

YOU CAN MAKE UP AT THESE LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS

Monday: Largo, Noon at Alfano's Restaurant

Tuesday: Clearwater Countryside, 7:30 AM, Countryside Country Club

Wednesday: Dunedin North, 7:30 AM, Dunedin Country Club

Palm Harbor Rotary, 12:15 lunch at Innisbrook

Thursday: Tarpon Springs, 12:15 PM, Tarpon Springs Yacht Club

Friday: Safety Harbor, 7:30 AM, Safety Harbor Spa

A complete list of all District 6950 Rotary Clubs is available at

www.Rotary6950.org.

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Next Meeting Agenda: 3-6

Invocation - Pat Bauer

Classification Minute - Pat Bauer

Joke - Ken Rejko

Speaker - *Legals Issues Facing Us:*

Mark Brandt, John Freeborn & Deborah Kynes



Gulf Breeze Volunteers

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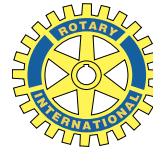
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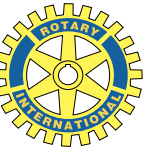
WANTED

Let's get this drill down. Our club doesn't have an active dentist as a member. Invite one to lunch as your guest, at the club's expense.

**March 13th Meeting At
Dunedin High School
8 AM Cafeteria
Sponsored by DHS Interact Club
Joint Meeting with Dunedin North**



Gulf Breeze



The Rotary Club of Dunedin Florida

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

PINELLAS COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION STILL STRONG

Dunedin Rotarian Ed Profke generally brings a commercial perspective but he recently broke ground on a home for his parents! New construction amounts to 8-10% of the GNP, employs 7,715,000 people and is responsible for 30% of goods produced. There is an expected increase of 11% between now and 2014.

This industry has been hit by an increase in the age of it's workforce - the outlook is rugged. The Workforce Development Committee has developed a Career Academy that integrates traditional high school subjects with construction.

The residential market is down and home housing starts are down with few condos or homes being built. This market is projected to start increasing later this year. Also homebuilder sentiment is showing signs of rising.

Non residential building is increasing by 8-10% in some sectors and by 30-40% in healthcare and lodging. Supply prices have increased including concrete which is caused by China's incredible growth. Price increases include copper up by 47% and concrete up by 10%.

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Downtown Dunedin Pub Crawl II

Location: Bellini Restaurant (first stop)

Thursday, March 8, 5:30pm

Join us on Thursday, March 8, for the Downtown Dunedin Pub Crawl, Part II. The second coming of this fun-raiser will once again benefit the Dunedin Rotary Club. For a \$25 donation, you'll receive one free drink (beer or non-alcoholic alternative) at each of five great downtown restaurants/bars. Each stop on the pub crawl will also include light snacks. See Bill Berger for tickets or show up at Bellini's on Thursday at 5:30.

February 20th Meeting Recap

Happy Bucks: Lynn Wargo for her brother was stuck on I-78 4:30 pm-Noon; Jack Bakeman -we got a rotary payment for a NC member's dues! Carol Lushear for the city commissioners turning down the horrendous building in Dunedin; Don Gage attended formation of foundation to assist cancer survivors; Ray Kingsbury -oh shoot buck - his new press guy showed up for a couple of days and then quit, happy buck for his grandkids being down from Decatur, GA; John Donegan for street cleanup this Saturday; Bill Berger back from vacation at Steamboat Springs. Thanks to Kim Gray for Daytona 500 tickets. Also for Pete Krulder and Honeymoon Island center as a GREAT place to hold a meeting; Melissa McCormick for National Engineering week! Her husband was named engineer of the year; Nora Mihopoulos for her whole family (75 people) celebrated her Father's 80th Birthday, a good time was had by all. Julie Linn for our Club's baseball game and buffet on March 31st; Lynn Smeraldo for Interact meeting next Saturday morning; Janet Henderson spent Saturday with the Bucs & saw Colin Powell speak and Earl Tapley for aanother trip on the river barge from Galveston to New Orleans for Mardi Gras.

Skip Golden is still in Tampa General Hospital. **Low Dunn** is recovering from a stroke at Stratford Court in Palm Harbor.

February Birthdays: Kevin Donoghue. Bob Isham, Gaston Marticorena and Kent Oliver.

Julie Linn to remind us to make plans for the Spring Training Baseball Game and Barbecue on March 31. Come out and join fellow Club members to watch the Blue Jays take on the Cincinnati Reds and enjoy all-you-can-eat food and fun at our tailgate tent before the game. Tickets for Adults are \$25 and Children's tickets are \$17.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE ROTARY EVENTS

March 8 - Dunedin Pub Crawl

March 13 - 8 AM Meeting a Dunedin High School joint with Dunedin North.

March 13 - Regular Noon Meeting cancelled.

March 24 - Rotary North Lobster Bake

March 31 - Blue Jays Game

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED

Construction is a great industry to start in with entry level positions at \$35K and management positions starting between \$40-150K.

A major issue in the industry is unlicensed activity. The homeowner can be responsible if sub contractors are unpaid and a lien can be placed on their house. You should request a lien waver for any work that you have done. Also do not pay large deposits as most reputable contractors have trade accounts which allow them 30 days to pay for materials. Get recommendations for your contractor and make sure they are licensed!

MEETING AGENDA

February 27, 2007

Invocation - John Freeborn

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Joke -Jonathan Skinner

Classification Minute - Ray Kingsbury

Introduction of Guests

Happy Bucks & 50/50

Announcements

Speaker - *Susan Latvala - Penny for Pinellas*



Julie Linn received a Paul Harris Award from Rotary Interntional Foundation Chairman Jack Bakeman.



Thanks to Bob Metz for a great Classification Minute.



Our presentation lunch on February 20th included two very special recognitions of past Club member John Frazer. John's wife Sherry Frazer Conte and their son Ryan accepted a beautiful crystal plaque in honor of John's tremendous contributions to Rotary and our Club from Club Foundation Vice President Ed Profke.