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ROTARY CLUB OF DUNEDIN NORTH



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### MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

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

### MAILING ADDRESS:

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Our club welcomes all visitors for Wednesday meetings, 7:30-8:30 am, either by Zoom or in-person. Friends, family and guests are always welcome to help on volunteer projects.



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

## Do you know our monthly themes?

Rotary focuses on a different theme each month. Many long-time Rotarians may not be aware that themes have changed over the past years. While several have remained consistent, others have consolidated into one focus, such as the former ones for Literacy (March) and Education (May), which combined into one focus, Basic Education and Literacy (September).

MONTH	OLD THEME	NEW THEME
July	Changeover Month	Transition Month
August	Membership & Extension	Membership & Extension
September	New Generations	Basic Education and Literacy
October	Vocational Service	Economic and Community Development
November	The Rotary Foundation	The Rotary Foundation
December	Family of Rotary	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Rotary Awareness	Vocational Service
February	World Understanding	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Literacy	Water and Sanitation
April	The Rotarian Magazine	Maternal and Child Health
May	Education	Youth Service
June	Rotary Fellowships	Rotary Fellowships

## A District Conference like no other... on the road again!

We have many new Rotarians who have joined in the past couple of years when Rotary meetings, programs and training have been impacted by social distancing due to Covid. Just when we think we may be getting back to normal, another variation takes hold, cases go up, and in-person meetings are canceled or revised. This year's district conference was no exception.

District conferences are planned at least a year in advance in order to book hotels, arrange cruises, and/or book exceptional speakers. This year, the conference took place on three different days in three different areas. While Rotarians could attend any or all of the three, the Pinellas County clubs celebrated on Sunday at a park in Largo from 10am-2pm.



Several local non-profits, supported by many of the clubs in our area, had tables to bring awareness of their organization. We took advantage of Trinity's Pure Water for the World display to present a check for \$5000, which will be matched by both the district and The Rotary Foundation. This is the project Mark Middleton is encouraging other clubs in the district to support.

Special speakers included Laura Hamilton, founder and president of Bridging Freedom, which combats domestic minor sex-trafficking by providing community awareness of sex trafficking, education for victim prevention and a therapeutic safe home campus that provides long-term, comprehensive care for victims. The home accepts girls from 12-18, with the average age currently being 13.

Another speaker, Roslyn Franken, author of *Meant to Be*, told the story of her parents. Her mother was born in the Netherlands and at 15, was separated from her parents and most of her siblings by the Germans at the beginning of the war. She was moved from camp to camp, including Auschwitz, and survived the gas chambers three different times due to malfunctions.

or the fact so many had been gassed before her turn that the gas ran out. Her father was born in Indonesia and ended up as a Japanese captive. When sent to a camp in Japan, he made the choice to work in the coal mines because he heard miners were allowed a daily bath. The day the atomic bombs were dropped, he was below ground in the coal mine and thus survived when others died. Her mother ended up in Canada and her father in the Netherlands. A mutual friend decided they were perfect for each other and a correspondence began. When they met in person, their love only grew. Later, in the 50's, her mother was diagnosed with cancer and given two years to live. Determined, she said the Nazis couldn't kill her and neither would the cancer. She lived for 21 more years. Her father lived into his 90's. When asked what contributed to his longevity, he said he was thankful and appreciative of everything.



The RI President's representative, PDG Alex Wilkins, was from Beaufort, SC and gave an inspiring talk. He flew for FedEx and often away from home for days at the time and in the air for hours at the time. He is proud that when asked by a fellow pilot about Rotary, he told her everything he knew in the hours they flew. She became a Rotarian, then president of her club, but he had to miss both events due to his schedule. Now retired, he plans to make her installation as AG in July. He praised all the new members in attendance and gave his Rotary pen to the newest member. We even had birthday cake as two Rotarians in attendance celebrated. A magician, DJ and face painters rounded out the entertainment. It was a conference like no other!

