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2022-2023 LEADERSHIP

- President: Gary Coughlin
- PP/Vice President: John Tornga
- President-Elect: Doug Campbell
- President-Nominee: Candice Kelly
- Secretary: Mark Middleton
- Treasurer: Mel Ora
- Directors: Angie Eisele, Kris Gray, Alan Gustafson, Dr. Bill Huntley, Candice Kelly, Jay LeFebvre, Teresa Cordova O'Dea, Dick Spong, Steve Schwartz
- Sergeant-at-Arms: JoAnn Rooney
- Foundation Chair: Welch Agnew, Alan Gustafson
- Admin Chair: Sherrie Davis Kinkead
- Membership Chair: Graham Muir
- Service Chairs: Becky Stein, Rob Walker
- PR Chair: Candice Kelly
- Programs: Jay LeFebvre

MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

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

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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 May 3, 2023 – Sherrie Davis Kinkead

Kert Rhodes was our lone greeter as he released Jay LeFebvre from his contract—LOL. Priscilla Hoag gave the invocation and John Tornga led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance* and finished our meeting with *The 5-Way Test*. We had no visitors.

HAPPY BUCKS: Mark Middleton thanked all who went to district training assembly, then pitched the District Conference where he will present his Honduras Water Project on Friday, May 19, 10 am. JoAnn Rooney also praised the assembly and enjoyed seeing former member, Robin Kocher, who attended for her club. Candice Kelly dittoed the sentiments; another big plus—carpooling with JoAnn and finding out how much they have in common, including being foodies. Tom Miller apologized for missing a few weeks; he thanked members for reaching out and has decided our club is a good fit! We are so glad, because we would certainly miss groaning at your jokes. Additionally, he accepted a new position with Raymond James as a compliance advisor. Angie broke a mirror after putting on her make-up this morning, but is positive she'll have good luck on the drawing; she found Richard's tickets and returned them without even switching. Delonyx Cortez reported that he and Gary Coughlin had a great time fishing with the kids. He talked Gary into helping with the understanding Gary would not need to touch anything, but Gary was stuck with cutting squid for bait the entire day. Oops! Jay LeFebvre played music at the VA and now does it for Hospice. Flo, a patient, recently passed away and after asking the family to tell him about Flo, he found out that she eloped in 1942 and her husband was killed on the first wave into Normandy. John Tornga said Rob Walker sent his best as he had to kiss this morning because of a conference call; and the morning news told of a drug that reduced symptoms of Alzheimer's by 35%. Priscilla Hoag's granddaughter graduates from Syracuse Law School on May 5. Mary Beth Carroll thanks all who have been active with Rotary while she could not and is thrilled to now be able to attend each Wednesday morning. Dave Wylde went to the assembly's Boot Camp for New Members and he is playing on the upcoming Charity Scramble. Jay Pitts is glad Kert doesn't wear his current outfit every week. Kert Rhopdes gave the good news that we are maxed out on players at 120. Gary Coughlin has so much fun at the YMCA kids' fishing event that he plans to have us involved with the YMCA Triathlon in August.

– Time to Groan w/Jokes from Tom –

How do you tell the difference between a terrorist and an underwriter? You can negotiate with a terrorist. Tom was told to go in early to watch the office and now is on season 6. Lastly, You Tube, Twitter and Facebook are joining together and will be known as You Twit Face.



50-50: Good deeds helping kids must pay off as Delonyx Cortez, rather than Angie, held the matching ticket for a chance to draw from the deck. But a 4 only brought \$4, so better luck next time.

PROGRAM: PE Doug Campbell reported on things learned at the district training assembly and his plans to implement ideas next year in our club. Instead of raising money, then determining who gets the money, we need to select the non-profits first and call on their support with promoting. Watch for ideas from the sports world to filter in, with one being drafting of teams to complete. Look for strategies on growing the club and small service projects that we can do monthly during our meeting. 100% participation is our goal, as every member can play a part somehow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Our golf tournament is just a little over a week out. Ramon Garcia and Rick Lawrence will have their golf carts on hand to help the T-Box sponsors get to their location and set-up tents, etc. All volunteers should arrive by 10 am.

Trash pick-up is the following morning and only 10 have signed up so far. Please consider coming out at 7:45am, corner of Curlew and Alt 19 in the parking lot behind the gas station. It's a perfect time to get kids, spouses and friends to help.

Our end-of-the-year installation will be moved as the June 28 meeting moves to the Dunedin Blue Jays stadium for a tour. Jay LeFebvre worked long and hard to get a tour scheduled and this was the only date available. I'm sure no one minds as this will be a great off-site meeting.

FL MINUTE W/DR. BILL: This week almost sounded political as Dr. Bill focused on Florida



boundaries. But he meant geographic boundaries, not political. Ballast Key is the most southern, a spot on the Perdido River is the most western. Palm Beach Shores can claim the most eastern and I missed the most northern. Dr. Bill mentioned Man Key, not too far from Ballast Key, but my map research shows Woman Key is closer and further west.

The Start of CART

Over nearly two decades, South Carolina Rotarian Roger Ackerman and his wife, Deane, had watched their “Mother Love” — Deane’s mom and Ackerman’s mother-in-law, Rae Wodis — slowly lose herself to the disease. In the last four years of her life, she lost the ability to communicate. She couldn’t remember who her family was.

“I cannot give you an adjective to describe the heartbreak to a family to see someone you love absolutely in a living-death status,” Ackerman recounted during a Rotary presentation in 2013. “Can you imagine not being able to tell someone that you’re hungry? That you need to go to the bathroom? That your throat hurts? Things that we do every day and take for granted. No one should have to do that.”

