

This Week's Program

Club Assembly



"I'll have two eggs and some H... A... M."

Thursday, November 8, 2007
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12:15 P.M.

This Week's Agenda:

- ✿ **Pledge of Allegiance**
- ✿ **Singing of *America the Beautiful***
Oh beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountains majesty, above the fruited plains. America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.
- ✿ **Today's Rotary Prayer: Rev. Jim Hammond**
- ✿ **Visiting Rotarian and Guest Introductions: Jim Marsh**
- ✿ **Sergeant at Arms Announcements: Pete Molinaro**
 - * Happy Events, Misses, Fines, Special Dates, Mystery Greeter & 50/50
 - * Rotary Trivia Questions for the week. {see inside}
- ✿ **This Week's Program (See following page)**
- ✿ **The Four Way Test**
- ✿ **Adjourn**

Club Buddies



Al Caunitz	Milt Sheen
Barbara Todd	Pete Molinaro
Richard McCall	Jerry Wennlund
Richard Breske	Jon Tuft
Jim Marsh	Karen Wornicki
Bruce Cloud	Bob Miano
Ken Bray	Joely DelVecchio
Hope Peterson	John Johnston
Frank Torres	Michael Bohnet
Phil Burns	Audrey Breuer
John Donaghy	Kent Clouser
Harry Pfister	Mark Drysdale
Jim Hammond	Joe Minarik
John Counts	Tom Stewart
Jerry Krauss	Harvey Schultz
Phil England	George Carter
Don Higgins	Kevin Krauss

Trivia Questions:

- Who served as last week's Sgt-at-Arms?
- Who started Club singing in rotary?
- Where is this year's Rotary International Convention?
- Who is our First Returning Snowbird?

50 / 50 Winner

Joe Minarik was not only the lucky winner of the 50/50 draw but ... after much whining about his poor luck at pulling cards ... the rat pulled the Ace of Spades for \$60.

Missed Last Week:

Michael Bohnet	Dick Breske
Audrey Breuer	Phil Burns
Bruce Cloud	Kent Clouser
John Counts	John Johnston
Kevin Krauss	Jim Marsh
Bob Miano	Pete Molinaro
Harvey Schultz	Jon Tuft
Joanne Schaarschmidt	



Snowbirds Flying South

Gerry Lockett officially became the first of our snowbirds to make the flight south to warmer weather.

Welcome Back, Gerry

Upcoming Programs & Events:

Nov. 8th	Club Assembly
Nov. 10th	Poker Run
Nov. 15th	Students of the Month
Nov. 22nd	Thanksgiving (No Meeting)
Nov. 29th	George Carter (P/C)
Dec. 6th	Al Caunitz (P/C)
Dec. 11th	Board Meeting

Birthdays:

Karen Wornicki	November 14
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Wellness Makes Corporate Fiscal Sense

Frank Torres, after a great deal of effort, perseverance and commitment to the cause was able to acquire and introduce **Jeff Ruby** as our speaker for last week's program.

Jeff, a recent import to Florida having arrived here in 2006 with his wife and two daughters, is currently Vice President of the Corporate Benefits Division of M.E. Wilson Company, Inc. **Jeff** works with key clients to design, implement and monitor the overall performance of their benefit programs.

Jeff proved to be a dynamic and powerful speaker. It was clear that **Jeff** put a lot of thought into his presentation and sought to present a side of the health insurance industry that would be interesting to both the young and old, the

employee and the employer, the small business man and the corporate executive.

His message was that in a day and age of rising insurance costs there's plenty that we can do as individuals and as employers to control some of these rising costs. He presented plenty of evidence that worksite wellness programs can have a huge benefit to employee health and in so doing can have a significant impact on a companies bottom line. These programs have been proven to reduce sick leave absenteeism, reduce health care costs, reduce workers comp claims and improve employee morale.

Club President, **Barbara Todd**, thanked **Jeff** and presented him with our commemorative Rotary mug.



Jeff Ruby with Pres. Barb Todd



Happy Events



\$ Gerry Luckett: A happy \$ for his relatively uneventful trip south from Canada. Uneventful except for the hour and 10 minute wait at the border. Apparently now that the Canadian \$ is valued a little higher than the US\$ Canadians are flocking to the US to do their shopping.

\$ Ken Bray: A happy \$5 for his recently completed Smoky Mountains vacation.

\$ Ethel Mudd: A happy \$ for the recognition being bestowed on Pinellas Park non-profits (including our Rotary Club) by the Chamber of Commerce in November.

\$ George Carter: A happy for the recent visit from his son who is working down in Miami.

\$ Jerry Krauss: Three happy \$'s for: (1) Visit with his wife's sister in Winchester, VA which included the Skyline Drive. (2) Visit with his recently married grandson in Baltimore, Maryland, (3) granddaughter qualified for the finals in a Division 1A State Final swimming championship in Orlando.

\$ Don Higgins: Son-in-law just got promoted to Lieutenant Commander in the Navy and is be-

ing relocated to Newport, RI to attend War College for the next year.

\$ Joe Minarik: Attending the Gator Growl with his son over the weekend. Paid a hopeful \$ that this event includes beer.

\$ Tom Stewart: The twins got their grades and one got straight A's and the other made the honor roll which made Papa very proud but 2 dollars poorer!! Also gave a relieved \$ that he reached his weight loss goal so he can now schedule surgery and ultimately stop eating rabbit food!

\$ Hope Peterson: A Happy \$ - Son just got his report card and received a 4.33 GPA.

\$ Gerry Wennlund: A happy \$ for his kids who both got into the National Honor Society.

\$ Flip England: A happy \$ for the Halloween Treat Trail event that he and wife, Amy, attended on behalf of our Club. There were a lot of kids, a lot of neat costumes and it was a fun event for all.

\$ Tom Stewart: A kind of happy \$ that he wasn't at Heritage Park this week!



Los Angeles is the ideal stage for Rotary International's annual extravaganza. Like the family of Rotary, this sprawling metropolis of 3.8 million people boasts a diverse ethnic mix and cosmopolitan flair. L A is the second-largest city in the United States and teems with activity and culture, from its star-studded motion picture industry to its picturesque beachfront communities and resorts. Take a look at the official brochure at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c08_brochure.pdf for more reasons to head to L.A. in 2008.

Register early for the convention to take advantage of special pricing!

First deadline: 15 December 2007

Second deadline: 31 March 2008

Quote of the Week

As the time nears (much too quickly I might add) that I will be saying goodbye to the many friends I have met here in Florida (and in Rotary) this quote strikes close to home and very much reflects a truth I have learned during my relatively short time as a Rotarian:

“Shared laughter creates bonds of friendship. When people laugh together, they cease to be young and old, teacher and pupil, worker and boss. They become a single group of human beings. “



Club Singing



Harry Ruggles was the fifth man to join Paul Harris in the conversations that led to the formation of the first Rotary club in Chicago in 1905. Harry was a fellow who enjoyed singing, and this was a popular activity at the turn of the century. At an early meeting of the fledgling group, Harry jumped on a chair and urged every-one to join him in a song.

Group singing soon became a traditional part of each Rotary meeting. The custom spread to many of the clubs in the United States and is still a popular fellowship activity in the Rotary meetings of such diverse countries as Australia, Japan, Nigeria, New Zealand, and Canada. Some clubs sing a national song as the formal opening of the meeting. Social singing, however, is seldom found in the Rotary clubs in Europe, South America, and Asia.

Sometimes, after a particularly ugly version of America the Beautiful or Happy Birthday, do you ever find yourself wishing you belonged to a Club in Europe, South America or Asia!?!