

Rotary



The Northern Light

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Our club welcomes all visitors. Why not join us either by zoom and in person on Wednesday mornings?



Rotary Opens Opportunities

MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

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

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Who is St. Patrick?

Saint Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the Declaration, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. According to the Declaration, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he found God. The Declaration says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest.

According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. The Declaration says that he spent many years evangelizing in the northern half of Ireland and converted thousands. Patrick's efforts against the druids were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes" out of Ireland, despite the fact that snakes were not known to inhabit the region.

Tradition holds that he died on March 17 and was buried at Downpatrick. Over the following centuries, many legends grew up around Patrick and he became Ireland's foremost saint.

Meeting Notes from March 10, 2021

We had two visitors this week: **Steve Schwartz** in person and DGN **Troy Willingham** zooming in. Add 20 members to the list to give us 22 in all.

Teresa Cordova O'Dea told about Oprah's plan to run a marathon, with the message "Be bold and be all you can be." After her prayers, Dick Spong led us in *The Pledge of Allegiance* (miss those patriotic songs of Edie's). From Instagram, we learned how a Rotary Foundation \$6 million dollar grant will help free Zambia from malaria.

When introduced, DGN Troy gave news of the **Rotary license tag**. An email will go out to Rotarians when registration opens. 10% of the proceeds will go to Rotary's Camp Florida, who is struggling after Covid-19 closed to camp to campers for 11 months. The other 90% will go to youth programs in the district. When the registration opens, buy a voucher now so we can reach the 3000 required to print the tag. If we don't achieve the 3000, the money will credit to your account.

Steve related that he recently moved from Macon, GA and runs a company in MN (that's quite a stretch!). Steve, a past president, is looking for a club to join and we hope he chooses ours.

Sherrie Davis Kinhead, always first up with the happy buck (that's so she can concentrate on taking notes of all the other happy folks!), saying her new puppy woke them at 3:30 to go out, then cried for an hour until Sherrie gave up and took her shower at 4:30. **Steve** got his Covid-19 shot... but had to travel to Tallahassee to get it (that's at least 4-5 hours!). **Rick Lawrence** is looking for BOGOS on PB&J and found large jars at Restaurant Depot in Largo for \$15. He is willing to buy more if others want to give him their money.

John Tornga thanked all for attending the strategic planning session, especially "Vanna" Gray and JoAnn for working with all the people presenting (programs, I think, but my notes were very sketchy here). **Priscilla Hoag** completed her front door installation, which is hurricane proof, 6 months after beginning.

John chimed in to mention that Prez Mark painted a front door...one on the Dunedin Boat Club building. Sgt-at-Arms **Pat Snair** paid \$2 for Rick and Steve taking seats at her table.

Pat is also heading up the **Dunedin Cares PB&K Contest** and wants us to be a Triple Crown winner this year. While the contest doesn't begin until April 15, donations can be dropped off at her office, Back 'N' Balance, 1059 Broadway Ste C, Dunedin.



According to legend, Saint Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to Irish pagans



Results from the **strategic planning** will be compiled by Mark, John and Gary, then presented at next week's meeting.

History Comes Alive and the volunteers needed for the **Child Safety Drive-Thru** were both casualties of the rain last Saturday. While the Drive-Thru took place with City staff, the history event is postponed to possibly April 10. Prez Mark now has more time to practice his British accent.

Our program focused on the **Dunedin North Charity Golf Scramble** that was postponed from April 16. The new date is June 11. Cost for players is \$125 pp, which includes green fees for 18 holes and lunch. Gary Coughlin's company, H|C Wealth Advisors of Raymond James is the Title Sponsor. JoAnn Rooney's company, NFM Lending, is the Putting Competition Sponsor. Kris Gray's company, Ships-N-Trips, was the first to purchase a tee sign.

Kert Rhodes, the chairman, needs our help. We need to find sponsors and goody bag items, We need help with registration and other misc. fundraising activities, such as silent auction items and selling mulligans.

We pay about \$60 in food and green fees for each player, even if they are a DGC member. But that leaves \$65 to go to charities we support that need our help more than ever. Manny Koutsourais piped up and said he was going to get a foursome up, composed of Teresa, Sherrie, Kris and him. Good thing it's a scramble, because otherwise, they may never finish.

