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Club of Dunedin North



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MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

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

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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 February 22, 2023 – Sherrie Davis Kinhead



Greeters today were Rick Lawrence and Chris Bates. We had two guests: Nadine Burgos (Priscilla Hoag) and Teegan Vangellow (speaker); and one soon-to-be inducted member: Amanda Dyer (Rob Walker). Angie Eisele gave the invocation. Alan Gustafson led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance* and finished our meeting by leading *The 5-Way Test*.

HAPPY BUCKS: JoAnn Rooney thanked Becky Stein for heading up our Mardi Gras volunteer efforts where JoAnn had lots of fun with Becky's husband. Dick Spong reminded us of the performance this Sunday by the Dunedin Chorus, which will feature Broadway songs. Jaquelin returned from seeing her son and daughter, and when asked why she didn't sit beside her husband Mitch, reported that she sees him enough. John Tornga suggested

that we check our wallets after being greeted today before switching to praising the golf course presentation last night. Becky is a happy grandmother again of a soon-to-be adopted 11-mo., strawberry blonde boy. Becky also touted the coffee shop behind The Living Room. Jay Pitts spent the weekend fishing with his son Jimmy in the Keys, where they enjoyed eating their fresh catch. Bill Huntley attended RLI in D6970 (Gainesville) over the weekend. He also plans to have a little fun when checking out and paying cash—he picked up a money marker instead of a pen when leaving home, which gave him the idea to check the bills received as change after the clerk checks his \$20. Chuck Coasmun receives his first social security check today! Plus when he was at the local store buying paint to redo his condo, he overheard a person nearby saying they had a spare ticket to a Marshall Tucker concert. Chuck's wife encouraged Chuck to ask if he could go, and the man said yes and Chuck went! While Tom Miller isn't always the last called upon, he is the last recorded in Happy Bucks so we can all groan: When asked if his family suffers from mental illness, he replied, no, they enjoy it. His girlfriend thinks he only has two faults: he doesn't listen and something else. He told her to embrace her mistakes, so she hugged him!



50-50: Tom Miller must be living right, because when his ticket number was called and the cards spread on the table, the Ace of Spades was the card his hand selected. Congratulations on winning! We will keep the total a secret, but it was in four figures.

New Member Induction: Welcome to Amanda Dyer, who was sponsored by Rob Walker. JoAnn Rooney stood in for Rob, who could not be at our meeting today. We look forward to Amanda's new member presentation in the future.

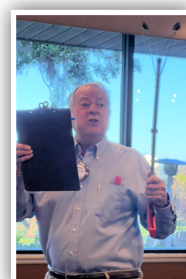


Program: The Valspar Championship takes place March 12-19 and not only gives back to local charities but highlights Tampa Bay and our area to all who watch the tournament on TV. Teegan Vangellow gave us the scoop on changes to the venue, such as rooftop viewing, and a chance to raise money by selling guesses for Birdies for Tampa Bay Charities. Darius Rucker is the live concert on March 18. Golfers so far include Sam Burns, who had back-to-back wins, and Jordan Spieth. Dick Spong has headed up Hole 12 for 23 years, which ends where the Hooter's tent is located.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Douglas Oppenheimer moved the trash pick-up to Saturday and needs to confirm those who can still make it. To sweeten the deal, Douglas has grabbers to help, first come, first served.

Don't forget to support our club at the Rotary Peace Pole service this afternoon at the Dunedin Community Service. The ceremony begins at 4pm and the Academy Da Vinci chorus will perform again.

FL MINUTE W/DR. BILL: Many think Ponce de Leon discovered [Tampa](#) in 1513, but Tampa didn't exist then. The first European resident, Hernando de Escalante Fontaneda, was shipwrecked, then captured by the



Caloosa, who let him live to sing and dance for them. He stayed with them for 17 years and served as a translator. “Tanpa” was described, which may have been Charlotte Harbor. Tampa Town started in 1855 near a fort manned during the Seminole Wars.

Alt 19 is clean again!

Prez Gary sent out an SOS email on Friday for more members to show for our trash pick-up. It worked, because we had 15 when spouses and children participated. Thank you to the following: Gary Coughlin; Welch Agnew; Doug & Gwen Campbell; Mel & Pam Ora; Tom Miller; Steve Schwartz; Alan Gustafson; Richard Gilliam; James, Ella & Gia Gilliam; Sherrie Davis Kinkead; and Douglas Oppenheimer.

