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## Welcome to the Rotary Club of New Port Richey

**January 4, 2023**

Today we welcome Tonia Shook with the Award of Excellence from Marchman Technical College.

### Last Week

Our program last week was our very own President Lisa Shippy-Gonzalez. Lisa said, "Wow, tomorrow marks six months since our annual Installation Banquet. I remember thinking about how amazing it was to have so many past Presidents in attendance, and how much support these people bring to every area of Rotary. The great thing about the Rotary Club of New Port Richey is that all you must do is to find your passion and there will be a project in which you can participate as much or as little as you choose."

"We have been blessed to have Gary Gann and Patti Templeton lead us to support more than 20 charities financially and we have attended so many great community events from golfing to fishing and might have had a few drinks in between. We have helped to clean Pasco, both road and waterside with our district grant project under Kristin King's leadership. We jumped right in to support our neighbors after the hurricane with the leadership of Mike Beam and Derek Pontlitz. The Veteran's Appreciation event returned in full swing thanks to Greg Wegener and Steve Booth, even though we all know Amanda Hart is the one that does the paperwork. We also collected a record amount of food for Metropolitan Ministries, thanks to Brenda Glass. We just literally wrapped up the John Hudson Rotary Santa Project that served 40 families, thanks to the relentless drive of Allen Sigmon and a committee that is second to none, with a breaking amount of member participation. Thanks to

Gary Gann and his team we have had an excellent Bourbon Project. We have had some great socials and an awesome Christmas Party thanks to Mike Hroch and Carolyn Hersh. Last meeting we got to hear some of New Port Richey's best singers, Thad Lowrey's annual poem and even Theo gave us free wine. I would say it's been a quite a year!

"The best part is that we have so much more to look forward to in the next six months. The Wild Game Dinner planning meetings never disappoint and as always Karen King and Taylor McDermott are killing it in the sponsorships. Reinhard Seipp and Andy Lyons run a tight ship and this year will be no exception to the awesomeness of years past. Don't forget to talk to Rob Aguis or Chuck Anderson about the work details. Thank you to all of you, for your leadership and hard work on the board, committees and day to day work - keeping track of meetings and finances, service projects and simply being the best Rotarians that the world has to offer. We have six more months and if you have not found your thing yet, please see one of us to help you."

We would like to thank Lisa for an interesting and informative program. We will be donating a book to the Richey Elementary School Library in her name.

### *— Thank You Rotary —* **From Bruce Mills...**

Bruce would like to thank the New Port Richey Rotary Club members who have generously donated to the Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind related to his bicycle ride across the country. Members that said they would donate (or anyone) can still contribute online at LVIB.

org. Just click on Bruce's sweaty picture or cut a check to the Lighthouse and give it to Bruce. We have raised over \$16,000 so far and hope to exceed \$20,000. The pedaling adventure continues on YouTube at "Bruce Bikes America".

### WGD Tickets Today

*by Kurt Conover*

We will be distributing assigned Wild Game Dinner (WGD) tickets at today's meeting.

The WGD committee has elected to again limit ticket sales for this year's event and tickets are again being disbursed based upon a ratio from prior ticket sales.

Detailed instructions will be distributed with the assigned tickets.

Please remember, this is an "invitation only" event, which means the public needs to be invited to buy a ticket from a Rotarian.

Please see Brian Kehoe or Kurt Conover if you have any questions.

### NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS:

The following proposed member and classification have been approved by the Classification Committee, Membership Committee and Board of Directors. If no written objection(s) to the proposal, stating reason(s), is received by the board within ten (10) days of today, the proposed member shall be considered to be elected to membership in the indicated classification:

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## DISTRICT 6950 LOCAL ROTARY CLUB MEETING TIMES AND PLACES

### MONDAY

Dade City ..... 12:00  
Kafe Kokopelli - Citrus Room  
E-Club of Southeast USA  
and Caribbean ..... 7:00pm  
ZOOM Meetings First Monday of each month  
AND <http://www.rotaryclub34.org>  
Continuous On-Line Thread Meeting

### TUESDAY

Holiday ..... 12:10  
The Social  
East Pasco Sunset ..... 6:00 pm  
On Q BBQ, San Antonio  
Rotary Satellite Club of Trinity-Odesa .. 6:00  
Phi Delta Kappa, Fraternity

