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DunedinNorthRotary.org
2023-2024 LEADERSHIP

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MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

7:30-8:30 am on Wednesdays
 The Hale Center, 330 Douglas Ave.

MAILING ADDRESS:

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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 April 10 – Sherrie Davis Kinkead

DUTIES: Greeters: Jody C, Sherrie DK; Invocation: John T; *Pledge of Allegiance* and “5”-Way Test: Mel O; “Emcee”: Prez Doug C



VISITORS: Eric Tinsley, who moved here in June, had a solo law practice and now teaches law at Keiser University (John T); prospective member Marc Banning (Mel

O); Victor Lucas (Tom M); Trace Zacur, musician, and Steve Weinberger, CEO of Clearwater Jazz Holiday (program)

HAPPY BUCK TIDBITS: John T - praised the two tenors in our club who performed on Sunday (Dick and Alan); extra T-shirts from the Highland Games Trail Run are at the back for those who want one. Steve S - celebrated 35 years of marriage at the Marriott's rooftop restaurant; also been in Rotary since April of 1993; daughter went from LA to Detroit then Paris before her destination of Morocco. Douglas O - trash pick-up scheduled for May 11. Sherrie DK - sisters-in-law arrived by plane late last night and when offered something to drink at 11, chose wine and insisted she join them for a toast, making 5:30 come especially early this morning. Dick S - enjoyed the Dunedin chorus season, now over until December; still hoping to get their leader back to Rotary for a visit after she settles a bit more; saw article in the Rotary Magazine about Richard King, recently deceased and president of RI when Dick was president of Clearwater East, who planned to attend their club meeting but canceled one hour before. JoAnn R - missed last week because of a closing for a recently divorced woman, reminding JoAnn of the time women could not get loans in their name (not all that long ago!); today is National Sibling Day, so please call yours; grandson Fish has the nicest laugh, which they needed to hear this past weekend, so they dropped in for an hour, winding Fish up, then walked out the door! Jaquelin N - her grandson turned 11 on Monday, and they gave him a solar eclipse! Bill H - went to the Highland Games on Saturday and ran into Pat Snair; also went to Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park and received his first SS check! Candice K - went to Belleair Rotary's wine & tappas event and took away ideas for what we can do.



50-50: Seems not so long ago that Douglas O received a chance to draw the Ace of Clubs and today he got another. But while he drew a face card last time, he only pulled a two of clubs today.

TOM'S GROAN: The commissioners John and Rob stopped by his house to ask for a donation to the planned new Highlander Pool, so he gave them a cup of water!

PROGRAM: CEO Steve Weinberger of the Clearwater Jazz Holiday told upcoming plans to celebrate 45 years, which includes the return to free concerts with a smaller stage than The Sound. Professional musician, Trace Zacur, told about the [outreach programs](#) financed by the Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation that helped him in his school years and treated Rotarians and guests to a sax performance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Candice met with Innisbrook and everything was planned out for the Copperhead course. Tables will be around the pool and a food truck will offer food between holes 1 and 18. The cost to play normally is \$470, so players who sign up will play for a deal.



Rob Walker will lead our Strategic Planning Session after our regular meeting on April 24.

Because May is packed full for Candice with the golf tournament and other commitments and at least one son is still in school, she chose to delay attending the RI Convention until the one in Calgary next June.

FL MINUTE W/DR. BILL: Ray Charles was the focus this week. He attended the St. Augustine School for the Blind. Dr. Bill’s football team played them and his father always got a huge laugh when Bill’s team always lost to the “blind” team.

Rotary Projects Around the Globe

UNITED STATES

OysterFest has been a calendar highlight of the Pacific Northwest’s fishing industry for more than four decades. The two-day festival is hosted by the Rotary Club of Shelton Skookum, Washington. Last year’s event, held in October, attracted 13,000 seafood enthusiasts and raised \$170,000 for community organizations. Seasoned seafarers and landlubbers alike got in some serious shelling, as the victor in a speed-shucking competition opened 24 oysters in 73 seconds. The champion in the half-shell — a separate challenge that also accounts for presentation, with penalties for errant cuts — clocked in at an adjusted time of 2 minutes and 10 seconds. “It is quite an event with the crowd cheering on their favorite to win,” says Laurie Brown, the club’s president-nominee. “Anyone can sign up, but most of the shuckers come from the various shellfish farms or restaurants.”

