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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

May 8 Meeting Program: George Leydon, Southeastern Guide Dogs

May 18: District Training Assembly Regional Medical Center, Bayonet Point Conference Center, 14100 Yosemite Drive, Hudson, FL 34667; THIS IS A MUST FOR OFFICERS AND LEADERSHIP.

May 18: Trash Pick-up; 7:45am: corner of Alt 19 & Curlew

May 18: SERVICE PROJECT: HEP; 15-20 volunteers needed to help organize the HEP Thrift Store, 10am - 2pm; 1212 N Betty Lane, Clearwater, FL 33755

Jun 1-5: Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany

Jun 15: District Awards Banquet, Spartan Manor, 6121 Massachusetts Avenue, New Port Richey; 5pm cocktails, 6pm

Jun 16: S4TL delegates go to Lakeland

Jun 18: traditional day for Dunedin North Rotarians to participate in rap sessions at S4TL (can also go Jun 19-20)

Jun 23: S4TL delegates graduate and return home

Reports from the District Conference

Two of our club members attended the district conference. For those who wonder what happens, here are some highlights:

(Lynne Faimalie) The venue was nice. We had an interesting panel presentation on Human Trafficking. It was mostly about sex trafficking. Sat. morning was nice- the current RYE students and the next group of outbound RYE students carried in the flags of the countries participating in the RYE program.

Tara Still made a nice brief presentation about women in Rotary and included some Inner Wheel information as well. Tara is exchanging her role as Foundation treasurer for district treasurer on July 1.

(Tara Still) The human trafficking was excellent. Eloy arrived in his jammies for the second evening of festivities. The magician was corny, mainly because he had audience plants. I enjoyed the speaker on Alzheimer's, and the big bucket was fun. I only went to the breakout I went to about the miracles.

The district's CART fund challenge yielded the final reults:

New Port Richey Rotary - \$500.00 (in rolls of quarters)

Indian Rocks Beach Rotary - \$200.00 (check # 244)

Tarpon Springs Rotary - \$100.00 (check # 1554)

Rotary Club of Dade City-Sunrise - \$47.17 (check # 1224)

Rotary Club of Homosassa Springs - \$82.72 (loose coins counted prior to dumping them in the bucket)

District 6950 Special Events - \$1,659.61 (all other loose coins, including ours)

TOTAL = \$2,589.50

Calling for applicants for Rotary Peace Fellowships

Rotary Youth Exchange participants leave the program with a greater understanding of and commitment to international cooperation and peace. You can build on that with the skills and knowledge you'll gain as a Rotary Peace Fellow. We're now accepting applications for the fully funded Rotary Peace Fellowships that can help you make a greater impact on the world around you.

Each year, Rotary funds some of the world's most dedicated and brightest leaders to study at Rotary Peace Centers. Through training, study, and practice, Rotary Peace Fellows become catalysts for peace and development. Many go on to careers with governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.

Applications for the 2020-21 Rotary Peace Fellowship program are now being accepted. The due date for candidates to submit applications to their district is 31 May. Districts must submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July. Review district endorsement instructions. Visit https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application for more information.

Recap of May 1 Meeting —by Sherrie Davis Kinkead

Officiating: President Shelly Beach; Secretary: Joan Brown Levine; Treasurer: Kim Greenleaf; Sgt-At- Arms: John Tornga; Greeter: Rick Lawrence; Invocator: Mary Beth Carroll; Songleader: Edie Wiseman (America, the Beautiful)

Guests: None **Visiting Rotarians:** None **Red Badgers:** None

50/50 Winner: JOHN VASSELL won \$10 this week.





Booze Winner: KRIS GRAY won the booze this week, but it seems a little suspicious when Dave Eggers, who sat beside her, drew the winning ticket.

Announcements: May 18 will be a busy day for club members. First is HIGHWAY PICKUP, scheduled for 7:45am.Meet at the parking lot on the NW corner of Alt. 19 and Curlew near the service station. Our SERVICE DAY WITH HEP takes place from 10-2 at 1212 Betty Lane, Clearwater. As if that wasn't enough to keep us busy, the DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY for officers,

committee chairs and anyone else interested in finding out more about how Rotary works will be in Hudson, check-in and fellowship beginning at 8am.

The Waterside club has completed the DISTRICT GRANT paperwork for the balance of our commitment for the rebuilding of the Rotary Pavilion. Fingers crossed that three Dunedin clubs pulling together has the weight needed for approval.

Happy Bucks: JoAnn Rooney: happy day for the club when Mark Middleton joined; without hi, we would not have our upcoming fundraiser. Jay Pitts: also happy Mark pout together our fundraiser even though he can't help —on his way to see his daughter get her masters from U. of KY. Robin Kocher: raised almost \$15,000 from Casino Night and donations are still coming in so we'll be able to meet the 3 clubs' \$30,000 commitment. Pat Snair: happy for her new necklace and thank you, Mark! Priscilla Hoag: finally joined LA Fitness. Joan Brown Levine: a handful of happiness because her daughter graduates from USF St. Pete with a degree in marketing and her son, going for his masters in cyber security, is moving from Tallahassee to St. Pete and finishing online.

Program: Mark Middleton gave a PP presentation on volunteer details for our upcoming LAKE TARPON 5K RACE and answered questions from those planning to help. Codes were given for free race tickets to club members that knew people who might want to participate. He even left time for the committee chairs to meet with their teams.

Council on Legislation

Every three years, representatives from Rotary districts around the world meet in Chicago, Illinois, USA, to consider changes to the constitutional documents that govern Rotary International. This year's Council considered more than 100 proposals.

POSSIBLE CHANGE TO 501(C)(3) STATUS

Representatives authorized the Board to pursue changing RI's charitable status to a section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. It is presently a 501(c)(4). A task force has been studying the possible change for 18 months and says it will offer benefits that include tax reductions and vendor discounts that will reduce expenses.

ELEVATE ROTARACT

The 2019 Council on Legislation passed enactment 19-72 to acknowledge Rotaract clubs in the RI Constitution and Bylaws and elevate them as an important member of the Rotary family. Rotaract clubs will continue to have their own standard constitution but will have greater support from RI. Our organization will benefit from this change because it broadens the definition of membership in RI to include Rotaract clubs. We will be able to learn more about Rotaractors and improve the support and resources we offer to help Rotaract grow As Rotaractors become our partners in service, we'll also be able to better track their impact as well as amplify our reach in communities around the world.

DUES INCREASE

As for dues, the Council approved a modest increase of \$1 a year for each of three years, beginning in 2020-21. The previous Council set dues for 2019-20 at \$34 per half year.

With the increase, the dues that clubs pay to RI per member will increase to \$34.50 per half year in 2020-21, \$35 per half year in 2021-22, and \$35.50 per half year in 2022-23. The dues will not be raised again until a future Council votes to change it.







Great day for a race!

Our first Lake Tarpon 5K brought out the runners, sponsors and volunteers on a beautiful morning at a great venue! If you missed it this year, mark your calendar for next year. Kudos to Mark Middleton spearheading a new fundraiser.

MEETING TIME/LOCATION:

7:30-8:30 am on Wednesdays Dunedin Golf Club 1050 Palm Boulevard

MAILING ADDRESS:

PO Box 307, Dunedin, FL 34697

The Rotary Club of Dunedin North (Club #4270) was chartered on November 21, 1971.

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DunedinNorthRotary.org