## Change in Officers for 2022-2023

Kert Rhodes needed to withdraw his name as president-elect nominee to follow Gary Coughlin as president of our club in 2023-2024, but he plans to serve as president in the future when he has less commitments outside of Rotary. Doug Campbell graciously agreed to move up a year, which resulted in openings for treasurer and president-elect nominee as Doug cannot handle both duties of president-elect and treasurer, especially after December when president-elect training and planning begins in earnest. The bylaws stipulate that the incoming board replaces openings that occur during their year. Doug Campbell was nominated for president-elect to serve as president 2023-2024, Mark Middleton was nominated for treasurer, and Candice Kelly was nominated for president-elect nominee to serve 2024-2025. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the incoming board for the changes via email.

- President - Gary Coughlin
- President-elect - Doug Campbell
- President-elect Nominee - Candice Kelly
- Immediate Past President - John Tornga
- Secretary - Kris Gray
- Treasurer - Mark Middleton
- Directors (1 year) - Angie Eisele, Jay LeFebvre, Steve Schwartz
- Directors (2 years) - Alan Gustafson, Pat Snair, Dick Spong
- Directors (3 years) - Candice Kelly, Bill Huntley, Joe Mackin

## Notes from April 6 Meeting —Sherrie Davis Kinkad



Joe Mackin and Steve Schwartz served as greeters. Visitors included Danielle Duffy, at John Tornga's invitation, and our speaker Kip Koelsch. Ashley English from Tampa was invited by Jessica Wilson. Teresa Cordova O'Dea gave us words of wisdom from Gandhi before the invocation and Kris Gray led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. We have only one birthday person for April here today, Mark Middleton, who will celebrate on the 22nd. Both Gary Coughlin and Candice Kelly, our Facebook Live gurus, were absent so we could not figure out how to broadcast live.

UPCOMING MEETING DETAILS			
Date	Member Spotlight	Greeters	Speaker
4/13	Kert Rhodes	Steve Pettinger	Sheila Haddad, owner of Sheila Haddad Photography, specializing in underwater model shoots
4/20	JoAnn Rooney	Kert Rhodes	Official DG Visit by Jocelyn Chapman
4/27	Steve Schwartz	JoAnn Rooney	

**Happy Bucks:** Happy bucks centered around the Highland Games and all those who helped with the 5K Trail Race parking, registration and directing runners, and the games parking at the high school and overflow lots. Seems the women liked the men in skirts the most. Mark really praised Gary Coughlin, Eileen McNeill and Angie Eisele, who filled in on timing and videoing when the official timer failed to show. George Ann Bissett mentioned that many used DFAC's bathrooms and made a \$10+ donation in exchange for a sunflower to benefit a chef cooking in Ukraine. Two DFAC events are near: the golf tournament on Friday followed by the Garden Party on Saturday. Jay LeFebvre went to a Yankees game and witnessed Jennifer Steinbrenner presenting his friend, Terry Carter, with a check for \$100 grand for the Boys & Girls Club - Tampa Bay. Steve Schwartz informed us there were places in Arkansas that are dry so finding beer is a challenge. Mitch Jorge, back from Guatemala where he and wife Jaquelin gave 77 trees to a farm, mentioned how proud he was of Jaquelin, who gave a speech in Mayan, the native Indian language. Both mentioned Rotary many times while talking and wore their Rotary hats.

### Member Spotlight: None

**Program:** Kip Koelsch (pronounced like Welch) decided to research self-publishing and write a book. In fact, he has written several books about a marine biologist modeled after his ex-wife, who was one. Before he took to writing, he held Iron Man competitions, then left to help with bike races. To supplement his writing income, he works part-time at Bill Jackson's. Kip has been told his books are a more intelligent version of Clive Cussler's books. Self-publishing is difficult because of the many roles that the author plays, such as editor and marketer. *Delphys Rising* is his favorite. He closed by saying he must balance his fitness passion with his writing passion. Fitness normally in the mornings, writing after fitness. After Kip's presentation, Prez John and program chair Jay presented our coveted 50-Yr Tumbler to Kip.



Jay LeFebvre led us in the 5-Way Test.