During the time that his mother-in-law was suffering, he couldn’t find research that gave him hope for an end to the disease, or even a way to treat it. That meant that other families were bound for the same tragic road he’d gone down, and that pained him.

That’s when the early-morning inspiration hit. Ackerman had been fast asleep in his bed in Sumter, South Carolina. The day before, he’d had lunch with a friend, who had told him that \$8 billion to \$9 billion in coins changed hands every day in America. He jolted out of bed, realizing that pocket change could be the key to a cure.

Ackerman waited for the sun to rise and then called the president and president-elect of his Rotary club. He explained his vision. He wanted the effort to be straightforward: Place a little blue bucket on a table and ask Rotarians to toss in their pocket change at each meeting. It would be called the Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust Fund, or the CART Fund, and all money would go to research grants.

The club’s board of directors took it to a vote and unanimously agreed to start a trial program in late 1995. In seven months, the initiative raised \$4,200.

RI Convention is sure to inspire PE Doug

The keynote speakers at the 2023 Rotary International Convention are transforming health care, rethinking cities, advancing the cause of peace, and working to protect our environment. They share a vision of a more sustainable, equitable world. When they take the stage in Melbourne, Australia, 27-31 May, they’ll tell how that vision can be realized — not just in the years to come, but right now.

LEYMAH GBOWEE: She’s a 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate and champion of women’s rights. Gbowee led a nonviolent movement that helped end a 14-year-long civil war in Liberia. She has lived in a refugee camp, worked as a counselor for child soldiers and currently sits on the United Nations Secretary-General’s High Level Advisory Board on Mediation. She’s the founder and current president of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa and serves as the executive director of the Gender, Law and Transformative Peace Initiative of the City of New York (CUNY) School of Law, USA. She was a founding member and Liberia coordinator of the Women in Peacebuilding Network, a program of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom.

SELLO HATANG: He’s the Chief Executive of the Nelson Mandela Foundation. He participated in the post-1994 transformation of South Africa’s National Archives, including providing archival support for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He is a member of the editorial team for Nelson Mandela’s book “Conversations with Myself” and a 2014 Archbishop Tutu Fellow. He has summited Mount Kilimanjaro four times to help keep girl children in school.

MARÍA BJÖRK INGVAÐÓTTIR: She is a journalist, TV personality and voice of compassion. She’s served as the managing director and CEO of the Icelandic media company N4 for the past eight years and worked for RUV, the Icelandic national television station, prior to that. She also spent years as a social worker, helping disabled children in Norway and Iceland.

ESTHER RUTH MBABAZI: She documents changing social, physical and emotional conditions on the African continent. A self-taught documentary photographer based in Kampala, Uganda, she’s a National Geographic Explorer, a Magnum Foundation Photography and Social Justice Fellow, and a contributor to Everyday Africa. She’s received grants from the Pulitzer Center, National Geographic, the Magnum Foundation and the International Women’s Media Foundation.

GREGORY ROCKSON: He’s revolutionizing health care in Africa through mPharma, the company he co-founded at age 22. mPharma uses data analytics and innovative inventory services to reduce the cost of



pharmaceuticals while preserving quality. As CEO, Rockson has overseen the Ghana-based company’s expansion to eight other African countries. mPharma now owns leading pharmacy chains in Kenya, Nigeria, and Uganda, and has become the largest operator of community pharmacies in Sub-Saharan Africa. In partnership with over 1,000 hospitals and pharmacies, the company has helped more than 2 million people save on medications.

NAKEEYAT DRAMANI SAM: She’s a 10-year-old climate change activist and poet. She’s the youth ambassador for the Climate Vulnerable Forum and spoke for Ghana at COP27 in Egypt. “Have a heart and do the math,” she told delegates there. “It’s an emergency.” Sam won the “Ghana Talented Kid” competition at the age of 7 and has been honored as a Young Peace Ambassador in her country. She’s the author of the book “Nakeeyat Trees for Life” and is currently working on her next project, “One Tree, One Child.”

CHANTAL VALLÉE: She’s the first woman in basketball history to be named as both head coach and general manager of a men’s professional team — the Hamilton, Ontario Honey Badgers. Previously, as head coach of the Lancers women’s basketball team at the University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, she received over 20 “Coach of the Year” awards. She developed seven professional players and one Olympian, and maintained a winning percentage of over 80%.

The convention will also showcase entertainment including The Tenors, the international vocal group made up of Victor Micallef, Clifton Murray, Alberto Urso, and Mark Masri. Their operatic pop style encompasses a mix of new songs and such classics as “Forever Young,” “Nessun Dorma” and “Hallelujah.” Also appearing will be The Greatest Show, a group of vocalists, dancers, circus artists, and musical theater performers brought together by choreographer Chantelle Fava.

Rotary members around the world will come together in Melbourne to forge new relationships and get inspired. Thanks to a world-class lineup of speakers, they’ll also find plenty of new ideas to take home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 12: Dunedin Charity Classic Golf Tournament**
- **May 13: Trash Pickup (Alt 19/ Curlew, 7:45-9:15)**
- **May 17: Board Meeting**
- **May 19-20: District Conference – (Saddlebrook Resort)**

| UPCOMING MEETING DETAILS | | | | |
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| Date | Invocator | Greeters | Pledge & 5-Way Test | Speaker |
| 5/10 | Gary Coughlin | Kris Gray, Jody Craig | Rob Walker | Shhhhh! It’s a secret! |
| 5/17 | Becky Stein | Ramon Garcia, Lynne Faimalie | Jennifer Bullock | |