Christmas. JoAnn, after Jay kidded Jimmy had help from mom, said she used AI to write a note of apology that had the recipient in tears. Wonder which is better – mom or AI? Mary Beth C - received bad news yesterday and a storm was coming; today, it's a new day! Rob W - HNY; couple of dates to remember: Dunedin Cares 1st annual gala, with sponsorships available; his 40th anniversary is today and he's celebrating 4 years in Dunedin. Doug C - update on Gwen, whose resolution to walk 3 miles daily turned into a fall and broken elbow on her first attempt, who has surgery next Thursday. Chuck C - gave a ten as his grandson and great-grandson stayed with them in their new condo for 10 days. Tom M - close call for his brother as their historic cabin in PA, used by Edward Matthews in the Underground RR prior to the Civil War, had a chimney fire that his brother went into the attic to douse with a fire extinguisher but passed out; he's OK now after oxygen and the cabin survived but needs extensive work inside.

TOM'S GROAN: Tom was more relieved than jovial, so no joke this week (see HBs above)
50-50: Revamping after Dr. Bill won by pulling the Ace of Spades on Dec. 20
PROGRAM: Tracy West, Valspar Tournament Director, gave an animated, informational talk

on what the tournament is all about, what it contributes to our area and how she goes about begging the players to choose the tournament when planning their schedules. While she touched on volunteering, we have our own expert, Dick Spong, who can shed light on the topic after 24 years of being a Hole Captain on 12. (valsparchampionship.com)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Cornhole Tournament on 2/4 and Peace Pole Celebration on 2/23.
FL MINUTE W/DR. BILL: The longest US highway in FL is 98, and begins at Mar-a-Lago, stretching from Palm Beach to the AL border.

3rd Annual Dunedin Cornhole Tournament

Rotary  
PEOPLE OF ACTION

February 4, 2024 at HOB
11am–3pm (warm-up at 10am)
2-Person Team @ \$50
Sponsorships, including personalized cornhole board, @ \$600
4-Night Cruise Raffle Ticket @\$20 or 3 for \$50

 Scan for easy registration, sponsorships, and purchase of raffle tickets.

- UPCOMING EVENTS**
- Jan 17: Board Meeting
 - Feb 2: Service Project - serve dinner to the homeless at HEP, partnering with Waterside
 - Feb 4: Dunedin Cornhole Tournament
 - Feb 10: Trash Pick-up; 7:45-9:15am; corner of Curlew & Alt. 19; bags, pickers and gloves supplied
 - Feb 10: Mardi Gras downtown celebration–Service Project-beer & wine servers needed 3:30 - 6:30 pm.
 - Feb 23: Celebration of Peace

UPCOMING MEETING DETAILS				
Date	Invocator	Greeters	Pledge & 5-Way Test	Speaker
1/17	Jay Pitts	Jody Craig, Priscilla Hoag	Rick Lawrence	Pinellas Deputy Chuck Skipper on avoiding scams
1/24	Priscilla Hoag	Richard Gilliam, Alan Gustafson	Jay LeFebvre	