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- Service Chairs: Becky Stein, Rob Walker
- PR Chair: Candice Kelly
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MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

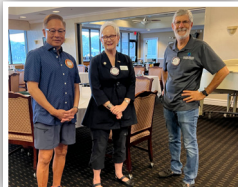
7:30-8:30 am on Wednesdays
Dunedin Golf Club, 1050 Palm Blvd.

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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 March 1, 2023 – Sherrie Davis Kinead



Ramon Garcia and Priscilla Hoag were our greeters. Steve Schwartz filled in for MIA Teresa and Jay LeFebvre led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance* and finished our meeting by leading *The 5-Way Test*. Katie Shoults Cooper, our speaker, was the lone guest.

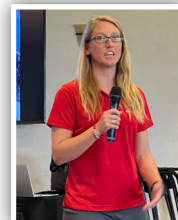
HAPPY BUCKS: Tom Miller started off but only had one joke – whew! We learned that in Vegas, there are more churches than casinos, so many church goers give chips as offerings. The congregations have

devised a method of dealing with the chips by taking them to the Franciscan church to be counted by the “Chip Monks.” Steve Schwartz is happy to be back where the temperature is warmer than 23 degrees. Priscilla Hoag loved greeting everyone. Ramon Garcia is glad to no longer be the “newbie” now that Amanda has joined. And Amanda is happy to finally be a member. John Tornga is proud of the 4-Way Test and that a WWII vet recently celebrated a birthday and another WWII vet will celebrate his this Saturday (he was really, really young in Japan). Both are Honor Flight Ambassadors. Angie Eisele took her mother in for a pedicure and came out with green toes for St. Paddy’s Day. Today she takes her mom in for her pre-op for cataract surgery. Kert Rhoads pointed out the golf fliers on the table. Rob Walker was not happy to miss Rotary last week, but he was called in to work the Caladesi Ferry, which transported about 400 people last Wednesday. Prez Gary Coughlin, not wanting Tom to have all the joke fun, told this: A grasshopper hopped into the bar and up on the stool. When the bartender quizzed him if he knew there was a drink named after him, he asked “Carl?”



50-50: The format changed to a regular 50-50 for this weeks drawing, and Jaquelin Nuila came up with the bucks!

Program: This week we heard from Katie Shoults Cooper, who is COO of the SCUBAnauts organization that began in 2001. The marine science education program was founded by Captain David Olson in Palm Harbor, Florida, in May of 2001, in an effort to introduce young men and women, ages 12-18, to informal science education through underwater exploration. Local members made and set reef balls in Hernando County. They partner with Mote Marine Laboratory on restoring coral reefs. Trips are made to the Keys during the summer and to DC during CHOW (Capitol Hill Ocean Week). Those who want to help can do so in three ways: Donate-Join-Share.



ANNOUNCEMENTS: Douglas Oppenheimer thanked all who came out for **trash pick-up**. The next date is May 13.

Delonyx Cortez invited members to the **YMCA groundbreaking ceremony** on March 3. The Y is also looking for **volunteers** to serve as pier captains for the kids’ fishing tournament on **April 29**.

Our golf tournament is May 12. We need lots of help getting sponsors and golfers. Fliers are on the table. Every member needs to help not only on the day of but in the days leading up to the event.



FL MINUTE W/DR. BILL: Oranges are always associated with Florida, but did you know potatoes are, too? Dr. Bill supplied a picture of Peggy Davis, Florida’s 1946 Potato Queen, who was crowned in the Potato Capital of Florida, Hastings, near the Town of Spuds.

Special Funds set up by RI to help Ukraine and Pakistan

In January 2023 The Rotary Foundation Trustees established two temporary funds to assist Pakistan and Ukraine, two areas that are facing extreme need.

The Pakistan Flood Response Fund and the Ukraine Response Fund address the humanitarian crises caused by devastating flooding in Pakistan and the war in Ukraine. Donors can give directly to relief efforts led by Rotary members.

Contributions will be accepted until 31 December 2023. Districts can apply for grants from the

funds until 30 June 2024 or until the funds have all been allocated. Any contributions that haven't been spent by 30 June 2024 will be transferred to the general Disaster Response Fund, to be made available for disasters worldwide.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

You can give online, by check, or by transferring District Designated Funds:

- To contribute online, use my.rotary.org/donate.
- To give by check, make it payable to The Rotary Foundation or to an associate foundation and include a completed contribution form. In the DESIGNATION/PURPOSE section, choose Other and write the fund name (Pakistan Flood Response Fund or Ukraine Response Fund).
- To allocate District Designated Funds, district leaders can use the DDF contribution form.