Rotary Peace Pole a year later

Last Wednesday, Rotarians and friends came out to observe Rotary’s peace efforts at the site of our Rotary Peace Pole planted last year. The Academy Da Vinci chorus performed three numbers, Pastor David Shelor gave an invocation and DG-elect-nominee-designate Becky Bennett was the keynote speaker—see below.

WORLD PEACE, ROTARY AND PATRIOTISM

It’s an honor to speak with you about Peace, today. Perfect timing! This month is World Understanding and Peace month, tomorrow is Rotary International’s 118th birthday, and it’s the first anniversary celebration of our very own Peace Pole!

When I think of peace I also think of Patriotism-love of country. Think about times when you felt Patriotic. I feel it as our armed forces fly over Raymond James Stadium at each Tampa Bay Buccaneers Game while the sold out crowd sings our National Anthem. I feel it every Friday standing with my fellow Rotarians saying the pledge of allegiance to the flag together.

I am very aware of the 9 flags flying around our peace pole. Each is a symbol of patriotism for that country. For example, people living in Scotland love their country, their heritage and their flag just as much as anyone from any of the other countries our peace pole represents. We are all brothers and sisters who celebrate what we have in common and learn from our differences.

This was never clearer for me than when I went to my first Rotary International Convention and saw the more than 200 country flags presented on stage....each who have a Rotary Club. It was amazing, there were countries I never even heard of! Then, we walked into the House of Friendship where we met Rotarians all around the world sharing their projects to make their communities a healthier and a more peaceful place. We are all united by this Rotary Wheel. I am confident that wherever I go in the world that I have a Rotary Brother or Sister who I can count on. We are all world citizens! We long for Peace!

As Rotarians, we understand this deeply and as Rotarians we know that the shoulders we are standing on are tall and broad. Rotary has a rich and impressive past in peace. Rotary International says that every service project accomplished is in the name of Peace Building. Rotary International defines peace with our motto-Service Above Self!

Let’s look at a couple of examples of service throughout the history of Rotary.

Rotary didn’t back down when Hitler during WWII banned Rotarians from meeting in Germany, Italy, Spain, Japan and Austria!

Rotarians stepped up and persevered in those tough times. Despite the risks, many Rotarians continued to meet informally to help, for example, move Jewish members to safety, much like the underground railroad during our Civil War.

Following the end of WWII, Rotary members joined together to rebuild their clubs and their countries. Several countries continued to work together on Rotary projects across borders which eventually led to what we know today as International Committees using Global Grants to accomplish projects in the 7 service areas of Rotary.

One year ago, on Feb.23rd following this wonderful peace pole dedication, we heard the news

that Russia invaded Ukraine. Since then, I’ve heard that the Rotarians haven’t backed down. They mobilized! Ukraine has 62 Rotary clubs,1,500 members and they are growing in membership by nearly 25%. These Rotary Clubs have continued to meet sometimes twice daily to raise money to purchase medical supplies for local hospitals and to help get food and medicine to senior citizens. One of the club members overheard a senior citizen after she received her medication say about Rotarians, “The amount of goodness is just incredible.”

The community of Dunedin including Rotarians pulled together and extended your hands and your hearts to help our Ukrainian friends as we saw their freedoms being ripped away.

There has always been a cry for Freedom and for Peace and Rotary International has always been there to help.

Did you know that Rotary International was instrumental in starting the United Nations?

Here in Dunedin, you are a community who has had its share of historic and current struggles. That happens when a community continues growing into the best version of itself. This is the kind of community where all people are embraced with dignity and respect.

It’s our ethos, our culture!

Let’s continue together to be peace builders, to listen to one another, to know one another, and to cherish one another. As we can see, Peace is much more than the absence of violence- it’s building relationships, building resiliency and feeling safe.

Let’s strive to be a kinder, gentler citizenry who looks for even more ways to serve one another, extending a helping hand and loving heart.



As the Peace Pole says in every language, May Peace Prevail on Earth!

Let there be Peace on Earth...

UPCOMING MEETING DETAILS

Date	Invoker	Greeters	Pledge & 5-Way Test	Speaker
3/1	Teresa Cordova O’Dea	Ramon Garcia, Priscilla Hoag	Jay LeFebvre	Katie Schultz Cooper, SCUBAnauts International, Inc.
3/8	Douglas Oppenheimer	Kert Rhodes, Kris Gray	Tom Miller	Craig Wilson, City of Dunedin Arborist, The Gladys Douglas Park
3/15	John Tornga	Tom Hribernik, Rob Walker	Becky Stein	Salvation Army — where our “bell ringing” money goes