

# The Northern Light A publication of the Rotary Club of Dunedin North



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Club of Dunedin North

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- Membership Chair: Mark Middleton
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- · PR Chair: Candice Kelly
- · Programs: Jay LeFebvre

#### **MEETING TIME/LOCATION:**

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

#### **MAILING ADDRESS:**

PO Box 307, Dunedin, FL 34697

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.

# **Board Meeting Notes from Sept. 20**

We received a \$100 donation as a memorial gift fro Lynne Faimalie. The board approved giving the donation to Paul's Project, at our Nov. 18 meeting, when Karen Glidden will present a program on the non-profit. Lynne made Karen a PHF in April before she died and was working to schedule a date when Karen could present a program.

Delonyx Cortez is leaving the club, necessitating replacing him as membership chair. Mark Middleton volunteered to serve, with help from Tom, Dick and Sherrie.

Jay LeFebvre received an invitation for the club to tour the Oceanography Institute in St. Pete. He will work on details of the tour with dinner after the tour for a club social. The board agreed to have a Christmas party this year with location and date to be worked out.

The district requested that the 5K Race fundraiser for the water project be moved so as not to interfere with the District Conference. The new date is planned for April 13.

The cornhole tournament has moved from October to Feb. 4 to allow for more planning and a possible football theme.

Kert Rhodes has resigned from the club but still plans to work with us on the May golf tournament at Innisbrook. Candice volunteered to head up the tournament for the club.

Jennifer Bullock gave the club approval to deliver flowers at Mease Life on Christmas Eve morning. Next step is contacting Random Acts of Flowers for the flower arrangements.

The Nov. 22 meeting is canceled for Thanksgiving, The Dec. 27 meeting is canceled for Christmas.

## Meeting Notes from September 13, 2023 - Sherrie Davis Kinkead

**DUTIES**: Greeters: Kris G., Teresa C.O.; Invocation: Priscilla H.; *Pledge of Allegiance* and "5"-Way Test: Doug C. standing in for Richard G.; "Emcee": Prez Doug C.



**VISITORS:** Ken Fleming and Mike Sullivan (speakers)

**HAPPY BUCKS:** Mel O. informed us it was his neighbor's birthday and had all sing "Happy Birthday" to Mary Beth C., who then gave a happy much bigger "buck"! Dick S. is headed to the football game in the Buckeye state and bragged that Ohio State was the third largest university in the US. Bill H. gave an important financial doc to Prez Doug (a Jet's Pizza coupon—LOL). Angie E. is happy for another trip around the sun (yes, there are a lot of Sept. birthdays).

Teresa C.O., always happy, gave a thank you, probably for surviving the storm with no damage to speak of. John T. and the Honor Flight made 3 TV stations (8, 10, 13), with Mark Wilson flying with the honorees; kudos to being on a golf course and having county government willing to stand up to FEMA; tell Dave Eggers congrats. Steve S. spent a vacation here and made an offer on a house they saw 3 years ago (so glad you chose Dunedin!). Priscilla H. spent 3 days in Titusville and Kennedy Space Center. JoAnn R. is sad Delonyx C. is leaving the area but happy over her upcoming trip to Italy tomorrow. Delonyx C. thanked all who helped with the Y's triathlon and special thanks to JoAnn and son Mike R., who interviewed the kids finishing such as one little girl who did the course with her mother was so excited to finish; he's now headed to St. Augustine to take a new position with the Y that allows him to move closer to family while getting a promotion. Bill H. suggested that he check out the St. Augustine Sunrise Rotary club. Candice K. attended an Angels Against Abuse meeting and became very emotional to be surrounded by so many people with big hearts; son is #1 golfer at his high school (those Dunedin North tournaments are paying off—LOL) and has his first match today; her son's father is buried in Bay Pines and his father was on the life-changing Honor Flight yesterday. Rob W. gave a shout-out to John T. and what

he does with Honor Flight; great to meet veterans who participate and see the amazing work done putting it together. Mel O. confirmed that participation is the best thing you'll ever do.

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**50-50 CARD DECK:** Rick Lawrence had some luck as his ticket matched th one drawn, but the card drawn was not the Ace of Spades, but did win him \$9 of the \$750 pot.

**PROGRAM:** Ken Fleming and Mike Sullivan find submerged vehicles of people who go missing... because they love the challenge and bringing closure to the families. A recent find was the car and remains of Karen Moore who went missing 2 days after taking out a restraining order against her husband 22 years ago. She failed to pick up her 8-yr-old daughter and was never heard from. Mike and another volunteer found her car in a canal next to the husband's office building. Robert Helphrey went missing 17 years ago on his way home from Peggy O'Neill's. Several attempts to search a retaining pond were stopped by the HOA, but persistence paid off when the car was found after they were allowed to search without scuba gear. The two do paying for expenses out of their own pocket, which amounts to thousands when factoring in equipment and travel. A 1988 Mercury is the oldest car found and they once located 44 cars in one weekend, with 22 in one pond.

