

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

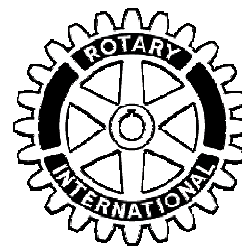
February 21 - Rotary Leadership Institute - Clearwater Classes
May 15-19 - 2009 District Conference
June 21-24 - 2009 International Convention, Birmingham, England

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 23, 2008

INVOCATION: Kevin Donoghue
JOKE: Deborah Kynes
SPEAKER: Michael Lentini, J.D.
"DUI: Driving Under the Influence"

NEXT WEEK

DECEMBER 30, 2008

INVOCATION: Sara Kessinger
JOKE: John Freeborn
SPEAKER: Kathy Potts,
"The You Q"

Last Week's Guests

Bob Weber, visiting from 90 miles NE of Toronto
Dr. Mark McCutcheon, Dunedin North
Tom Roman and Zoe Garcia, from Roman & Roman, guests of Stephenie Fenton
Richard Bristol and Fran Kiefer, guests of Ann Kennedy

Happy Bucks

Fran Keifer, for her boss, Richard Bristol, head of Executive Search, and the opportunity to be in Dunedin.

Mark Brandt – an update on the Glen Cairn project – the first modular home will be delivered and assembled on Friday.

Ken Rejko for the Gators' National Championship and because Oklahoma's coach got his training at the University of Florida.

Carl Keltner, who was in New York City for the Macy's Day Parade with his son and family. They knew Rotarian and their former neighbor, Ellis Rue, was participating in the parade in the Second Time Arounders, the largest band to perform in the parade.

Sara Kessinger, for 8 family members coming to spend Christmas with her.

Sallie Parks, who will be volunteering for the Salvation Army on Dec. 21, helping families to choose their family's presents. There is an opportunity for 2-3 more volunteers to help on the 21st or 22nd.

Pres. Jonathan for the Bucs' first three quarters of play on Monday Night Football (thought it should be 75 cents.)

Announcements

Sarah McCallum asked Club members to review the list of potential triathlon sponsors, asking for \$50 up. Letters will be prepared over your signature.

Melissa McCormick showed off the gifts purchased by the Club for the three foster children adopted from Raising Hope. Additional monies were used to purchase clothing for the organization's supply shelves.

Sallie Parks gave an update on the current water shortage. Please be aware of the need to conserve water in your life. Royal Stewart Arms is a shining example – they saved 200 million gallons by not watering their landscaping from Nov. or Dec. to March, also saving \$8,500.00.

Please sign up for an invocation with Earl Tapley.

Rotarian Spotlight

Fran Kiefer is proud to be a part of Executive Search, a business that's been around for 25 years. They recently relocated to Florida and find permanent placements in management, sales and secretarial positions. She's happy to be in Dunedin and soon to be a part of Rotary.

Last Week's Program – Homeless Emergency Project

Bruce Fyfe, Chairman of the Board of the Homeless Emergency Project, was representing Barbara Green, who founded the organization 40 years ago with her husband, Otis. It's the largest transitional housing program for the homeless in Pinellas County.

The five acre campus they operate is on Betty Lane and has 38 buildings, houses 2,100 men, women and children and serves 90,000 meals annually. Their emergency shelter operates 100 beds 24/7. They have transitional house available for up to a 3-year stay and have permanent supportive housing for those who will never be able to live on their own. Over the past 18 years, serving as Chairman, Mr. Fyfe noted the budget has grown from \$100,000 to \$2.4 million.

The organization has been honored for the 3rd consecutive year with the Four-Star Charitable Navigator Award (the highest possibly), which recognizes their good stewardship of their funding. They have 40 employees and 300 residents at any given time.

72% of the residents served by HEP leave for permanent housing. The organization partners with 25 other organizations as part of the Homeless Coalition.

Health professionals evaluate each new client to HEP; their needs are identified and physical and mental health services are provided immediately.

The average age of their clients today is 9 years old because of the number of families served. Many of the families who come to them have been living in their cars for 2 to 4 weeks. Mr. Fyfe talked about the stereotypes of homeless – single, white man, 40 or so, versus the reality of the clients they serve.

HEP at present serves 72 veterans from James A Haley and Bay Pines, many of whom have been in their program for months or years. Most men entering HEP are given 30 days to get a job, function independently and establish housing on their own. HEP honors the request to serve veterans and will do so indefinitely. Most served in Korea or Vietnam, but he expects in the next 4 or 5 years to see Gulf War vets entering their program.

We can help by adopting their organization and giving of our time, money, food, etc. He invited Club members to tour the HEP facility. At this time of the year, but all year through, a community is judged by the manner in which they support those in need. He was proud to be a resident of Dunedin and North Pinellas, recognizing the generosity of the community.