

AREA CLUBS FOR MAKE-UPS

MONDAY	Largo, Noon at Alfonso's Restaurant
TUESDAY	Countryside, 7:30 am at the Countryside Country Club
WEDNESDAY	Dunedin North, 7:30 am at the Dunedin Country Club Palm Harbor, 12:15 at Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor Clearwater, 12:15 at the Belleair Country Club
THURSDAY	Clearwater Beach, 12:15 at the Holiday Inn Oldsmar/East Lake, 12:15 at Alberto's Italian Grille Tarpon Springs, at the Tarpon Springs Yacht Club Belleair, 12:00 at the Belleair Country Club
FRIDAY	Safety Harbor, 7:30 am at the Safety Harbor spa Clearwater East, 12:00 at Cove Cay Country Club
ANYTIME	The E-club, www.rotaryclub34.org

CALENDAR

December is "Family of Rotary" Month

- December 18 - Christmas Party - at Island Way Grill
February 21 - Rotary Leadership Institute - Clearwater Classes
May 15-19 - 2009 District Conference,
June 21-24 - 2009 International Convention, Birmingham, England

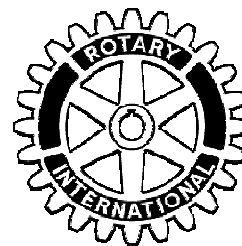
Make the new Rotary year a great one for

"Making Dreams Real"



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Our **Club website** address is: <http://dunedinrotaryclub.com>
Past newsletters: <http://dunedinrotaryclub.com/dunedin-rotary-club-newsletters.htm>

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DUNEDIN



Service Above Self

**GULF
BREEZE**



TODAY

DECEMBER 2, 2008

INVOCATION: Mark Brandt
JOKE: Sally Parks
SPEAKER: Reginald Wescott,
"Medicare and Medicare Advantage (HMOs)"

NEXT WEEK

DECEMBER 9, 2008

INVOCATION: John Freeborn
JOKE: Melissa McCormick
SPEAKER: Barbara Green,
"HEP: Homeless Emergency Project"

Last Week's Guests

Bill Francisco introduced his wife, Ginger
Ken Beard was visiting from Dunedin North Rotary Club
Bob Wheeler is our snowbird from New Hampshire
Kate O'Neill was a guest of Marteen
Nick Carey was visiting from the Clearwater Rotary Club

Happy Bucks

Earl Tapley was happy that President-Elect Obama is putting his new team in place quickly. Mark Brandt is excited about his new housing project, Glencairne which will have 14 modular homes and have a model on site on Dec. 12. Kim Gray is happy to have her braces off and celebrates her friend, Kris Andersson, who is performing at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Murray Theater. Ernie Wartenberg is happy to be selling coupon books for the InnerWheel. Alden Matthews paid a dollar to say that he's missed everyone and is glad to be back. Melissa McCormick gave \$5 to celebrate the birth of her new granddaughter, Dolly. Dick Willson gave us the good news that Maria's open heart surgery was successful and she's healing very well. Deborah Kynes bragged on the city of Dunedin receiving the City of Excellence Award by the Florida League of Cities.

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Sallie Parks was our luck winner, drawing the 4 of clubs and therefore won \$4. The pot is now \$354.

Announcements

Dec. 18 (Thursday) is the Rotary Holiday Party at Island Way Grill at 7 PM and will replace our Dec. 16 meeting. A shuttle will pick up those who do not wish to drive to Island Estates from the church parking lot but information should be given to Marteen if a ride is preferable. The dinner is \$55 per person.

Reservations must be made ASAP. There will be drawings for door prizes (you can help by donating appropriate prizes. Please call Martine at 938-4264 with your reservation. Jeff Rhoads reminded us of the Blood Drive on Dec. 9 and appealed to members to give.

President Jonathan reminded members that he would like to showcase members for programs and to let Stephanie Fenton or Jonathan know if any member would like to present a program.

Rotarian Spotlight

President Jonathan introduced club member Kristen She is a banker at Wachovia and began to work in the field 7 years ago. She describes herself as an Emergency Room triage person who can either serve people or direct customers to the right person to meet their banking needs.

Last Week's Program – How Laws Are Made

Our frequent and snowbird visitor, Bob Wheeler told of his experience as a 14-year legislator in New Hampshire. He was hoping that Representative and Rotarian Tom Anderson would be able to join him so they could give a picture of the differences between passing laws in each of the state. Bob gave a short course on how laws are made: an elected body with a House and Senate, a bill is written, given a number and introduced by a member sponsor. The differences then take place in each state; in Florida, the Speaker of the House (or President of the Senate) assigns the bill to a committee or Council. In NH, a vote is taken which is either OTP (Ought to Pass) or ITL (Inexpedient to Legislature) and is then sent to the House where members vote on the committee's response. In FL, there is a limit of only six bills that any one legislator can introduce whereas in NH, there is no limit.

Bob reminded us that we should elect legislators for whom one has respect and trust and then it's the citizen's job is to give their elected officials the benefit of their thoughts and abilities. He commended this past election as being a "Great election because of the unprecedented voter turnout."

In NH, it is truly a "citizen legislature" since they are paid \$100 with no staff. He pointed out that it often takes a long time to get a bill passed, that it takes education, understanding and perseverance. His best advice: Give legislators ideas! Wise legislators acknowledge what they don't know and rely on citizens keeping them informed.