**FL MINUTE:** Dr. Bill received a request to talk about *tillandsia usneoides*, aka Spanish moss, whose relative is the pineapple. The moss likes oak trees best and cedar trees next. Be careful with it around flames, because the plant gives off methane.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Delonyx is leaving the club as he received a promotion from YMCA and will move to the St. Augustine area. We wish him luck and hope he stays in touch and in Rotary. But his move leaves us short a Membership chair.

We also need someone to handle The Salvation Army bell ringing and Dunedin Wines the Blues volunteer recruitment and oversight (need 11+).

Sherrie is filling in as secretary but hopes another member can start training as a back-up for when she is out of town.

## Meeting Notes from September 20, 2023 - Sherrie Davis Kinkead

**DUTIES**: Greeters: Jennifer B., Mel O.; Invocation: John T.; *Pledge of Allegiance* and "5"-Way Test: Dick S.; "Emcee": Prez Doug C.



VISITORS: Paul Tater (Rob W.), who is a past member of the Ithaca (NY) Rotary club; Samantha "Sam" Mok (speaker

**HAPPY BUCKS:** When introduced, visitor Paul T. told about the Ithaca Rotary Club which numbered around 250 with lunch attendance averaging 80. He was proud that Rotary was more active than the Elks and Masons. Paul became interested in joining Rotary after he and his wife chaperoned Rotary Youth Exchange students for 2 years. Mark M. spoke to Manny K., who is

recovering from back surgery. Manny misses us but it now takes too long to get his pants on in the morning (Bill H. pointed out, Mark did not offer to help Manny with his pants). Mark M. also reminded us of DG Chris C.'s official visit on Oct. 4. David B. thanked Candice K. for FB Live of the meetings, which allows him to watch from Bangkok and other travel locations; he returned with his wife for the birth of their 2nd grandchild, due Oct. 17. John T. reported that Sherrie D. K. has AC again after more than a month. Becky S. did her first mentoring at the high school of a nice, young male student. Bill H.'s youngest is now financially independent from her parents. Jaquelin N.'s son received a promotion in the Navy. Priscilla H. is always happy to be at Rotary. Tom M. also mentors at the high school and is working with the team quarterback, a really good kid; tkudos to the team for their first victory. Jap p. returned from a visit overseas where he met Magnus, our former exchange student, in Copenhagen; educational progression is different in Denmark, where Magnus returned to finish high school, then served in the military and now is in college. Sherrie D. K. is happier than John T. that she now has AC; her husband surprised her by having her daughter, 2 brothers, sister, a brother-in-law and sister-in-law arrive from NC for a birthday weekend and celebration on Saturday at Hog Fish with family. Chuck C. interrupted the meeting to ask two members to remove their cars so that a large oak tree could be removed; the owners of the VW asked to leave it overnight Saturday after a wedding; Sunday morning, the



owners returned to find it under the oak. Tom M. reported that when he left his garage door up when cleaning it out, someone stole his large limbo stick, which elicited "how low can a person go?" (Let's groan!)

**50-50 CARD DECK:** . Becky S. tried her luck finding the pesky Ace of Spades, but even with Jay's help, she only pulled the 10 of Spades for \$10.



PROGRAM: Sam
Mok gave us the scoop
on THE ANNIKA
driven by Gainbridge
at Pelican, the LPGA
golf tournament
happening in Nov.
6-12. The tournament
has a \$3.25 million

purse and will be on live TV for the first time. Annika Sörenstam is an LPGA golfer with 90 victories in 15 years, who became known as "Mrs. 59" after breaking 60 in an official tournament. Volunteers can buy a \$65 Volunteer Package, which gives shirt, hat and free access to the course each day for an agreement to work a certain number of shifts during the event.

FL MINUTE: None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Board meeting after our regular meeting today.

Our club committed to at least 11 volunteers to serve wine and beer at Dunedin Wines the Blues, Nov. 11, 4:30-7:30pm at Area 3 in front of Casa Tina's.

A Peace Celebration is planned on Sept. 21, International Peace Day, at Weaver Park from 6-7:30pm.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct. 4: DG Official Visit
- Oct 18: Board Meeting
- Oct 24: World Polio Day
- Nov 11: Trash Pick-up; 7:45-9:15am; corner of Curlew & Alt. 19; bags, pickers and gloves supplied
- Nov 11: Dunedin Wines the Blues-Service Project; 4:30-7:30pm; beer & wine servers
- Nov 15: Board Meeting
- Nov 16: RI President Stephanie Urchick - details to come
- Nov 18: Service Project Program
- Nov 25: The Salvation Army bellringing begins; 10am - 8pm
- Dec 2: The Salvation Army bellringing; 10am - 8pm

UPCOMING MEETING DETAILS				
Date	Invocator	Greeters	Pledge & 5-Way Test	Speaker
9/27	Doug Campbell	Becky Stein, Dick Spong	Jay LeFebvre	Club Assembly
10/4	Angie Eisele	Rick Lawrence, John Tornga	Bill Huntley	DG Chris Cassela's Official Visit