### WEDNESDAY

Safety Harbor Noon ..... 12:00  
Wateroak Grill, Downtown Safety Harbor  
Palm Harbor ..... 12:15  
On ZOOM & In Person at Snappers Grill &  
Comedy Club  
New Port Richey ..... 12:15  
Spartan Manor  
Wesley Chapel ..... 12:15  
Lexington Oaks Golf Clubhouse  
Tarpon Sunset ..... 5:30pm  
Rick's Pizza  
West Pasco Sunset ..... 6:00pm  
Widow Fletcher's

### THURSDAY

Seven Springs ..... 7:30am  
Seven Springs Golf & Country Club  
Spring Hill ..... 7:45am  
IHOP Restaurant  
Hudson ..... 12:00  
CARES Enrichment Center  
Hudson/Bayonet Point  
Brooksville ..... 12:00  
Southern Hills Plantation Club  
Tarpon Springs ..... 12:15  
Cypress Run Country Club

### FRIDAY

Wesley Chapel Sunrise ..... 7:15am  
The Happy Hanger Café  
1st and 3rd Friday of every month  
Land O' Lakes ..... 9:00am  
Copperstone Executive Offices  
Port Richey has disbanded. The current  
members have joined West Pasco  
Sunset.  
Trinity ..... 12:15  
Timber Greens Country Club

**For traveling Rotarians, a complete  
listing of Rotary club meeting days  
and times may be found by going to  
our website: [nprrotary.org](http://nprrotary.org)  
(District Links tab)**

### Rotary eClub Make-ups:

Rotary E-Club of Southeast USA & Caribbean is a REAL Club in our  
Rotary District. It is a regional e-club based in our Rotary District  
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**<http://www.rotaryclub34.org>**

Requires a \$5 donation which is a charitable contribution to Rotary  
projects the eclub supports. Complete instructions are on our club  
website: [nprrotary.org](http://nprrotary.org) News & Stories tab/Documents. Or, you can find the  
instructions in DACdb, My Club, Club Files, Secure Files.

### BOARD MEETINGS

Our Club Board Meetings are held the  
second Wednesday of every month at the Spartan Manor,  
directly following our regular lunch meeting.

We are Rotary Club 4279. Check out our website at:

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## Rotary International Theme 2022-2023



# IMAGINE ROTARY

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4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?



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## Champagne Fun Facts

- There are about 49 million bubbles in a 750ml bottle of Champagne.
- A standard-sized glass emits 30 bubbles every second.
- France has the largest Champagne market (of course). The French consume 162.5 million bottles every year, or about 52 percent of the entire world production of Champagne.
- Champagne has 3 times more carbonation than beer.
- The pressure in a Champagne bottle is about 3 times the amount of pressure of a car tires.
- Because of this high-flying pressure, you're more likely to die from a Champagne-related incident than from a poisonous spider bite – and nearly a third of Champagne deaths occur at weddings, so watch out come toast time!
- When popped, a Champagne cork can reach a velocity of 24.8 miles per hour.
- The longest recorded cork flight was 177 feet and 9 inches.
- Marilyn Monroe famously took a bath in Champagne. More than 350 bottles were needed to fill up the tub.
- About 28,000 bottles of champagne are served at Wimbledon every year.
- James Bond has been

spotted drinking Champagne more than 35 times in his films. It's the drink he reaches for more than any other. And when it comes to labels, Bond prefers Bollingers. The brand has specifically been shown in 14 of his flicks.

- If you're drinking good Champagne, you'll be able to see the "collerette." This refers to the bubble trains traveling up the sides of the glass.
- The first glass of Champagne has the most bubbles, meaning the first glass will also get you feeling drunk the fastest. Every glass thereafter poured from that bottle will be more potent than the one that follows.
- Hip-hop and R&B concert goers are 94 percent more likely to drink Champagne than the average person.
- Winston Churchill was one of the biggest Champagne drinkers on record. Between 1908 and 1965 he drank an estimated 42,000 bottles. Pol Roger even made him a special one pint bottle that was served to him every day at

precisely 11 a.m.

