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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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The Rotary Club of Dunedin North
(Club #4270) was chartered on
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Meeting Notes from April 7, 2021

Lots of in-person visitors at our meeting. **Sara LaChance** was our speaker and brought her friend, **Michelle Lowther**, a lawyer and board member. **Adriana LeFebvre** came to watch PDG **Mike Chapman** officially induct her husband, **Jay LeFebvre**, and **Steve Schwartz** into the club. **Jealixson Jean-Simon**, the volunteer manager for the Salvation Army came with an award in hand. **Shaun Riley** Zoomed for corporate member Jessica Wilson of Brightway Insurance.

Teresa Cordova O'Dea started by telling us happiness is like a butterfly—it comes softly and sits on your shoulder—and finished with a prayer. This notetaker failed to record who led us in the *Pledge*, but be assured we recited it. Instagram had a video of What We Do, but unfortunately, the connection was too poor to show. Sgt-at-Arms Pat Snair takes the honor of being of first greeter this quarter as we return to our regular meeting room with duties assumed.

The happy started with **Priscilla Hoag**, who thanked Mark for a large spot on the Rotary newsletter. **Sherrie Davis Kinhead** started the day by taking great delight in waking her husband around 5:30am to clean the mess made by their new puppy. She has warned him many times not to leave his water glass overnight near his lounge chair. Sure enough, the puppy is big enough to jump in the chair and of course, knocked the glass over. **Kert Rhodes** thanked John Tornga and Doug & Gwen Campbell for coming to the 3-year anniversary party at KLeer Title last Friday, and he promised Pat three jars of peanut butter were coming. **PDG Mike** gave \$20, because he was so happy to be visiting his old club and he misses us a lot (we miss you, too!). **Jay L.** told about Chatham on Cape Cod, which would be the elbow, where the great white shark population increases in the summer. Dr. **Bill Huntley** was late this morning, because he was listening to a favorite 40's Junction am station that first played Jimmy Dorsey followed by Tommy Dorsey with Frank Sinatra.

Special Presentation: Doug Campbell introduced the Jealixson Jean-Simon, who presented our club the **2020 Red Kettle Award from Salvation Army**. We manned the kettle at the Granada Publix for four Saturdays, 10 hours each, during the holiday season, raising over \$3000 for Salvation Army.

New Member Induction: PDG Mike Chapman took pleasure in officially inducted **Jay LeFebvre** and **Steve Schwartz** into our club. Jay is the current assistant governor of Area IV and belonged to the downtown club. Jay decided to transfer to our breakfast club because we are having hybrid meetings and he wanted that in-person experience. Previously, he belonged to the East Long Meadow (MA) club and another club before his move here. Steve was a member of the Downtown Macon club and before that, belonged to East Spartanburg. Both have served as president, which increases the number of past presidents in our club to nine.

Member Spotlight: **Kert Rhodes** was born in Arlington, TX, but grew up in Florida, going to Palm Harbor Middle School and graduating from Tarpon Springs High School. He started a lawn service to help earn money to help his mother financially, and grew the service to \$50,000 yearly with 64 accounts. He was finally convinced to go to college and at 26, attended a college in CT on full scholarship. After graduating, he got into the mortgage business and found he had a knack for it. On May 23, 2017, he reconnected with a friend, Lori, who became his business partner and fiancée. They plan to wed this year on 3 Rooker Island on May 23. Lori was friends with Jessica Wilson, a member of our club, who invited Kert to a meeting. And we are so glad she did!

PHF Pin Recognition: Foundation chair Welch Agnew has a little less bling to carry around after presenting Prez **Mark Middleton** with his 5-stone PHF pin.

Announcements: **Drinkin' With Dick** is just around the corner. Mark your calendar for **April 22** for our first in-person, socially-distanced social in months in John Tornga's yard.

Program: **Sara LaChance** is the founder and president of **Stop the Movement, Inc.** a Tampa Bay Non-profit on a mission to eradicate human trafficking from the community through awareness, education and prevention. She is also the wife of the pastor at Candice Kelly's church and convinced Candice to serve on the board. Sara stressed that human trafficking is not just in other countries but here in Pinellas County and the Tampa Bay area. In fact, Tampa Bay rates in the top 10 cities for trafficking because of water access, major

highways, and good airlines. We also have the highest number of strip clubs per capita. This is a multi-billion dollar industry and happens in schools, churches and homes. The traffickers know how to make money and are good at not getting caught. Sporting events, such as the Super Bowl, result in victims being flown in. Signs to watch for are girls with domineering men, rehearsed answers, disorientation, and branding tattoos, such as a QR code that can be scanned for pricing. Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline to report: 888-373-7888.



