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— OUR VISION —

Our vision is to cultivate a **SOCIAL, FUN AND INCLUSIVE** Rotary club where every member feels **VALUED AND MOTIVATED** to drive **MEANINGFUL CHANGE** and be a **CORNERSTONE OF SERVICE**, locally and globally.



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2023-2024 LEADERSHIP

- President: Candice Kelly
- PP/Vice President: Doug Campbell
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- President-Elect Nominee: Tom Miller
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- Treasurer: Rob Walker
- Directors: 1-Yr: Bill Huntley, Kris Gray, Open; 2-Yr: Mel Ora, Jaquelin Nuila, Teresa Cordova O'Dea; 3-Yr: JoAnn Rooney, Tom Miller, Jay LeFebvre
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- Foundation Chair: Steve Schwartz
- Admin Chair: Candice Kelly
- Membership Chair: Gary Coughlin
- Service Chair: Open
- PR/PI Chair: Sherrie Davis Kinhead
- Programs: Jay LeFebvre

MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

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

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Friends, family and others are
welcome at our meetings and
volunteer opportunities.

Don't count on Spell Check for these

Misusing "Your" and "You're"

One of the most prevalent grammar mistakes is the confusion between "your" and "you're." "Your" is a possessive pronoun, used to show ownership or possession, such as "your car" or "your book." On the other hand, "you're" is a contraction of "you are." It is used when referring to someone's identity or state of being, such as "you're amazing" or "you're talented." Remember, "your" indicates possession, while "you're" means "you are."

Mixing Up "There," "Their," and "They're"

Another common grammar mistake involves the misuse of "there," "their," and "they're." "There" is an adverb used to indicate a place or location, such as "The store is over there." "Their" is a possessive pronoun, used to show ownership or possession, such as "Their house is beautiful." Lastly, "they're" is a contraction of "they are," used when referring to a group of people, such as "They're going to the park." It's crucial to understand the difference between these three words to avoid confusion in your writing.

Confusing "Its" and "It's"

The distinction between "its" and "it's" is another common grammar mistake that often goes unnoticed. "Its" is a possessive pronoun, used to show ownership or possession by something neutral, such as "The dog wagged its tail." On the other hand, "it's" is a contraction of "it is" or "it has." For example, "It's a beautiful day outside" or "It's been a long week." Remember, "its" indicates possession, while "it's" means "it is" or "it has."

Improper Use of "Effect" and "Affect"

The misuse of "effect" and "affect" is a common grammar mistake that can be confusing. "Effect" is a noun that refers to the result or consequence of something, such as "The medication had a positive effect on her health." On the other hand, "affect" is a verb that means to influence or produce a change, such as "The loud noise affected his concentration." Remember, "effect" is a noun, while "affect" is a verb.

Overusing Apostrophes

Apostrophes are often misused, leading to grammar mistakes. One common error is using an apostrophe to indicate a plural form, such as "banana's" or "carrot's." Apostrophes should only be used to indicate possession or contraction. For example, "The cat's toy" or "It's a beautiful day." Avoid using apostrophes for plural nouns to ensure grammatical correctness.

Incorrect Subject-Verb Agreement

Subject-verb agreement is crucial for maintaining grammatical accuracy. However, it is a common area where mistakes occur. The subject of a sentence must agree with the verb in number. For example, "The dog barks" (singular subject) and "The dogs bark" (plural subject). Ensure that the verb matches the subject to avoid subject-verb agreement errors in your writing.

Misplacing "Only" in a Sentence

The placement of "only" in a sentence can significantly impact its meaning. Misplacing "only" can lead to confusion and misinterpretation. For example, consider the difference between "I only love pizza" and "I love only pizza." In the first sentence, it implies that pizza is the only thing you love, while the second suggests that you love pizza exclusively. Pay attention to the placement of "only" to convey your intended meaning accurately.

Using "Then" Instead of "Than"

Another common grammar mistake is using "then" instead of "than." "Then" is an adverb used to indicate time or sequence, such as "We went to the park, and then we had lunch." On the other hand, "than" is a conjunction used to make comparisons, such as "She is taller than her sister." Be cautious when using these words to ensure that you are conveying the correct meaning in your writing.

Misusing Commas

Commas are essential for indicating pauses and separating elements in a sentence. However, they are often misused, resulting in incorrect punctuation. One common mistake is the misuse of the comma splice, which occurs when two independent clauses are joined by a comma alone. For example, "She loves to read, she spends hours at the library." To correct this error, you can use a coordinating conjunction (and, but, or) or separate the clauses into two sentences. Understanding the proper usage of commas is essential for maintaining the clarity and coherence of your writing.

Confusing "Lose" and "Loose"

The confusion between "lose" and "loose" is a common grammar mistake that can alter the meaning of a sentence. "Lose" is a verb meaning to misplace or be unable to find something, such as "I don't want to lose my keys." On the other hand, "loose" is an adjective indicating something not firmly or tightly fastened, such as "His shoelaces are loose." Be mindful of the distinction between these words to avoid grammatical errors in your writing.

