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**Rotary**  
Club of Dunedin North



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## 2023-2024 LEADERSHIP

- President: Doug Campbell
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- President-Elect: Candice Kelly
- President-Nominee: Rob Walker
- Secretary: Sherrie Davis Kinkad
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- Directors: 1-Yr: Alan Gustafson, Jay LeFebvre, Dick Spong; 2-Yr: Candice Kelly, Bill Huntley, Kris Gray; 3-Yr: Mel Ora, Jaquelin Nuila, Teresa Cordova O'Dea
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Tom Miller
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- Admin Chair: Sherrie Davis Kinkad
- Membership Chair: Delonyx Cortez
- Service Chair: Becky Stein
- PR Chair: Candice Kelly
- Programs: Jay LeFebvre

## MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

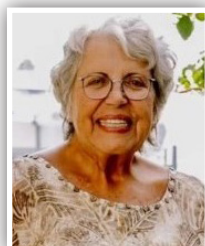
7:30-8:30 am on Wednesdays  
Dunedin Golf Club, 1050 Palm Blvd.

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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.

## An Exceptional Service for an Exceptional Woman



Saturday, August 26, a memorial service was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church for Lynne Edelman Faimalie. Lynne's impact on those she knew and loved extended widely. Those who came to remember and celebrate Lynne were a diverse crowd: Black, Hispanic, white, young, old, siblings, students, children of friends, teachers, cruise mates and Rotarians. Mark, her son, spoke first about Lynne's support and guidances, being not only a mother but his best friend. He remembered that she spent every night in the hospital by his side while undergoing chemo and radiation for her breast cancer when he broke his leg in several places at age 12. When doctors told him he would never run again, Lynne was there, encouraging him with each step until he proved them wrong. Her half-brother told about Lynne moving to Houston so she could be near and help her mother and step-family after her mother was diagnosed with cancer until she died 4 years later. Lynne showed up with food or drove friends to appointments without being asked. When her graduating class of Clearwater High 1968 met for their 30th reunion planning, she suggested rather than celebrating high school accomplishments and accolades that they create a scholarship fund to help future graduates from Clearwater High, and since then, over \$20,000 in scholarships have been awarded. Her former husband, Lance, and Mark's father told the story of meeting Lynne in New Zealand and 7 months later, when Lynne was returning to the US, she asked him if he would come to the US and marry her. About a month later, he received a large envelope with three inner envelopes. The first held a work VISA. The second a flight ticket to the US. The third was a wedding announcement of their marriage, which would take place at the Unitarian church we were in today. As Lance said, American women don't mess around! Then he sang a song Lynne always requested that he sing to her, Elvis' *Can't Help Falling in Love*, which brought tears to many eyes. A principal who was with the school system for 33 years told how she encouraged him to go back to school so he could teach when he expressed that he wanted a change. This editor thought of Lynne's stories about giving treats to the attendants and pilots on flights, and most recently, when extremely sick from chemo, Lynne took donuts to the medical staff when receiving IV fluids. Story after story about Lynne's kindness, encouragement and guiding light was told.

Back in April, Lynne designated four new PHFs with points she had earned. Melissa, Mark's wife, and their children, Ava and AJ, were recipients along with a friend named Karen Glidden. Sherrie went with the mission of getting Mark's and Karen's emails so we could arrange a time to present the pin and certificates in a meaningful way. She saw Mark when walking into the service and was able to get his email. But not knowing what Karen looked like, she knew it may be more difficult to find her. She was not one of the friends who spoke at the service, so Sherrie went to the Fellowship Hall hoping that someone could point her out. Recognizing one of the speakers, Sherrie headed that way but stopped due to the crowd. To make small talk with a woman standing near, Sherrie reported that she was on a mission for find someone. The woman said, "Who? Maybe I can help." When Sherrie replied with Karen's name, the woman said, "That's me." Sherrie admits it took about a minute before she could speak without crying, knowing Lynne was still directing everything for her friends. Lynne had contacted Karen about giving a program to our club and probably would have given her the PHF at that time. Sherrie promised to follow up on the program and any plans for PHF presentations.



## Meeting Notes from August 23, 2023 – Sherrie Davis Kinkad

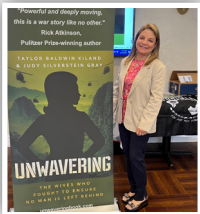
**DUTIES:** Greeters: Mel O, Dr. Jay P; Invocation: Mark M; *Pledge of Allegiance* and "5"-Way Test: Rick L; "Emcee": Prez Doug C

**VISITORS:** Barry Poppel (RC of Trinity), Ingrid Rea (Jay L), Judy Gray (speaker)

**HAPPY BUCKS:** .Drew G - gave his luck buck so with no more money, no more problems. JoAnn R- saw grandson over the weekend; will attend Lynne Faimalie's funeral on Saturday, 2pm, Unitarian Church on 2470 Nursery. Teresa CO - went to CO class reunion, which was wonderful, but fell on her face getting out of a car. Mary Beth C - attended 7am mass on Aug

