

AREA CLUBS FOR MAKE-UPS

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| 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 Positano Ristorante Italiano |
| | 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

March is "Literacy" Month

- March 14 – Rotary At the Races – Tampa Bay Downs
March 18 – Rotary Club Board Meeting – Dunedin Country Club
April 16 - Interact Club Breakfast, Dunedin High School
May 6 - Dunedin Rotary Foundation Board Meeting – Dunedin Public Library
May 15-16 - 2009 District Conference – St. Augustine, FL
June 21-24 - 2009 International Convention, Birmingham, England

Make the new Rotary year a great one for

"Making Dreams Real"

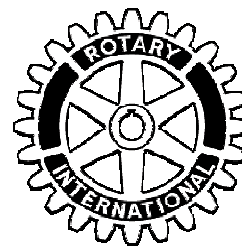


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Our Club website address is: <http://dunedinrotaryclub.com>

Past newsletters: <http://dunedinrotaryclub.com/dunedin-rotary-club-newsletters.htm>

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DUNEDIN



Service Above Self

GULF BREEZE



TODAY

MARCH 3, 2009

INVOCATION: Pat Bauer
JOKE: Bill Francisco
SPEAKER: Fiona Potter,
"Thinking Outside of the Cubicle"

Last Week's Guests

Carmen Wilson, Bill and Susan Clarke, Ben Hancock, Chuck Warrington, Greg Dulmage, Bob Wheeler, Sid Hatch, Tony Scruton, John Mueller, Lynne Faimalie.

Happy Bucks

Jeff Rhodes for his float in Mardi Gras; Peter Krulder for Cupid, the baby eagle hatched around Valentine's Day; Janet Henderson for her son Brooks invitation to speak at George Washington University; Bob Wheeler for his hope that Ray Kingsbury will never decide about the stimulus package; Jonathan Skinner for his parents' visit.

50-50 Drawing

Visitor, Sid Hatch, drew the Queen of Diamonds to win \$10.00. The pot now stands at \$540.

Announcements

Jokester of the Day was Bill Skinner, father of our own Jonathan, who is visiting from Oberlin, Ohio along with his wife Susan..

Rotary Banner presented by Bob Clarke from a club outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Check was presented to Faith in Action, one of our sponsored charities this year.

Rotary Leadership Institute: Carol Owenby and Ernie Wartenberg attended the first class while Jonathan took the second and will graduate in June. Carol reminded us to take advantage of this training to become a better informed Rotarian. Ernie emphasized that it is an opportunity to meet some really nice people with free food, fun and great fellowship.

Peter Krulder is our contact person for the Leadership Institute. See the District website for details.

To follow Martine's adventures with the GSE team see the blog at district6950blogspot.com.

There will be a cleanup day at the Rotary Pavilion organized by Dunedin North Rotary on Saturday Morning.

Rotary is celebrating its Birthday this week. The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Member Spotlight - Chuck Warrington

Chuck Warrington, frequent visitor from the Clearwater Rotary Club, distributed information about his company, Clearwater Gas System and emphasized that natural gas is safe, reliable and affordable. Gas is 63% cheaper than electricity for house hold energy uses. Natural gas, available in the Gulf of Mexico, is the cleanest of all the fossil fuels. There is a 3,000 lbs. difference in carbon emissions compared to electric water heating for one year. CGS has a franchise with the city of Dunedin through the year 2020 and pays \$190,000 for the franchise and utility taxes each year.

Last Week's Program – Macy's Day Parade

Ellis Rue- Our own Second Time Arounder. Ellis reported enthusiastically about his adventures as a member of the Awesome Original Second Time Arounders Marching Band. In order to join the band you must have marched in either a high school or college band in the past.



It was founded 27 years ago in St. Petersburg and began marching in the Festival of States Parade with 85 members. Ellis joined in 1988 when there were 300 marchers, and now there are 512. There are five rehearsals of the full band to prepare for the Festival of States. The Macy's Parade on Thanksgiving Day begins in Central Park with the highlight occurring in front of Macy's where the bands perform for the television audience. Bands are allowed 1 minute and 45 seconds with the formation centered on the star at Macy's. Ellis shared the recording of the band's performance and gave commentary about the hours spent practicing. The day began with an early morning wake up (1:30 a.m. for a 10:30 performance) in New Jersey and a long bus ride into the city. Guest Drum Major John Wilson and Mayor Rick Baker joined the band as it marched on the cold, windy day. Lots of work went into preparation for the big day, but the television audience was treated to commentary with the AOSTA band playing in the background over the shoulders of the TV personalities. Oh well!! At least Dunedin Rotarians got to see it.