In conclusion, grammar mistakes can happen to anyone, regardless of their proficiency in language. By familiarizing ourselves with these ten common grammar mistakes, we can strive to improve our grammar skills and enhance our overall communication abilities. Remember to pay attention to the proper usage of words, punctuation, and subject-verb agreement to ensure that our messages are clear, accurate, and easily understood.

Meeting Notes from July 24 – Sherrie Davis Kinkead

DUTIES: Greeters: Jaquelin N, Rick L; Invocation: Priscilla H; *Pledge of Allegiance* and “5”-Way Test: Rob W; “Emcee”: Prez Candice K

VISITORS: Patrick Coughlin (Gary)

FEATURED QUOTE: “Each act of kindness creates a ripple of hope and compassion, reminding us that true fulfillment comes from making a positive impact on the world around us.”

HAPPY BUCK TIDBITS OF NOTE: Dick returned from Ohio’s left-handed golf tournament and finished 2nd in his age division where a 93-yr-old, once on a major league in St. Pete, beat him. Steve is gutting his second floor and loving out of boxes. Sherrie is overseeing her husband in cleaning all the garage cabinets and drawers and wonders why men must have so many tools. (Bill has one word to explain that... SHOES!) Tom received lots of congrats upon his engagement to Leah! Douglas is begging for more trash pickers on August 10—please sign up! JoAnn’s husband was gone three days for a golf tournament in Milwaukee and lost in sudden death when his opponent’s ball dropped into the cup from 160 yards away. Jimmy Pitts has a birthday this week and dad Jay reports all our messages make a difference as he serves in the Navy. Candice’s real estate organization gives \$1000 monthly to The Pineapple Projects, who just furnished Habitat-Pasco’s 900th home. Angie explained her dress and early departure because her company is having “Summerfest” and requested employees represent different countries. Rob is once again experiencing one of the happiest days in life, the purchase of a new boat. Gary likes torturing his son with Dad Jokes, which is fair because Patrick gave him the book. Lots of other praise for members, such as Doug’s ice cream social, JoAnn’s sponsoring of an ice cream flavor, Sherrie’s Northern Lights and Mel’s knowledge of accounting.

50-50: Sherrie Davis Kinkead got a chance to draw and netted \$10 for a Queen.



PROGRAM: Stop the Movement, an organization that addresses human trafficking, has an outreach program to women experiencing homelessness and gives bags of hope to start the conversation. Today, our members donated needed supplies and filled three large bins with assembled Bags of Hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Pet Fashion Show is planned for February. We need a clever name for the event. Please send suggestions to JoAnn or Kris.

There is a 3-Dunedin club social planned July 31, HOB, 6-8pm.

Area 4 has a baseball social planned for Aug. 7, 6:30pm, when Dunedin Blue Jays has \$2 Ticket Night.

Trash Pick-up is Aug. 10. Steve will be at McDonald’s at 7:15am if anyone wants to join him for breakfast.

Rotary Rays Day is August 17. \$10 of every ticket goes for PolioPlus. Tickets are \$50 or \$200, depending on seat selection and if bought before 8/3, purchaser will receive a hat.

Congratulations to Jay and Cathy for 37 years of marriage tomorrow (7/25/24).

The memorial service for Dick’s son on Aug. 3 at the Cove Cay golf course will have music by the Dunedin chorus’ piano player and one of the singers.

Jay LeFebvre has no news on a new date for our golf tournament, which we hope can be the first tournament after the club reopens in November.

Did you know?



Rotary clubs designed a club banner that was used in exchanges when visiting other Rotary clubs. Those who traveled always remembered to ask for one of ours if they planned on attending a Rotary meeting, especially in a different country. Kudos to Jay, who recently brought back one from Hyderabad, India, when he visited his daughter.

Are you traveling soon? Be sure to ask for our banner before you travel.

Zone Zooms for PI and Membership

Rotary Zones 33 & 34 have weekly Zoom instructional sessions focused on various topics. Public Image is Zoomed on the third Tuesday beginning at 6pm. Membership is Zoomed on the second Monday beginning at 5:30pm. Both can be accessed from a link on the DACdb calendar.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 31: membership Committee meeting, 8:30am
- July 31: Fifth Wednesday 3-Clubs Social: HOB, 6-8pm
- Aug. 7: Area 4 Ballgame Social; 6:30pm, Dunedin Blue Jays stadium
- Aug 10: Trash Pick-up; 7:45-9:15am; corner of Curlew & Alt. 19; bags, pickers and gloves supplied
- Aug 17: Rotary Rays Day; Rays vs. Arizona; 4:10pm; \$50 or \$200 and include Rays Rotary-branded hat for early ticket buyers (Tickets must be purchased by Aug. 3)
- Oct. 24: World Polio Day

UPCOMING MEETING DETAILS

Date	Invoker	Greeters	Pledge & 5-Way Test	Speaker
7/31	Sherrie Davis Kinkead	Marc Banning, Douglas Oppenheimer	Jennifer Bullock	Jolley Trolley
8/7	Jay Pitts	JoAnn Rooney, John Tornga	Rick Lawrence	Robert DuBoise, who was released years after wrongful murder conviction
8/14		Jennifer Bullock		