

AREA CLUBS FOR MAKE-UPS

MONDAY: **Largo**, noon at Alfano's
TUESDAY: **Countryside**, 7:30 am at Countryside Country Club
WEDNESDAY: **Dunedin North**, 7:30 am at Dunedin Country Club
Palm Harbor, 12:15 at Innisbrook Resort
Clearwater 12:15 at Belleair Country Club
THURSDAY: **Oldsmar**, 12:15 at Residence Inn
Tarpon Springs 12:15 at The Tarpon Springs Yacht Club
Belleair 12:00 at Belleair Country Club
FRIDAY: **Safety Harbor**, 7:30 am at Safety Harbor Spa
Clearwater East, 12:00 at Radisson on US 19
ANYTIME: **The E-club** www.rotaryclub34.org

CALENDAR

Feb 28 Mardi Gras Parade - Downtown
Mar 2 **Board Meeting** - Mease Manor Dining Room
Mar 18 **District Horse Races** at Tampa Downs
Mar 21 **Breakfast with Interact** 7:30 am at the High School cafeteria
Apr 1 **Paint Your Heart Out**
Apr 6 **Board Meeting** - Mease Manor Dining Room
April 8 **District Assembly**
Apr 8 Highland Games - Highlander Park
Apr 22 Dunedin Books a Party - Downtown
Apr. 25 **Mobile Blood Drive at Meeting**
Apr 28 **Relay for Life** - Knology Park
Apr 29 Touch-A-Truck - Highlander Park
May 4 **Board Meeting** - Mease Manor Dining Room
May 6 **Dunedin Rotary Derby Day** - 3:00
May 11-13.. **Rotary 6950 District Conference** - Saddlebrook Country Club
June 1..... **Board Meeting** - Mease Manor Dining Room
Sep 19 **Mobile Blood Drive at Meeting**
Nov 28 **Mobile Blood Drive at Meeting**

NOTE: ON MARCH 21st, THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHEON MEETING. BE-CAUSE OF THE INTERACT BREAKFAST.



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF DUNEDIN

GULF BREEZE

TODAY

FEBRUARY 28, 2006

INVOCATION: Sallie Parks

JOKE: Jack Bakeman

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Deborah Kynes

SPEAKER: Pete Krulder, Honeymoon Island

NEXT WEEK

MARCH 7, 2006

INVOCATION: Sue Thomas

JOKE: Sallie Parks

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Deborah Kynes

SPEAKER: Father Richard Doscher on Being A Priest in New York City...

CHALLENGES FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

County Commissioner and club member, Susan Latvala, spoke on challenges that Pinellas County is facing. They have just completed the Strategic Planning Process after 18 months. It has never been done in this depth and was a wonderful experience to plan for the future. At the same time, the County was conducting a citizen survey and they were pleased to find that they had the same issues as we in the new strategic plan.

Penny for Pinellas will be up for reauthorization next year. It has been a great asset to our County and will be on the ballot in March of 2007. One of the first project was the Bayside Bridge, which took so much of the traffic off of US Hwy 19. A portion of the money goes to the cities for their capital projects and the County gets a portion to use on county-wide projects.

The commissioners have also been working on a facilities study. They will use the study to make some decisions to reduce rental space now housing various entities.

LAST WEEK

BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

South Dakota has a population of 733,000 for the whole state, less than Pinellas County, which has 1.7 people per square mile! Pinellas County is 3347 per sq mi! Kingsbury County, SD has a grand total of 5,748 people - and there really is a **Kingsbury County!** A typical night out is dinner at the A&W and renting a hunting movie. Oh boy, let's go!!!

HAPPY BUCKS

Don Gage is happy because he's found that, to be lucky, you need to introduce a new person to Rotary. He brought in **Julia Linn**, who gave him an invitation to the Blood Services Gala where he won a "valuable" prize.

Julia Linn verified that Don won a one carat diamond - and for that he gave us one dollar?? She would have seen him win it if she hadn't been busy on the dance floor.

Pat Rawlings had a happy buck for **Nancy McIntyre** for the great job she did decorating the tables, even with her neck in a brace.

Ernie Wartnerberg announced that they got 15 units of blood when the bloodmobile was here a couple weeks ago, which is way better than average.

Ann Kennedy said that **Ted Rivera**, our Ambassadorial Scholar, wanted everyone to know that he arrived safely in Perth, Australia after 37 hours of traveling. He met several other students and a GSE team. He is staying in an 'enchanted garden' and is waiting for the unicorns to pop out! He only has little fans in the dorm (it's summer there) and his is broken.

Lynn Wargo had great signs made by **Bill Francisco**, welcoming back the *Blue Jays*. Everyone was welcome to take them for their business. Lynn also took her staff and volunteers to see *Weddings on Water* and you have no idea how wonderful it is and she wanted to thank **Janet Henderson** for the tour.

Carrie Johnson is happy that they are gearing up for Spring Training. Sunday is a family event from 11-2 in Pioneer Park. Spring Training starts Thursday, March 2nd, with lots of good seats left except for games with the Yankees and the Red Sox. Season tickets are available with good seats.

Sue Thomas welcomed **Lew Dunn** back after his illness.

DRAWING

Kent Oliver held the big drawing. **Joan Gutierrez** drew **Jim Shiffer's** number for a whopping \$8.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ray Kingsbury pointed out the Vocational Nomination Forms that were on the tables that he promised last week. He has gotten them from **Judy Gould** and **Kevin Donoghue**. If you need more or have questions, please call Ray. President Dick Willson said that we need the endorsement of good service people, so get the forms to Ray.

Dick Willson said that *Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this planet*. He said that it sums up why we're in Rotary.

Dick thanked everyone for the great job they did last week at the Club Assembly. He saw a visitor over the weekend who said that he was just amazed at what this club is doing. And that was just a sampling of what we do.

We need good members like every other dynamic organization and we need to keep working on this over the next few months.

Joan Gutierrez and **Ann Kennedy** have the *World Hunger Calypso Ball* that is Saturday, March 25th. They are going to have a terrific band and we will have a club table for \$65 per person. Be sure to sign up right away since the table is filling up.

Sallie Parks wasn't here, but don't forget to bring in your old cell phones and chargers. Many people depend on them for safety.

We had a great *Rotary Leadership Institute* on Saturday. Dick said that the club pays the \$85 registration fee to watch Jack Bakeman wince!

Pat Bauer reminded everyone to add \$1.00 to their Verizon bill which goes to the literacy campaign.

BIRTHDAYS

As always, **Nancy McIntyre** did a fabulous job with the birthdays, decorating all the tables in hearts for the February celebrants.

NEW MEMBER - JULIA LINN

Joan Gutierrez welcomed Julia Linn into the club. Julia spoke to us a few weeks ago on Blood Services and Don Gage didn't let her get away. Julia said that we were way above the average in blood donations, one of the things that made her want to be in our club. *Welcome, Julia!!*

SUSAN LATVALA (continued from page 1)

While Pinellas County is very proud of Fort Desoto's designation as the country's #1 beach, the greatest concern is the quality of life for the county's citizens, especially the poor and homeless. Affordable housing is becoming a critical issue. As well, the new scuttled plan for Fort Desoto was only to upgrade existing facilities. 25% is open space.