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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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2024-2025 LEADERSHIP

- President: Candice Kelly
- PP/Vice President: Doug Campbell
- President-Elect: Rob Walker
- President-Elect Nominee: Tom Miller
- President-Elect Nominee Designate: Jay LeFebvre
- Secretary: Angie Eisele (meeting)
- 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
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Gary Coughlin
- Foundation Chair: Steve Schwartz
- Admin Chair: Candice Kelly
- Membership Chair: Gary Coughlin
- Service Chair: Open
- PR/PI Chair: Sherrie Davis Kinkead
- Programs: Jay LeFebvre

MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

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

MAILING ADDRESS:

PO Box 307, Dunedin, FL 34697

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



Throw-Back Pictures – Rotary Rays Day– 2003

Back in 2003, club members met in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church where we had a bus to take members to the ballgame. Searching through for picture of Carole Anne, which I didn't find, I found this one of Welch inside the dome and another of daughter Lainie and granddaughter, Ellie, who loved ballgames as much as Welch did.

Meeting Notes from November 20 – Sherrie Davis Kinkead

DUTIES: Greeters: Dick S, Steve S; Invocation: Mary Beth C; *Pledge of Allegiance* and “5”-Way Test: Doug C; Sgt-at-Arms: JoAnn R filling in for Gary; “Emcee”: Prez Candice K

VISITORS: None



SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

After John Tornga's comments over coins last week, Mary Beth Carroll presented PP John with a special Rotary coin featuring Paul Harris on one side and the 4-Way Test on the other. Needless to say, John was very touched and honored.

The City staff person, Kristyn, who opens the building and Marguerite, who prepares and serves our breakfast, were presented small gifts of appreciation for their exemplary service while at the Hale Center.

HAPPY BUCK TIDBITS OF NOTE: First, Candice thanked all for covering while she's missed Rotary the last few meetings. Mary Beth C - did a mileage “run” by plane to CA for an overnighter to see her daughter and two grandsons. Steve S - his marriage is in hot water after he bought a new hot water heater. Jay L - thank you to John, a father, husband, marine & Rotarian, for his service to our city. Dick S - spent last week at the LPGA on the Pelican Golf Course, which Nellie Korda, who lives in Bradenton, won; got to see Caitlin Clark, who brought the crowds and also has a nice swing; thanks to Candice for allowing him to park at her house close by. Sherrie DK - enjoy your family and friends today as you never know if you'll have them tomorrow; brought home by a cousin who went to the ER with pain and died two days later and a good friend who died from pancreatic cancer weeks after being diagnosed. Candice K - 124 families were helped by The Pineapple Projects; Gary heard her speak and commented on how she has changed with her years in our club from being quiet and reserved to speaking comfortably to crowds. Mel O - granddaughter 2 will join her sister at UF in January and become a Gator. Angie E - has a new granddoggie as her daughter adopted a 4-mo. rescue (part Pit, part Cane Corso), which joins the family of two kids and 3 cats in an apartment. Rob W - proud to receive an email stating that RC of Dunedin North has contributed the most to the CART fund this year to date. Doug C - dittoed what Sherrie said as his brother-in-law has pancreatic cancer and is expected to die by Christmas.



50-50: Rick Lawrence proved lucky again by holding the winning ticket, but he only drew a 7, which is better than a 2.

TRIBUTE TO CAROLE ANNE: Welch Agnew recently lost his wife, Carole Anne, who suffered from memory problems her last few years. She and Welch knew each other as kids, growing up with a bare field separating their childhood homes. Carole Anne was a year older, and was the fastest runner in school, which put her out of the reach for a romantic relationship. But they were good friends, with Carole Anne serving as his campaign manager when he ran for class president. She went to Baylor and Welch was enrolled at West

Point a year later. By now, they were truly nest door neighbors as her family completed their home on the empty lot. Obviously, she could not resist a man dressed in white at the senior Ring Hop, and after Welch graduated, they were married. Welch and his best friend went to flight school to delay going to Vietnam for 6 months, giving the couple and Welch's buddies some of the best times of their lives as they partied hard. Carole Ann did not drink, which was too bad (but sounds like a good person to have around when others do). All men returned from Vietnam and then went to Seal school. He taught at West Point for 3 years, then spent time in Spain and other European countries. After leaving the army, he started another career upon graduation from vet school and moved to Dunedin, taking a position to head Pinellas County Animal Services. He and Carole Anne have one daughter, Lainie, and several granddaughters. The memorial service will be at 2 pm on November 30 at the First Presbyterian Church.

PROGRAM: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rick Lawrence and volunteers will deliver poinsettias to assisted living facilities on December 7 and has a sign-up sheet for those who want to help.