SURINAME

Passing rates on secondary school entrance exams that have dipped as low as 50 percent have vexed officials in Suriname. The Rotary Club of Paramaribo Residence, whose members include several teachers or retired educators, is aiming to improve those results and reduce dropout rates. In October, the club instituted a mathematics training project for around two dozen teachers at schools serving older children. The program includes courses on topics such as set theory, equations, functions, plane geometry, and trigonometry. “You have to use mathematics at every level of your life, and statistics show that in Suriname kids have low grades” in the subject, says club member Yvonne Mohabir. A retired school dean and Rotarian, Ewald Levens, leads the sessions, which are funded with the support of the Dutch Association of Mathematics Teachers.

Rotary Magazine Highlights Urban Heat Islands and Solutions

Who read April’s Rotary Magazine? As we know, the world is getting hotter and urban areas are suffering, especially when green areas give way to development.

When the Rotary International Convention came to Houston in June 2022, in the thick of summer, Pettitt and other local Rotary members saw an opportunity to share their work on the environment and heat. They offered attendees the opportunity to offset their carbon emissions from travel by donating money toward tree planting in an especially hot area of Houston’s Columbia Tap Trail, a former railroad route repurposed as a hike/bike trail in 2009.

They spoke to local TV reporters. And Pettitt spearheaded the design of a 3D heat model of Houston, constructed by nonprofit makerspace TXRX Labs and funded by Rotary clubs in District 5890 and the convention’s Host Organization Committee. Using overhead projection, colored lights were cast on 68 buildings and their surroundings, making it easy to distinguish hot spots from cooler areas. “Our mission extends beyond Houston’s borders,” Pettitt says. “We hope to encourage Rotary clubs everywhere to embrace environmental initiatives and prioritize the health of their communities.”

in 2017, then-Mayor Sylvester Turner launched climate resiliency plans spotlighting the need for Houston to address heat islands, including through tree planting, with a goal of 4.6 million new native trees by 2030, prioritizing underserved neighborhoods. The plans emphasize the need to protect vulnerable communities and call for light-colored and green roofs, lighter-colored pavement, and more vegetation, for starters.

Last July, the Green Building Resource Center added a new display: It’s now the permanent home for the heat island model that debuted at the Rotary Convention. The model is surrounded by signs about the causes of hot spots: areas with homogeneous building design,

wide parking surfaces, little vegetation, and roads and highways.

And there are suggestions on how to establish cool corridors. “This is exactly what I want Rotary to do,” Pettitt says. He envisions the Columbia Tap Trail as a linear park, shaded by trees and structures for its entire 4 miles. “There’s elderly folks right now that get on that trail to get to the corner store or the laundromat and it’s just blazing hot, but it has great potential, if done right, to be a cool corridor.”

Last summer, when strolling around his neighborhood, Pettitt saw something that stopped him in his tracks. Two houses were being built. But this time, work crews weren’t cutting trees down. They were saving them. “I was so shocked,” says Pettitt.

The architect designing the homes, Donna Kacmar, is known for her focus on the environment and use of sustainable materials. Still, she says the decision to save vegetation ultimately falls to the property owner, in this case, a woman who grew up on the site and loves the trees. “Trees help everybody,” Kacmar says. “They keep the house cooler. They’re beautiful to look at. They keep the street cooler.”

Everywhere you look in Houston, some kind of effort aimed at sustainability is taking shape. Discovery Green, which opened in 2008, is an early success story: Two massive parking lots were transformed into a lush, 12-acre urban park, complete with shade trees, a water park, a performance space, and a pond. About a mile away is Post Houston, a new, gargantuan post office-turned-food hall/office space/entertainment venue with a 5-acre rooftop park and organic farm. Greentown Labs, which says it is the largest climate tech startup incubator in North America, set up shop in Houston in 2021. Renewable energy now powers all municipal buildings. And, in a car-centric town, bike lanes now cover more than 400 miles.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 25-28, 2024: District Conference, Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando (\$225 All-Inclusive Registration; hotel \$159 + tax & fees)
- May 3: Service Project - serve dinner to the homeless at HEP, partnering with Waterside
- May 11: Trash Pick-up; 7:45-9:15am; corner of Curlew & Alt. 19; bags, pickers and gloves supplied

UPCOMING MEETING DETAILS				
Date	Invocator	Greeters	Pledge & 5-Way Test	Speaker
4/17	Tom Miller	Jaquelin Nuila, Tom Hribernik	Teresa Cordova O’Dea	
4/24	Douglas Oppenheimer	Kris Gray, Dick Spong	Jay LeFebvre	
5/1	John Tornga	Jay Pitts, Jennifer Bullock	Mary Beth Carroll	