

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 9 - Blood Drive
- 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

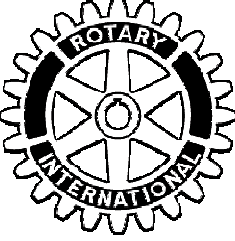
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"Making Dreams Real"




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THE ROTARY CLUB OF DUNEDIN



GULF BREEZE



Service Above Self

TODAY

DECEMBER 9, 2008

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

NEXT WEEK

DECEMBER 18, 2008

No Meeting next Tuesday! Please plan to come to the **Christmas Party, Thursday, December 18th, 7 PM at Island Way Grill!**

Last Week's Guests

Gail Scuton, Dunedin North, and her husband, Tony Duncan and Nan Chisholm, visiting from Scotland
Bob Wheeler, our favorite visitor from New Hampshire
Tony Moscarillo, from Socorro, New Mexico
Cliff Snedeker, District 6950 Governor-Elect
Kate O'Neill, Friend of Martine's
Jessica Bylama, GSE Team Member

Happy Bucks

Lynn Smeraldo, whose daughter was hit by a taxi in New York, is doing okay and will be fine.

Ray Kingsbury, for the crescent moon/Venus/Jupiter skyshow plus the Bucs win – even in the rain.

Melissa McCormick, for our past president of Interact and club scholarship recipient, Natalie Hyman, who contacted her to spend some time at their firm over the Holidays to learn about mechanical engineering.

Dick Willson reported that his wife, Maria, is doing better daily.

Bob Johnson's youngest son saw an article in the Orlando Sentinel about his former doctor and his family surviving the terrorist attack in Mumbai, India.

Ellis Rue, for the \$1 coin in recognition of our 8th President, Martin Van Buren, and another for marching in the Macy's Day Parade in the Second Time Around Band.

Jeff Rhoads, who ran the 10K Turkey Trot with his daughter, who ran the 5K.

50/50

Bob Wheeler was our lucky winner, drawing the 7 of Diamonds and therefore won \$7.00. The pot now stands at \$382.00.

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 Martine if a ride is preferable. The dinner is \$55 per person. Please call Martine at 938-4264.

Bobby Metz asked that Club members review a list of potential Triathlon sponsors prepared by Andy McGahee. Please look over the list. They'll prepare a letter and package for your signature.

Please bring in your gifts for the Raising Hope children before Dec. 12. The Club will fill in for gifts for the children we adopt. Thanks for your support!

Pres. Jonathan announced a Fees and Dues Policy that will be circulated to Club members. Carole Owenby checked with other clubs for examples. The new bylaws addition will be e-mailed to Club members for review.

Jonathan was also delighted to welcome Alden Matthews back to our meetings. We're all glad you're back!!

Rotarian Spotlight

Melissa McCormick is a partner with her husband Noel, and Paul Stevenson, in McCormick Stevenson, a mechanical engineering firm. They focus on the mechanical packaging of products. Melissa described several types of products they have worked on recently, including a mechanism to weigh cows and a medicine distribution apparatus. She was proudest of her new primary job, rocking her new granddaughter, Dahli.

Last Week's Program – Medicare and Medicare HMO's

Stephenie Fenton introduced the speaker, Terry Wescott, a Nurse Liaison for Manor Care. Terry has been a registered nurse for 23 years. She focuses on helping patients navigate through their Medicare and Medicare Advantage coverage.

After a three-day hospital stay where a patient is treated for the reason for which they were admitted, and with physician approval, Medicare pays for room, meals, adaptive equipment, medication, nursing care and therapy. Patients also have a 30-day safety net after being released from the hospital where they can still qualify for assisted living. This coverage is for up to 100 days of post-hospital services, as long as the patient continues to make progress. Terry pointed out that this does not cover custodial care.

Presently stays of 1 to 20 days are covered. For the 21st to 100th day the co-pay at present is \$128 per day, but going up several dollars after Jan. 1.

HMOs have no 3-day qualifying stay; patients can be admitted from home, the ER, etc. to assisted living.

She stressed the importance of knowing what your coverage is before something happens. Not fully understanding your coverage can be very costly. She stressed the importance of reading and understanding what you're signing up for in coverage as well. She also suggested checking to see if there are skilled nursing benefits in any supplemental insurance policy you may have. For more information please go to www.medicare.gov.