Turkeys will be picked up and all supplies ready to assemble on Tuesday at 11am at the south end of the Hale Center. Families will pick them up from 1-6.

Plans for the vocational program's container are progressing, per Steve Schwartz.

Mark Middleton is almost done with the April 11th golf tournament's website.

The International Committee is meeting non Thursday, 4 pm.

The Salvation Army bell-ringing begins Saturday after Thanksgiving. Please volunteer via Sign Up Genius.

Meeting Notes from December 4 WE'RE BACK!!!!!!– Sherrie Davis Kinkead



DUTIES: Greeters: Marc Banning; Invocation: Tom M; Pledge of Allegiance and "5"-Way Test: Rick L; Sgt-at-Arms: Gary C; "Emcee": Prez Candice K

VISITORS: Terry Banning (Marc), Heather Gracy (Drew), Pam Ora (Mel), Erin Pooler (Candice), Chris Rosino and Keith Wilson (Mary Beth), Bob Gallo (Rob), Chuck Croasmun, Bryan Stern and Anna Kartashorn (program)

HAPPY BUCK TIDBITS OF NOTE: So much to be happy for as we have lots of visitors and a great program on

our first meeting back at the DGC. Several announcements during the happy buck time, such as Welch thanking us for our support during the past few years while he dealt with Carole Anne's memory problems and recent death. Priscilla's grandson is home from protecting the border with a promotion to 1st Lieutenant. Mel reported on our turkey project: 66 turkeys with 19 to DHMS, 15 to Mease Life staff, 3 to Pinellas County sheriffs, 3 to Shepherd's Village and others. Mary Beth introduced her friend, who moved to Dunedin, and Rob mentioned his guest is lined up for a future program on National Parks. Honorary member, Chuck Croasmun showed to get a look at the DGC, saying our Rotary meeting is one of the three things that get him to rise early in the morning.



50-50: Sherrie pulled a black Ace, but of clubs, so received a measly \$1.

PROGRAM: Bryan Stern of Grey Bull Rescue, kept us enthralled with tales of rescues. They go where others will not and have accomplished 12 jailbreaks from Russia. Careful strategy and planning, not guns, are needed for those missions. The group can often arrive on the scene to help before military or government gets approval to go, such as the fires in Mauii. They hold the record for people in a Black Hawk helicopter (33) after one rescue. They get behind the lines and become "friends" with the locals, which helps when a mission is planned. The group has 2 paid staff and the balance are volunteers. To date, they've accomplished 725 missions without any losses with 100% success rate.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Bellringing on Saturdays for the Salvation Army – use Sign-up Genius - link emailed.
2. Parade is on Dec. 14. Line up at 3pm.
3. Board meeting Thursday at Veskolini's, 8:30am.
4. Dec. 7 - 10am - meet Rick Lawrence at 110 New York Avenue to deliver poinsettias.
5. Need servers this Friday at HEP from 2:30 - 4.
6. Christmas Party plans will be discussed at the board meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Dec 14: The Salvation Army Bellringing - 10a-8p**
- **Dec 14: Dunedin Christmas Parade, 4p (arrive by 3:30p)**
- **Dec 21: Board Meeting after our regular meeting - 8:30a**
- **Jan 3: HEP Meal Service Project, 2-4:30p**
- **Jan 29: Fifth Wednesday 3-Club Social - Dunedin Wine at the Docks, 6p**
- **Feb. 16: Pampered Pets Runway Strut; Pioneer Park**
- **Feb 19: Peace Pole Celebration; 6-7:30p (arrive early for music)**
- **Feb 22: Dunedin Cares Gala**
- **Mar 4, 2025: Dunedin Mardi Gras Celebration**
- **Apr 11 (TB Confirmed): RC of DN Charity Golf Scramble; details to come**
- **Apr 12: District Leadership Training Assembly (DTA) & Boot Camp**
- **Apr 30: Fifth Wednesday 3-Club Social**
- **May 3: RLI-Clearwater: Registration 7:15; 8am - 3:30pm classes; Parts 1,2,3 and graduate level Foundation offered. St. Pete College - Clearwater Campus; \$100 fee**

UPCOMING MEETING DETAILS

Date	Invocator	Greeters	Pledge & 5-Way Test	Speaker
12/11	Jay Pltts	Jaquelin Nuila, Teresa Cordova O'Dea	Kris Gray	Water Project - club's water committee - possible matching grant
12/18	Priscilla Hoag	Jody Craig	Dennis Suarez	Holiday Sing-a-Long Special
1/8	Douglas Oppenheimer	Mel Ora, Doug Campbell		