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**2023-2024 LEADERSHIP**

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## 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.

## Meeting Notes from January 31 – Sherrie Davis Kinkead

**DUTIES:** Greeters: Jaquelin N, Sherrie DK; Invocation: Tom M; *Pledge of Allegiance* and “5”-Way Test: George Ann B; “Emcee”: Prez Doug C



*Jaquelin Nuila greets speaker Carole Lessley; Rick Lawrence shows his disappointment over the 5*



**VISITORS:** Carole Lessley (speaker from Dunedin High School)

**HAPPY BUCKS:** Jay L - Salty Science Chantalle is back in our area and reports she lost 14 lbs. during the race; Amelia Earhart's plane is thought to be found. Douglas O - trash pick-up is the 10th and a sign-up sheet is being passed. Mary Beth C - shout-out to neighbor Pam, who also is Mel O's wife, for alerting the neighbors to 4 spoonbills outside their homes this morning. Dick S - sad “credit” buck for PDG and PRID Milt Jones, who passed away this week; Dick and Milt started the first e-club 20 years ago, even though both remained with their clubs at the time.

John T - on a golf course; also amazed at all those who volunteer and counts his blessings; former mayor Manny K sends his blessings to everyone. Becky S - glad to be back after missing several meetings. Tom M - welcomed our guest, whom he sees when he mentors at the high school. Rob W - missed us last week and glad to be out of the house this week after Covid. Angie E - mom turned 85 and is still sharp as a tack. Steve S - shame we can't take our view outside with us and use on a green screen; headed to AR next week. Becky S - donated \$20 to the CART bucket fund for her dear friend who died from Covid after one year in the Alzheimer's memory unit; silver lining for her friend's daughter is that she no longer goes through the emotions of daily visits with a mother who no longer remembers her. John T - his signature focus when president was raising money for CART and Alzheimer's research; recently, he stopped at the vet home after an Honor Flight and was left in an Alzheimer's ward for 30 minutes when the tour guide was called away. Sherrie DK - remembers Neal Popham, who handled his diagnosis as she hopes she would - he participated in a study for his sons' possible benefit and was always welcoming, even though he could not remember a person who greeted him. Tom M - gave desperation dollars as his RJ compliance contract is up on Feb. 15, but had a good interview; his background is banking management and he has experience in compliance and dispute resolution.

**TOM'S GROAN:** Because of our speaker, Tom focused on teachers and mentors this week. His teacher taught the meaning of “plethora” and it means a lot.

**50-50:** Rick Lawrence, another lucky Rotarian who often wins a chance to draw, failed to find the Ace of Spades or one of the two Jokers. But he did pull a 5, which offset his ticket purchase.

**PROGRAM:** Carole Lessley is the College and Career Coordinator at Dunedin High School. She provides a valuable service to kids who seek help with their future plans, whether it involves the military, technical training, apprenticeships or careers that provide a good living. We have three club members who help with the mentor program: Becky, Tom and John. Mentoring involved 15 sessions or more during the year, mostly with middle of the road students whose parents may not have attended college. When the kids finish the program, they are awarded a scholarship. Carole thanked the club for setting up two scholarships, worth \$3000, for those going into healthcare and the trades.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Cornhole Tournament is Feb. 4, 10am, at HOB. Tickets are available for the Royal Caribbean cruise for two. Peace Pole Celebration on 2/23.

**FL MINUTE W/DR. BILL:** None

## Cornhole Tournament Postponed to Feb. 25

Because of the rainy forecast for the past Sunday, the decision was made to postpone our Cornhole Tournament until Feb. 25. This gives us more time to get players, sponsors and sell chance tickets for the Royal Caribbean Cruise. Why not take a few tickets and sell them to friends? After all, we can all use a break from the cold, rainy weather we've had this winter.

# Time to Step Up and Volunteer!

**HIGHWAY PICKUP** is the second Saturday in February, which is Feb. 10. To make it easy and fast, we need at least 12 volunteers. This is the perfect time of year not to work up a sweat, and most are back home by 9:30.

