

Attention Board Members

Please note that the Board Meeting in December will be held next Tues December 11th.



As usual the meeting will be held at H&S Swanson Tools at 5:00 p.m.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKET DELIVERY

The annual Christmas Basket program will be held on **December 22nd, 2007**. We are estimating about 40 families will receive baskets this year and we would like to have approximately **20 groups of volunteers** so that each group will deliver 2 baskets. For more information please contact Jim Marsh and stay tuned to future bulletins.



Thursday, December 6, 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**

Rotary Club Meeting Times & Locations

<u>MONDAY</u>					
Largo	Alfano's Restaurant	12:00	Crystal River/King's Bay Plantation Inn	12:15	
Crystal River	Plantation Inn	12:15	New Port Richey	Spartan Manor	12:15
Dade City	1st United Meth Church	12:15	Seminole	St Anne of Grace Church	12:15
<u>TUESDAY</u>				<u>THURSDAY</u>	
Z/Hills/ Daybreak	1st Baptist Church	7:00*	Dade City Sunrise	Kafe Kokopelli	7:00 *
Clearwater / C'side	Countryside Cntry Club	7:30*	Homosassa Springs	Luigis	7:00 *
St. Pete / Sunrise	St. Pete Yacht Club	7:45*	Seven Springs	7 Springs Country Club	7:30 *
Springhill	Perkins	8:00*	Spring Hill Central	The Wellington	12:00
Holiday	Clarion Hotel	12:00	Hudson	CARES Hudson/Bayonet Pt	12:00
Brooksville	Brooksville Cntry Club	12:00	Bellaire	Bellaire Country Club	12:00
St. Pete / Midtown	Tropicana Field	12:00	Clearwater Beach	Clwtr Beach Gulfview Resort	12:00
Clwtr / Feathersound	Holiday Inn-Airport	12:15	Oldsmar / East Lake	Residence Inn	12:15
Dunedin	Church of the Good Shep	12:15	Pinellas Park	Banquet Masters	12:15
Gulf Beaches	Holiday Inn- Treas Island	12:15	Tarpon Springs	Tarpon Springs Yacht Club	12:15
Inverness	Vandervalk Lakeside rest.	12:00	Zephyrhills	Alice Hall Community Center	12:15
Belleair Bluffs	Penelope's	5:30	Lake Tarpon / Sunset	Louis Pappas Restaurant	5:30
Pinellas Bardmoor Bayou	Foxy O'Toole's Restaurant	5:45	Hernando Co East	Rusty's Best Western - Hwy 50	7:00
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>				<u>FRIDAY</u>	
Indian Rocks Beach	Holiday Inn Harbourside	7:15*	Seminole Lake	Seminole Lake Country Club	7:15*
Central Citrus	Black Diamond Ranch	7:30*	Land O'Lakes/Wesley Chapel	Victorious Life Church	7:15*
Dunedin North	Dunedin Country Club	7:30*	Safety Harbor	Safety Harbor Spa	7:30*
Keystone Sunrise	Fox Hollow Country Club	7:30*	Clearwater East	Radisson Hotel	12:00
St. Pete /West	Sam Seltzer's Steakhouse	7:45*	Port Richey	Chili's	12:00
Palm Harbor	Innisbrook Cntry Club	12:15	St Petersburg	Orange Blossom Catering	12:00
Clearwater	Harborview Center	12:15	Trinity / N P Richey	Heritage Springs Country Club	12:15

* denotes a.m.

Trivia Questions:

1. What is an ICF Form?
2. Who was last week's Sergeant at Arms?
3. What Rotary dignitary was a visitor at last week's meeting?
4. In the movie/book "A Christmas Carol" who is the first ghost to appear to Ebenezer Scrooge?

50 / 50 Winner

Pete Hervey was the big winner of the 50/50 draw for \$8 but he wasn't able to pull the Ace so the big pot now sits at \$24.

A Message from the Editor

This will be the last edition of the bulletin that I will have the privilege of preparing for you. As a departing gift to some of you I have not included last week's absences so you won't get fined. (Actually I forgot to get the list from Jim last week so lucky you!)

I just wanted to say that my short tenure with y'all was a lot of fun and I really appreciate all the wonderful feedback I got from all of my fellow Rotarians. You are a fabulous group of people and I am honored to have had the chance to work (and play) with each of you. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and all the best for you, your families and the Club in the future. Yours in Rotary...Mark Drysdale.