HOW TO RAISE MONEY TO SUPPORT THESE FUNDS

Anyone can start a fundraiser for the Pakistan Flood Response Fund or the Ukraine Response Fund on Raise for Rotary. Remember that:

- Raise for Rotary currently accepts Australian, Canadian, and U.S. dollars and is available only in English.
- Donations made through fundraisers for the Pakistan Flood Response Fund or the Ukraine Response Fund on Raise for Rotary will be credited and recognized as described below.
- Any fundraisers on a third-party platform such as Facebook or GoFundMe won't offer these specific fund options and aren't eligible for Foundation credit and recognition.

HOW CONTRIBUTIONS ARE CREDITED AND RECOGNIZED

Gifts to the Pakistan Flood Response Fund and the Ukraine Response Fund:

- Count toward a donor's total cumulative giving
- Factor into Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, Major Donor, and Arch Klumph Society recognition
- Help the donor's club achieve the 100% Foundation Giving Club banner
- Are not credited toward a club's Annual Fund giving, toward per capita or SHARE calculations, or toward generating DDF

A Year of War in Ukraine

—By John Hewko, General Secretary and CEO of Rotary International

Today [Feb.24] is the one-year anniversary of the tragic war in Ukraine. It's a war that never should have started. And it's a conflict that has evolved into a non-stop humanitarian catastrophe because the Russia strategy is now to inflict as much pain on the civilian population of Ukraine as possible.

For a peace-based, humanitarian organization like Rotary, this type of conflict is heartbreaking. Yesterday was our 118th anniversary, and throughout our history, Rotary has always stood on the side of promoting peace and rebuilding from the ashes of destruction. Peace is a central goal of Rotary, and we work tirelessly to help avoid and stop armed conflicts. Our focus is on helping people in need and creating the conditions for lasting peace.

But now, the people of Ukraine are trapped in a humanitarian and refugee crisis at a scale not seen in Europe since the Second World War.

This conflict also hits me on a personal level. My parents are from Ukraine. They came to the United States in 1949 after having spent four years in a refugee camp in southern Germany. I grew up speaking Ukrainian at home, and my wife, Marga, and I lived in Ukraine from 1991 to 1996. In 1991-1992, I was privileged enough to play a small role in preparing the initial draft of Ukraine's post-Soviet constitution and participating in the working groups that were developing the initial Ukrainian post-independence legislative initiatives. I still have a great deal of family, friends, and former colleagues there.

It's impossible for me to turn away from the daily pain being inflicted on Ukrainians. Civilians are being forced to live without water, electricity, and heat in the winter. Missiles and bombs are blowing up hospitals, schools, apartment buildings, and train stations full of refugees.

There are tens of thousands of dead and wounded soldiers on both sides; tens of thousands of killed or injured civilians; and hundreds of billions of dollars in destroyed civilian infrastructure. The war has plagued Ukraine with mass looting, summary executions, sexual assault, torture chambers, mass graves, and more atrocities.

Rotary has responded to this crisis, just as we continue to do for crises around the world, including the devastating flooding in Pakistan, and earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria. There are many ways that people can help out and donate in times of great humanitarian need, but when you donate to Rotary, you can be assured of something unique – on the ground assistance and direction from people who know best where those funds can be best used. Giving to Rotary humanitarian response efforts ensures making a real impact in a timely manner.

So far, we have raised \$15 million in our Ukraine Disaster Response Fund and we are anecdotally hearing about the millions of dollars of additional aid that Rotary clubs and districts are sending directly to Ukraine and its neighboring countries.

These funds are going directly to projects that alleviate suffering and assist Ukrainian refugees, both within the borders of Ukraine and in neighboring countries. Our efforts in Ukraine have made such a huge impact that Rotary has actually increased its membership in that country since the war began.

Our work cannot and will not end here. We must continue tirelessly so that Ukrainian reconstruction can begin after the war is over.

Not only will Ukraine's infrastructure need to be rebuilt, but government corruption must be rooted out. Ukraine needs a real chance to join the European Union and to thrive as a fully independent democracy. But for Ukraine to reach these milestones, there must be peace. This is where Rotary can play a great role – the process of healing the wounds between the Ukrainian and Russian people and working toward a true and lasting peace in the world.

Don't forget to check out Facebook! Post your own pictures and news items.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 15 – Board Meeting
- Apr 19 – Board Meeting
- Apr 29: Club Leadership Training & New Member Boot Camp - Pasco Hernando St. Coll.

UPCOMING MEETING DETAILS				
Date	Invoker	Greeters	Pledge & 5-Way Test	Speaker
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
3/22	Rob Walker	Jennifer Bullock, Chris Bates	Delonyx Cortez	David Boucher – Medical Tourism