Then we have pour and serve duties at **MARDI GRAS** from 3:30 - 6:30 that night on Feb. 10. We've committed to 12 but can always use more to keep those lines moving quickly.

**HEP** can always use a couple of servers on the first Friday of the month. Ask if servers are needed on Feb. 2 or Mar. 1.

It's time to plan the **DNR CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE**, which is scheduled for May 29 at Innisbrook's Copperhead course. Plans are underway to find out the course fees and meal costs so we can set a price for players and sponsorships. Candice Kelly is co-ordinating with Kert Rhodes and sure to call on all of us to make sure everything goes smoothly.

## Rotary's focus on waterways

A new collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme empowers Rotary members to clean up, protect, and monitor their local waterways. The strategic partnership aligns with both the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and Rotary's environment area of focus.

The partnership "brings together Rotary's community-based solutions and UNEP's technical expertise," RI President-elect Stephanie Urchick said when announcing the partnership on 10 January. She spoke at Rotary's International Assembly, the organization's gathering of incoming district governors.

At the center of the partnership is a program enabling Rotary and Rotaract clubs to make commitments to the health of their own nearby waterways. Called Community Action for Fresh Water, the program will encourage clubs to organize river cleanup days, raise awareness in their communities about the importance of healthy waterways, conduct basic water quality tests, and report their findings. These locally based activities are crucial to protecting the environment on a global scale, says Rafael Peralta, regional director and representative for the UNEP's office for North America.

"The protection, management, and restoration of freshwater ecosystems is fundamental to combating the triple planetary crises: the crisis of climate change, the crisis of biodiversity loss, and the crisis of pollution and waste," Peralta said at the announcement ceremony. "As populations develop and economies expand, so too does the demand for fresh water. This puts freshwater ecosystems under increasing pressure."

This partnership builds on a pilot program, Adopt a River for Sustainable Development, begun in 2020 by UNEP and Rotary District 9212 (Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Sudan). In addition, Rotary and Rotaract clubs around the world have often worked independently to clean up freshwater ecosystems.

"Healthy watersheds help biodiversity, forests, wetlands, and lakes. They help agriculture, help the economy, recharge the aquifers, and provide water to millions of people around the world," said Salvador Rico, a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers. "A contaminated river and a damaged watershed make the area prone to fires, cause droughts, cause diseases, affect the economy of nearby communities, and contribute to climate change."

The Rotary Foundation is funding program costs over the course of three years, with the potential for continued support. Clubs can use district funds or apply for global grants to pay for their activities.

To participate, Rotary and Rotaract clubs can identify a local body of water (river, lake, wetland, or natural reservoir) and commit to protecting and restoring it. They can then

engage with the local community and other relevant groups to identify any major threats to the body of water and ultimately develop a plan of action in coordination with nongovernmental organizations, private enterprises, or government agencies.

Can you think of a body of water near us that needs protection and can benefit from a grant?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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. 21: Board Meeting, 8:30am**
- **Feb 23: Celebration of Peace and Rotary - Community Center - 6pm-7:30pm**
- **Feb 25: Dunedin Cornhole Tournament, 10am-3pm, HOB**
- **Mar 1: Service Project - serve dinner to the homeless at HEP, partnering with Waterside**
- **Apr 5: Service Project - serve dinner to the homeless at HEP, partnering with Waterside**
- **April 25-28, 2024: District Conference, Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando (\$225 All-Inclusive Registration; hotel \$159 + tax & fees)**
- **May 3: Service Project - serve dinner to the homeless at HEP, partnering with Waterside**
- **May 11: Trash Pick-up; 7:45-9:15am; corner of Curlew & Alt. 19; bags, pickers and gloves supplied**

## UPCOMING MEETING DETAILS

Date	Invocator	Greeters	Pledge & 5-Way Test	Speaker
2/7	Gary Coughlin	John Tornga, Teresa Cordova O'Dea	Douglas Oppenheimer	
2/14	Jay Pitts	JoAnn Rooney, Dick Spong	Bill Huntley	
2/21	Douglas Oppenheimer	Alan Gustafson	Jaquelin Nuila	
2/28	John Tornga	Kris Gray, Priscilla Hoag	Jennifer Bullock	