Upcoming Programs & Events:

Dec. 11th	Board Meeting
Dec. 13th	Bruce Cloud (P/C)
Dec. 14th	Christmas Party
Dec. 20th	Student of the Month
Dec. 22nd	Christmas Baskets
Dec. 25th	Christmas Day
Dec. 27th	John Counts (P/C)
Dec 31st	New Years Eve

Members Birthdays:

George Carter December 6

Rotary Guests:

Doug Meyer Asst. District Governor



Happy Events



- \$ Don Higgins:** A happy \$ for his recently completed trip to visit family in Newport, RI .
- \$ Joe Minarik:** A happy \$5 for the Gators manhandling the Seminoles on Saturday and for the Bears big comeback win on Sunday.
- \$ Jerry Krauss:** A happy \$10 to have Harvey Schultz back at our meeting after a couple of weeks of illness.
- \$ Flip England:** A happy \$ for his early Christmas gift — a 65" Mitsubishi HD Television.
- \$ Jerry Wennlund:** Happy \$ for the USF Bulls going to the Sun Bowl.
- \$ Jimmy Hammond:** Happy \$ for the beautiful young lady from Texas who asked Jimmy if he would marry her — to which Jimmy replied that he would love to but he was already married! For those of you who may understand the cleverness of this reply, Jimmy is more often referred to as Reverend Hammond.
- \$ Tom Stewart:** Gave a happy \$ to take a dig at the Seminoles but I couldn't catch what it was. I'm sure it was nasty though. Bought himself a good luck \$ for his surgery that has been

- scheduled for January 4th. Hopefully his doctor doesn't party too hard over the holidays.
- \$ Barbara Todd:** A happy \$5 for today's visit from Assistant District Governor Doug Meyer and for his ongoing support of our Club.
- \$ Bruce Cloud:** A happy \$ for his youngest granddaughter's graduation from the University of Central Florida and for her new job as a teacher.
- \$ Harvey Schultz:** A happy \$5 for having survived having died (clinically) three times over the past several months and for finding what important task God has in store for him. He keeps bringing him back for Rotary.
- \$ George Carter:** A happy \$ for his mother-in-law who will turn 100 years old on Pearl Harbor Day.
- \$ Jim Marsh:** A happy \$2.50 for his grandson's sixth birthday and an unhappy \$2.50 for the seven hour trip to Gainesville for the birthday party which coincided with the Gator/Seminole game for the second time in six years.

2007 Rotary Christmas Party



The 2007 Rotary Christmas Party will be held at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club next **Friday, December 14th**. The shindig will start at 6:00 pm with dinner being served at 7:00. Cash bar will be available. The **cost is \$55** per person and includes a choice of one of three fabulous meals and parking at the Yacht Club. The room can only hold about 60 people so sign up early...**deadline for registration is Friday, December 7th**. Please see Hope Peterson or Joe Minarik to register. **Each couple or individual must bring a gift** — something that you no longer want and hopefully will not get back. How these gifts will be distributed will be explained at the event. **Spouses cannot be gifts!!!**

Habitat for Humanity Goes Hi-Tech

Last week's program chair George Carter introduced Ken Ruth, Project Manager, for Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing organization. Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. The houses then are sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charged.

The support of the Pinellas County community is crucial to HfH's mission. Like all Habitat for Humanity affiliates, the organization raises all of it's funds locally, receiving no financial support from Habitat for Humanity International in Americus, GA.

into building their homes and the homes of others. Their mortgage payments go into a revolving Fund for Humanity that is used to build still more houses.



Ken Ruth, Project Manager for Habitat for Humanity, demonstrating the Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) Block that is used to construct the new HfH homes. These high tech interconnecting styrofoam forms are filled with concrete to create extremely energy efficient, storm resistant homes.

The Pinellas County Habitat for Humanity serves the whole of Pinellas County, Florida from main offices in St. Petersburg and a North County office in Dunedin; including, among others, the cities of Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Pinellas Park, Tarpon Springs, Dunedin, Palm Harbor, Safety Harbor, Oldsmar, and Ozone.

HfHPC is governed by a board of volunteer directors who represent the various and vital interests of the community. These board members bring to the organization essential

competence in law, architecture, finance, and social service. The volunteers are fervently committed to Habitat's goal of eliminating poverty housing by building decent, affordable homes for the need of Pinellas County communities.

Volunteers provide most of the labor, and individual, faith community, civic organizations, and corporate donors provide money and materials to build Habitat houses. Partner families themselves invest hundreds of hours of labor - 'sweat equity' -

Quote of the Week

This week's quote comes on the eve of my last meeting with the Pinellas Park Rotary Club and my pending departure back to Canada. (Yes I'm moving back to Canada in the middle of winter and yes I am rarely accused of being the brightest bulb on the tree!!!) This week's quote is in honor of the special friendships that Rotary offers:

“Don't be dismayed at good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends.”

Richard Bach — Author