If you want to participate, find out more by attending the training on May 15. StopTheMovement.org is looking for ambassadors at church, school and businesses, business owners that are willing to employ survivors and people who can volunteer their time even though working full time, such as teachers and the medical professions.

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



Candice Kelly brought speaker Sara LaChance, who brought Michelle Lowter. Welch Agnew congratulates Prez Mark on another multi-stone PHF pin. Prez Mark and Ding-a-Ling chair Doug Campbell receive the 2020 Red Kettle Award from Jealixson Jean-Simon. PDG Mike Chapman, Prez Mark, new member Steve Schwartz, Adriana and new member Jay LeFebvre.



Bring in the PB&J!

The Dunedin Cares' PB&J Challenge has begun! From April 15 - May 15, look for the BOGO deals at local stores and stock up. There are three ways to get credit: Pat Snair has volunteered to accept donations at her office, Back "N Balance on Alt. 19; bring it to our Wednesday meeting; or take it directly to Dunedin Cares but be sure they know it's from a Dunedin North member. Let's get that third peanut!

What is CART?

Rotarian Randy Nillson recently shared a quick update on how our District is doing in supporting the CART Fund, but many of our members may not know that CART stands for Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust and started in 1996 with Rotarians voluntarily emptying their pockets and purses of change at weekly meetings.

Alzheimer's is a devastating disease and recent estimates indicate it ranks as the 3rd leading cause of death for older people, just behind heart disease and cancer. To this day, there is no cure! One hundred percent (100%) of donated funds go to cutting edge Alzheimer's Disease research. As of May 2020, CART has awarded \$9.2 million dollars in 55 grants to recognized US research institutions. All administrative expenses of the Fund are paid from interest earned from invested contributions. The Fund is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of representatives from the Rotary districts that support the program. It is a 501(C)3 organization, Federal ID #31-1466051. The Fund is chartered as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the state of South Carolina.

As of March 30, District 6950 had raised \$52,565 to support the funding of Alzheimer's Research. Wow! That is almost unprecedented for ANY charity!

As always, Randy is always happy to provide more information on how to use the CART Portal to make a donation or give a CART presentation. If you are willing to help collect coins from our members, please let Prez Mark know.

World Immunization Week is 24-30 April

During World Immunization Week, 24-30 April, join with Rotary to combat vaccine hesitancy and misinformation by spreading the facts about why #VaccinesWork.

With decades of experience fighting polio, Rotary plays a key role in informing people about the power and effectiveness of vaccines. As COVID-19



vaccines become more available, Rotary members are using our experience in fighting polio to help communities with their vaccination education and organization efforts. And today, because we and our partners have worked so hard, wild poliovirus remains endemic in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. But to eradicate it there and to prevent a resurgence in other parts of the world, we must continue to build trust in vaccines and raise funds for polio eradication, including vaccine delivery.

To help get the word out, Rotary developed a [World Immunization Week Toolkit](#) to help in postings on social media with the hashtags #EndPolio and #VaccinesWork.

HELP PROVIDE CLEAN WATER AND GET A CHANCE AT A DINNER FOR 10! VISIT WWW.DOINGGOOD EVERYDAY.COM FOR DETAILS!

Michael Colitz remembered

Michael, a member of our club for over 6 years from 2007-2014, recently passed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family as we remember him fondly.

COLITZ, Michael John Jr. "Mike"



son of Michael John Colitz Sr. and Olga Matonis, peacefully passed into eternal life April 3, 2021 at the age of 81 with his son Michael by his side, in Palm Harbor, FL. Mike was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania February 2, 1940. He attended Nativty BVM High School in Pottsville and then entered the University of Notre Dame where he received a BS in Mechanical Engineering in 1961. He studied law at American University in Washington DC and graduated with a Juris Doctor in 1965. Mike went on to practice patent law at Xerox in California and Goodyear in Ohio before starting his own law firm in Largo, FL.

Mike wrote over 10,000 patents during his career. He especially appreciated the creativity and ingenuity of individual inventors and was their strongest advocate. As a hobby, he researched unique and humorous patents and featured them on his website Wacky Patents. He also loved animals. He said that his next profession was to help with the patients at his sister and brother-in-law's veterinary hospital.

Mike was preceded in death by his brother, Joseph Jude Colitz. He is survived by his sister, Carmen; daughters, Jennifer and Laura; son, Michael; and by his seven grandchildren, Holly, Mackenzie, William, Grace, Cecilia, Laurel, and Emma.

Mike loved his family, Catholic faith and everything about the University of Notre Dame, especially the football team. His passion for Notre Dame was most apparent when he returned to campus to pray at the Grotto, attend mass at the Basilica, and cheer in the football stadium. We will miss his smile, laugh, and wonderful sense of humor. He was a gentle, kind man with a sharp mind and a never-ending supply of knowledge and trivia.

A private service will be held at at Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home.