- It must be a British thing, because Queen Victoria's drink of choice was also Champagne, specifically Perrier-Jouet.
- For a long time, Champagne was seen as dangerous because bottles had a tendency to explode. In the 19th century, Champagne makers wore metal masts to protect their faces when handling bottles. Eventually, stronger glass bottles and metal clasp closures made the stuff more stable.
- The U.K is actually high on the list of Champagne consumption. The United Kingdom ranks in 4th place with 0.45 liters per person – behind only Switzerland,
- The most expensive bottle of wine costs \$2.07 million. It was designed by Alexander Amosu and Swarovski, handcrafted from 18-carat solid gold, with a deep-cut 19-carat white diamond at its center. It was mostly the bottle that caused the hefty price tag. Only a few were ever made, making it a rare and valuable collectors edition.



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## KNOW-tary

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1. How can a Rotarian become a Peacebuilder?
2. They can be made and they can be laid. They can be bent and they can be broken. But they cannot be touched. What are they?
3. What is represented by the following?



## KNOWTARY ANSWERS!!!

### Last Week's KNOW-tary:

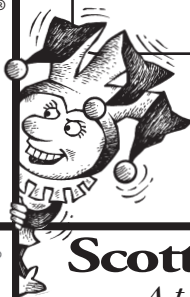
1. The World Food Programme assisted 128 million people in 2021.
2. A deaf man wanted to buy a buzz-saw at a hardware store. How would he indicate that to the salesperson?  
He would say, "I would like to buy a buzz-saw."
3. What is represented by the following?  
[Snug As] A Bug In A Rug



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The answers will be published in next week's bulletin. A drawing will be held the first Wednesday of the month from all members who submitted correct answers for the previous month.  
(If a member has four correct answers for the month, their name will be in the drawing four times).

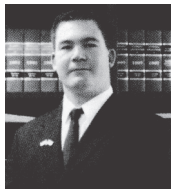
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## 12/28/22 MEETING

### IN ATTENDANCE – 38

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### GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Tiffany Athanaselos, guest of  
John Athanaselos

### KNOW-TARY

Know-tary had three responses submitted by Mary Rogers, Charlie Rogers, Nanci Larson.

The Know-tary winner for the month of November, sponsored by Amanda Hart with Blackjack Media Group, was Laura Kinkad.

### QUEEN OF HEARTS

#### 50/50 DRAWING



Last week, Sam Rockwell did not draw the Queen of Hearts but received the \$10 consolation prize. 50/50 is worth \$514, before today's ticket sales. Jokers are worth \$50.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### January 11, 2023

John Allgeier - Moffit Cancer Center

### January 18, 2023

Randy McElwain Nilsson - CART

### February 8, 2023

Dr. Mark Gesner - Saint Leo University

### February 22, 2023

Randy/Jerry - WGD Preview

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 24, 2023 - FAMILY NIGHT

### February 25, 2023 - WILD GAME DINNER

## WGD PLANNING MEETINGS

All planning meetings are at the Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired on Ridge Rd., on Thursdays at 8:00am.

January 12

February 16

January 26

at the Concourse (if required)

February 9

## – Thank You Rotary – The Sword and Spoon...

Last week, we received a beautiful Christmas card from the Sword and Spoon.

*Love arrived.  
It's here to stay.  
Love was born  
on Christmas day.*

*Wishing you  
your own little piece  
of heaven  
wherever you are  
this Christmas.*

Rotary of NPR,  
Keep up the great work.  
We love, appreciate, and respect you.  
May God bless all you do!  
The Sword and Spoon

## Rotarian Code of Conduct

### As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, event, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brenda Glass, January 4  
John Skelton, January 4  
Bob Steinke, January 4  
Karen King, January 7  
Derek Pontlitz, January 9  
Tim Tonkin, January 9



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Tyson & Julia Brown, January 6

## CLUB ANNIVERSARY

Brian Kehoe, January 4 (17 years)  
Brent Simon, January 7 (20 years)

## Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions

**As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:**

1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
2. Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
3. Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
4. Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
5. Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
7. Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
8. Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

## Service Above Self The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

### First

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

### Second

High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

### Third

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

### Fourth

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

**"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united world-wide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world."**

**Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"**



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