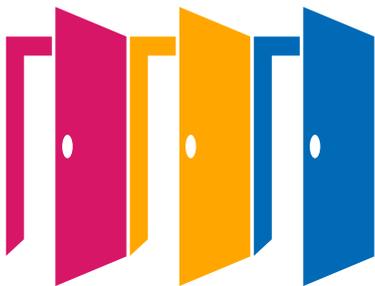




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Our club welcomes all visitors. Why not join us either by zoom and in person on Wednesday mornings?



Rotary Opens Opportunities

MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

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

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Meeting Notes from March 31, 2021

Delonyx Cortez was our only guest, and he came in person to present the YMCA program. We had 11 members show up in person, counting **Jay LeFebvre** who will officially be inducted next week, and another 12 zoomed, including **Steve Schwartz**, who will also officially be inducted next week. Prez Mark Middleton made a trip by Dunkin' for coffee and donuts, because the DGC is not serving yet.

Teresa Cordova O'Dea gave us sage advice to stop making excuses and accept responsibility before she prayed. **Dick Spong** led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance* and **Prez Mark** gave his Instagram report of a Rotarian motorcyclist raising money in South Africa.

This provided a segue for **Mary Beth Carroll's** happy buck about her beau's upcoming travel to South Africa to meet his son and new grandson, who are in the Republic of Congo. **Jay LeFebvre** is happy to transfer into our motley crew. Dr. **Bill Huntley** touted the Jamaican food at the Jerk Center in Tarpon Springs, along with the Dragon Stout and Red Stripe. **Kert Rhodes** pledged \$3 because members can sign up to help online and Sherrie provided posters for advertising at DGC. **Gary Coughlin** was \$5 happy to have Delonyx with us. **JoAnn Rooney** praised her son's Pack N Snack service project and the fact Bill Coleman and Prez Mark each gave \$100. **Sherrie Davis Kinkead** was happy to be back in the main room and that Kert found and hung all the club banners. **Pat Snair** was happy to receive PB&J at the office from Mary Beth, JoAnn and Priscilla Hoag, but was most happy to be hopping in her jeep after our meeting to head north for a good old Florida day.

Announcements: We are back in our regular room at the Golf Club, because the TV broke in the smaller room. But breakfast will not be served until May. **Birthdays** this month include **Drew Gracy** and **Lynne Faimalie**. Lynne was zooming and was asked to share a memorable birthday. While not exactly happy, her 16th birthday was memorable. She talked her father into letting her delay school so he could take her to get her license. Wanting her to be safe, he has purchased a 1954 Cadillac for her to drive and this was what they drove for the test. Being much larger than her father's car, the 3-point turn and parallel parking were not quite successful and she flunked her test. The most embarrassing part was going to school and facing her friends. The story did have a happy ending as she returned 4 days later in her father's car and passed.

Gary Coughlin was selected as our **spotlight** speaker this week. He is originally from NY but lived in Florida most of his life. He and PDG Mike Chapman, a former member of our club, were partners at Raymond James. Mike talked Rotary to him all the time and "groomed" Gary as a replacement before leaving our club for Tarpon Springs, where his wife was a member. Now Gary's role is husband and dad, as we see on Wednesday mornings when he Zooms while getting his son to school. Stay tuned next week when we hear from Kert, and Michael Smith the following week.

Now that we are meeting more formally, **volunteers are needed for greeter**. Sgt-at-Arms **Pat Snair** will take next week, followed by **Jay LeFebvre**.

Our newest member (for a few days at least), Jay hopes to spearhead a **corn hole tournament** at HOB in the fall that hopefully raises \$5000-\$6000.

Kert Rhodes invited all to his **KLeer Title anniversary party** in his new digs at 2595 Tampa Road, Suite E this Friday, 5pm - 8pm.

Our program this week focused on the **Greater Palm Harbor YMCA**. The director, **Delonyx Cortez**, originally from the Philippines, became involved with Y programs as a child immigrant who moved to Jacksonville. His mother knew he loved basketball and took him to the local facility. Even though she knew little English, she was able to convey what she wanted and they received financial assistance. As Delonyx likes to say, he learned English from basketball and Bob Barker on Price Is Right. His parents were working two jobs, so his coach often picked him up for games, and included his mother when she could go.

The YMCA is a 501(c)(3) and more than a "gym and swim." Along with the fitness center and



Jay LeFebvre and Delonyx Cortez

group classes are child care and in-school mentoring programs. 25% of those served in Palm Harbor are on financial assistance. Kert and 12 fellow friends mentored 13 kids who grades were in the bottom 20% of their school every Wednesday for 18 weeks. All kids improved at least one grade level. Their summer camps prevent children from losing their education edge over the summer. The Y also focuses on water safety, as Pinellas County has the 2nd highest rate of preventable drownings in Florida, which is number one for states. Year before, 900 children were taught to swim, but last year, Covid-19 procedures reduce the number taught to 300. Covid-19 also closed the center for 2 months, which was then turned into a child care facility to help adults who needed to work away from home. During this time, they also did Senior Check-ins. Delonyx ended by inviting us to give the “gift of life” at the blood drive on April 22 at the Palm Harbor Y.