Prez Mark closed as always with *The 4-Way Test*.

With sanitation, incremental steps go a long way

In many remote places, toilets that are connected to sewers or septic tanks are the exception, not the rule. In those areas, toilets that operate without water seem like an ideal solution. These toilets feature two or three holes: one for urinating, one for defecating, and, in some models, one for washing. But when a group of Rotary members tried to bring these toilets to a remote island in Indonesia, the community wasn't ready for technology that the Rotarians thought of as no-frills, but the intended recipients saw as overly complicated.

Part of the problem was that the project made too ambitious a leap. One tool that could help is the sanitation ladder, a graphic representation of levels of sanitation service that might exist in a community.

At the bottom rung of the sanitation ladder is open defecation, whether it takes place in a field, forest, body of water, or other outdoor area. Every two minutes, somewhere in the world, a child under five dies as a result of poor sanitation, poor hygiene, or unsafe drinking water.

One step up is "unimproved" — that's the disposal of feces in a pit or bucket. It's more contained, but an unlined pit is still in contact with soil, and a heavy rainstorm will transmit diseases. And poop in a bucket has to be emptied somewhere.

At the next step up the ladder are latrines that are shared among households; on this rung, facilities are designated as "limited." This is an improvement over the two previous steps, but shared facilities are often detached from homes, which can lead families to feel less ownership and responsibility for maintaining the latrine.

"Basic" facilities, the next step up, include improved facilities that are not shared with another household. This goal looks at safety as well as access: latrines with lined pits that help minimize the spread of fecal matter and safe platforms such as concrete slabs that users can stand on without the risk of falling in.

At the top rung on the sanitation ladder, and the target of the sanitation-related Sustainable Development Goal, are "safely managed" facilities. At this level, not only does a household have access to its own toilet, but the waste is safely collected and treated.

A needs assessment — a step that is required by The Rotary Foundation for any global grant application — is important to determine where a community lands on the sanitation ladder and where residents aspire to be. The community needs to drive the project in order to arrive at the most sustainable solution.

While the Foundation will not fund projects on the "unimproved" rung of the ladder, Rotary clubs that are interested in doing sanitation projects should be wary of jumping too many steps at a time or expecting perfection. Even our toilets clog.

Clean Water—Making It Happen

MAKING SCHOOLS HEALTHIER

All 24 of Lebanon's Rotary clubs came together — overcoming religious, cultural, and political divisions — to form partnerships with the government, World Vision, UNICEF, and the Red

Cross. Together the groups developed a program that delivers clean water to every public school in the country.

WATER FOR A COMMUNITY

Rotary clubs partnered with local organizations to install a rainwater harvesting and distribution center for 4,000 people in Madan, India. They also delivered training programs for women in the community and students in 35 schools.

ACCESS TO TOILETS

Rotary clubs and partners built 222 toilets, six rainwater collectors, seven communal handwashing stations, and 20 biosand filters. The project provided more than 1,000 people with access to proper toilet facilities and almost 600 people with a regular supply of clean water.

WASH IN GUATEMALA SCHOOLS

Rotary clubs in Guatemala improved conditions for as many as 1,793 children in 10 schools in the town of Escuintla by providing toilets, washing stations, water tanks, and training.

WATER SUPPLY IN TANZANIA

A dozen Rotary clubs collaborated with local partners to establish a water supply and delivery system for 1,500 people in the village of Kigogo, Tanzania. They also taught the community how to maintain the systems and provided hygiene education.

ROTARY IMPACT ON CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

The Rotary Foundation is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard:

Rotary-USAID Partnership: Rotary has partnered with the United States Agency for International Development in Ghana, Madagascar, and Uganda to implement sustainable, long-term programs to improve water supplies, sanitation, and hygiene.

WASH in Schools Target Challenge: Rotary has challenged our members to develop sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene education projects in five countries: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, India, and Kenya.

WASH projects: Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested in more than 1,000 WASH projects in more than 100 countries. Through grants from The Rotary Foundation and fundraising by Rotary clubs, our volunteers have supported water purification, hygiene education, latrine construction, and waste management.