15, where she tried to stay anonymous, but after failing to turn off her alarm, the phone announced her presence with “Here Comes the Sun.” Mel O - taking over for Tom, he told about debauched brothers; one died and the other asked to pastor to preach and would make a hefty donation, but the pastor had to call his brother a saint; the pastor agreed, but at his funeral, he said, “This brother was a rotten, terrible person, but compare to the other brother, he was a saint.” John T - wore the new Rotary T-shirt; gave news that Manny K is in rehab with vertigo. Steve S - celebrated his anniversary of being born and partied well. Candice K - missed last week because of a couple of leadership meetings, including one in Chicago; still shaking after dropping her son off at school (hence her lateness) and being cut off, then stopping inches from a car who decided to cut in front of her; her mother, who normally arrives to get her son ready and to school, is in GA with her best friend, which makes Candice realize how important help is and how thankful she is for her mother. Sherrie DK - trip to NC was great as she and siblings, with 3 spouses, celebrated her younger brother’s birthday and retirement at an Airbnb near Chapel Hill; she also stayed with her daughter and enjoyed Bojangles with granddaughter #2. Rob W - headed to Grand Rapids for his son;s wedding on Friday. Tom M - back from his Canadian fishing trip with his two OLDER brothers, where they caught over 100 fish; he reports the best way to Canada is the Northern Pike. Chuck C - his grandson’s death after being hit by a car one year and three days ago brought about a crosswalk on Belleair Road to prevent future accidents; he realizes that people have many families - his include the Dunedin Golf Club employees, the golf club members, his church families and this Rotary club, which makes him feel blessed everyday; as Chuck likes to say, three reasons that get him up early are sex, golf and Rotary!

**50-50 CARD DECK:** . Steve Schwartz thought sure he would pull the Ace, but once again it eludes and Steve only receives \$3.



**PROGRAM:** Judy Gray, a former Tampa Bay Tribune reporter, helped write a book , *Unwavering*, on how wives pushed to break the silence surrounding POWs in the Vietnam war. Wives were told not to comment on missing soldiers during a time when POWs became a political bargaining tool. Families did not receive services or counseling and many had to leave the base when a soldier was missing. During those years, a woman could not get credit on her own. Through the efforts of many wives who stood up, the armed services protocol has changed to ensure no soldier is left behind.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Rob W reminded everyone to get their dues payments in.

John T spoke to Patt Miles, who will recommend that those in charge of Dunedin Wines the Blues on Nov. 11 will keep us in mind for the beer and wine tents.

## Dunedin Cares hires new executive director

Congratulations to Kristina Garcia, the new executive director at the Dunedin Cares Community Food Pantry. Prior to this, Garcia served on the nonprofit’s board and volunteered for six years. According to the new executive director, the pantry has seen a significant increase in clients who have jobs but can’t afford the high supermarket food prices, forcing the pantry to work harder to keep up its supply.

## Board Meeting Notes from Aug. 23

Two members requested and were granted a leave of absence: Graham Muir, whose work commitments with Publix keeps him from attending regularly, and Ramon Garcia, who looks after an out-of-state relative. Amanda Dyer will change from an Active member to an Honorary member. Those on leave pay an amount that covers RI and district dues. Honorary members do not pay dues nor have rights of Rotary membership but are expected to help with service projects and fundraisers. Both pay meals when they are able to attend. Sherrie Davis Kinkead will be acting secretary until a permanent replacement can be found for Ramon.

Barry Poppel presented the Pure Water for the World project to rehabilitate WASH infrastructure and integrate WASHFIT at Quebrada Larga and El Sarzel Health Care facilities in Danli, Honduras. He wants Dunedin North to join the Rotary Club of Danli, Honduras in raising money and applying

for district and RI matching grants for the \$100,000 project. If our club can raise \$33,000, with help from other clubs, then we can apply for a minimum of 100% match from the district and a 80% match from RI. If we cannot use the DNR Endowment Foundation for donations, Barry offered the Trinity Foundation. The money will be kept separate and returned to us to use for the matching grants. Barry, Mark Middleton and district water chair Stephanie Zaragoza will visit other clubs and pitch the project to help raise funds. This is a follow-up to an earlier club program on another Honduras project when the club expressed interest in participating in raising funds. We have a 5K Race planned in April that Mark Middleton is working on. Gary Coughlin made a motion, seconded by Alan Gustafson, to move forward and support the Pure Water for the World project by raising \$33,000 and applying for the grants. The motion passed.

## Sept. is Basic Education and Literacy Month

Throughout September, Rotary International directs its focus to “Basic Education and Literacy Month”, a time of “intentionality” in recognizing education’s crucial role in shaping a better future.

Education is more than words on a page; it empowers individuals and uplifts entire communities, breaking barriers and Creating Hope in the World. Rotary’s deliberate spotlight on education underscores its power in creating positive change.

During this month, we also acknowledge that many, especially children, lack access to quality education and struggle with literacy. The members of District 6950 are on the frontline, actively driving change. Whether reading to children or supporting educational projects, we’re making an impact, step by step.

Basic Education and Literacy Month is a call to action for all of us. Through volunteering, advocacy, or supporting educational initiatives, every contribution matters. Our collective efforts shape a brighter future, ensuring every child has the chance to thrive.

As we celebrate Basic Education and Literacy Month, let’s share and embrace the message: education transforms lives. By doing so, we invest intentionally in a future that shines brighter for all.

### UPCOMING MEETING DETAILS

Date	Invocator	Greeters	Pledge & 5-Way Test	Speaker
9/6	Tom Miller	Alan Gustafson, Rick Lawrence	Becky Stein	Rob Walker, Oceanography
9/13	TBD	Teresa Cordova O’Dea, Kris Gray	TBD	Mike Sullivan, Sunshine State Sonar