Prez Mark closed as always with *The “5-Way” Test* with #5 being “Is it FUN?”

Can we help Mark achieve a dream for Kibera?

Everyone who joins Rotary and learns about matching grants hopes to tap into this opportunity to get needed funds to make a difference in their communities, countries and world. President Mark has a dream to improve the water in Kibera, a slum area in Nairobi with 1-million people. We need to help make that happen. We can get other clubs to make a donation, match with international funds from district and complete it with an RI grant to get the project done. We just need someone to spearhead the paperwork! Step by step...

What it takes to have a sustainable WASH project

—By Florencio Naguit, Rotary Club of Intramuros-Manila, Philippines

In 2017, my club began our first global grant project, an effort to provide 28 toilets to three communities of indigenous people called Aeta in the mountains of central Luzon. Two of these communities were in an isolated area a five-hour drive from Manila (including two by 4x4 jeep over rough terrain) while the third is in a closer, more urban area. They have no toilets in their homes and either rely on pit latrines or defecate in the open. This leaves them open to diseases like diarrhea and cholera.

The project was hard and time consuming, from completing the necessary survey and assessment process to delivering building materials up the mountains and across 26 rivers. We had the help of our international partner, the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay, Australia, who we have been working with on projects for more than two decades. In 2020, we celebrated a dedication ceremony handing the twin toilet blocks over to the villagers. And along the way, we learned the following lessons on what it takes to complete a sustainable WASH project.

DO YOUR RESEARCH — Read, research, and study. If you want your grant application approved by The Rotary Foundation, you will need to know the requirements for your type of project and the procedures you need to follow. Sign in to My Rotary (create a profile if you don't have one) and check out the many resources available in the Grant Center. Knowing the requirements for your type of project will greatly increase your chances of having your grant approved and improve your ability to create lasting change.

BE PERSISTENT. IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED... Don't be discouraged if your first application gets denied. I've seen many clubs quit their initiative when an application wasn't approved. Before our project, I tediously researched the communities and collected as many facts and figures I could. I checked and rechecked the supporting documents. Still, my request was denied. But I had pledged to our beneficiaries, and I was not going to let down because I didn't submit a proper application. With resolve, I set about to put my application in order. I did more research, secured the data the regional grant officer had asked for, and sought to justify my account and details. I revisited the project site, worked with the local community for answers, and turned to our partners for advice and assistance. When I was finally ready, I resubmitted my application and it was accepted.

INVOLVE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FROM THE START — When a local community feels ownership of a project, its chances of success increase dramatically. Crafting a realistic, feasible, and attainable sustainability plan requires the stakeholders' involvement with specified roles and responsibilities. Before you put together your training modules, you will need to know that the community is willing to participate and embark upon the slow, gradual road to behavior change. They will need to embrace and carry out whatever arrangements you make for local management and financing of the facilities. These aspects need to be embedded at the beginning, not the end. Our donors want to know that their money is supporting sanitation and hygiene education that turns into lasting behavior change; that water and toilet facilities survive the long run.

ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS AND RELY ON THEM — It is important to nurture a successful partnership between the host and international sponsors. Understanding differences in

language, culture, and local practices brings about an effective alliance. When both partners conduct themselves in a business-like manner, the relationship is strengthened with elements like cooperation, promptness in delivering concrete and precise information, courteous exchanges, and accuracy and honesty in financial statements.

KEEP GOOD DOCUMENTATION —

Proper documentation makes it easy to complete your final report to the Foundation, but also assures your project is on the path to sustainability. If you document your progress with written records, images, and videos, you will have the answers to those important who, what, and when questions. It will also make it easier to promote and publish your project.



Habitat needs Valspar volunteers!

An outstanding opportunity comes up in just a couple of weeks! This is a great way to earn Bright Futures hours, volunteer service requirements, or simply to spend a great day in an awesome setting as an individual or a group!

Habitat for Humanity is looking for 100 volunteers each day from April 29th to May 2nd to help Habitat at the Valspar Championship in Palm Harbor. The hours are 10am to 5pm each of those days. Volunteer for one day or all days!

Here's what we'll be doing:

Each volunteer will be provided a t-shirt as well as a paddle that gently reminds people to wear their masks. Some volunteers will be stationary around the course and others will be walking with the spectators and golfers. Breaks will be provided as will a voucher for lunch.

With the Championship being limited capacity this year, this allows you the opportunity to view the tournament live and help Habitat earn a donation that allows us to build more homes and serve more families! Please join us for this amazing event and for the chance to help our local community!

Volunteers must be 14 or older! Dress code requirements are khaki (preferred) or black shorts, pants, or skirts. Please, no rips, tears or cutoffs as this is a televised event!

(Want to sign up as a group? Let Jack Shanks know: jshanks@habitatpwp.org)

Sign Up: [Special Events Calendar](#)
(Or ask Sherrie to forward the email)