

Attention Board Members

Please note that the Board Meeting
in December will be held next
Tues January 8th.



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

Thank Joe Minarik and Swanson Tool & Die for allow-
ing us the use of your meeting room each month for all
these years. WE ARE SINCERELY GRATEFULL!!!

Fourth Annual Rotary Goes to the Dogs

Derby Lane, located on Gandy Blvd in NE St Petersburg, is the oldest para-mutual dog track in the United States. For the fourth year in a row, Derby Lane has partnered with the Rotary Districts on the West Coast of Florida, by allowing a portion of the proceeds from the "gate" of the 9th of February to go to the Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders 501-C3 Foundation. In 2007, this amounted to \$15,000 being given to the Foundation to help defray ever rising costs in staging the S4TL weeklong symposium held on the campus of Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

As Chair for this event, I am asking each club in the Districts, to look at this event as a fun outing for their Club members. Derby Lane is providing free admission and free food and free parking!! Rotary Fellowship will be very prevalent. Many Clubs are bringing their Interact Club members and some are bringing their S4TL alumni. I need your assistance in making sure this event will be a success this year by e-mailing me with your anticipated attendance from your Club so we have the proper amount of food prepared. Please do this by Feb 1. If you need more information or answers to your questions, please feel free to call me, Gene Stern, at 727-369-1512.

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	Harry Pfister
John Donaghy	Kent Clouser
Don Higgins	Kevin Krauss
Jim Hammond	Joe Minarik
John Counts	Tom Stewart
Jerry Krauss	Harvey Schultz
Phil England	George Carter

**Thursday, January 3rd, 2008 12:15 P.M.
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This Week's Agenda:

- ✿ **Pledge of Allegiance**
- ✿ **Singing of *America the Beautiful***
- ✿ **Today's Rotary Prayer: Rev. Jim Hammond**
- ✿ **Visiting Rotarian and Guest Introductions: Jim Marsh**
- ✿ **Sergeant at Arms Announcements: Pete Molinaro**
 - * Happy Events, Missed Last Week, 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**

Trivia Questions:

1. What color is Polar Bear hair?
2. Penguins have knees. True or False ?
3. What City did last week's speaker represent?
4. What day this month is voting day?

50 / 50 Winner

Kevin Krauss was the big winner of the 50/50 drawing for a whopping \$6 and he donated back to the club. The pot will be \$61+ today.

Missed Last Week

Milt Sheen	Al Caunitz
Michael Bohnet	John Donaghy
Ken Bray	Jon Tuft
George Carter	John Johnson
Jimmy Hammond	Harry Pfister
Don Higgins	Tom Stewart
Frank Torres	

Visiting Rotarians:

Pete Hervey.....Oscoda, Mi.

Birthdays: None

Club Anniversary: Jerry Krauss Jan. 13th, 44 yrs

Wedding Anniversary:

Charlotte & Don Higgins.....Jan 11th, 39 yrs

Guests of Members:

Joely DelVecchio.....Baby Layla

Upcoming Programs & Events:

Jan. 8th	Board Meeting
Jan. 10th.	John Donaghy (P/C)
Jan 17th	Phil England (P/C)
Jan. 24th	Students of the Month
Jan. 31st	Jim Hammond (P/C)
Feb. 7th	Don Higgins (P/C)
Feb 12th	Board Meeting
Fed 14th.	Jerry Krauss (P/C)
Feb 21st.	Student of the Month
Feb 28th	Kevin Krauss (P/C)

"EDITOR'S WEEKLY QUOTES"

"It is not fair to ask others what you are
not willing to do yourself"
Eleanor Roosevelt

Happy Events

§ **Flip England:** He and his wife went out to The Trade Winds Hotel and had a great time. All the monies the hotel collected that weekend go to the children funds

§ **Karen Wornicki:** She is so thankful she has received this Christmas the gift of Layla. Also, she received a pink feather.

§ **Pete Molinaro:** Thanks for **Jim Marsh's** hard work on Christmas baskets and all the great work by **John Donaghy** on the Salvation Army bell ringing this year. It truly is a wonderful feeling working these projects for our club.

§ **Jerry Krauss:** Jerry was remembering how long he has been doing these events of Christmas Baskets and Bell Ringing with his family of kids first, now with his grandkids. At bell ringing this year, the equipment from Salvation Army was not available at first, so they used a hat and people were putting their donations in the hat.

§ **Barbara Todd:** Barbara was happy that her Dad was able to come home from the hospital. She was so happy for all the event chairpersons and support for the events this holiday season that our Rotary club did this past week.

§ **Jim Marsh:** Jim enjoyed so much being chairman this year of the Christmas Baskets and thanked everyone for all their help and support.

§ **Kent Clouser:** Kent said it was a rewarding task delivering the Christmas Baskets. He also signed up for Bell Ringing this year and found this also highly rewarding especially when people would come up and thank him for doing this for the Salvation Army and Rotary. When Kent arrived at the Publix Supermarket for the Bell Ringing for his 5 to 6 PM tour, he was delighted to find the buckets quite full. He also thanked Jim Marsh for chairing the Christmas Baskets with all his hard work outlining routes and maps for each and everyone.

§ **Gerry Wennlund:** Thanks for Jim Marsh doing a great job as the chairman for the Christmas Baskets this year.

§ **Kevin Krauss:** Kevin, Mary Ann, Kelsey & Cory are going to Chicago to look at college campuses for Kelsey.

§ **Harvey Schultz:** Doctor told him the best news he could get - **Don't come back.**

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Program Chairman **John Counts** introduced **Frank P. Edmunds**, the Seminole City Manager. Frank has more than 23 years experience as a City Manager and has been representing Seminole as its first leader since 1995. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration with Honors from Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire. Frank is a Credentialed City Manager in the International City/County Management Association. He is one of the first city managers in Florida to receive such a designation and is currently attending graduate classes at the University of So Florida. Frank told us some information about the City of Seminole, Fl. The City was incorporated in 1970 and covers 4.5 square miles and has a bright future. The residential market is down, as are a lot of areas, but the commercial market is doing very well within the city. The old Jesse's Landing site is scheduled for a hotel development project in the near future. There is a equity group looking at land in the Bay Pines area for development. There are several banks and stores looking into the Seminole area. The Seminole Mall has been sold and is scheduled for a major redevelopment. The City is looking into acquiring open land for purchase for future city development. The city has been able to lower the mileage rate for the past four years. They believe the City is giving good services to all its residents and businesses. We then had a general discussion about property tax reform and the up-coming **January 29th** vote on this topic.



This Week's Program: Chairman is **Joely DelVecchio** and the program will be a surprise.



Next Week's Program: Program Chairman is **John Donaghy** and his program will be announced.



JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Since 1988, when Polio eradication efforts began, Rotary International has been a spearheading partner in the fight to end the disease. There have been triumphs and setbacks. Today, only four countries are still polio-endemic, and annual cases of polio paralysis are down to about 1,000 a year.

We have only two options to press on with determination and faith until we succeed, or lose everything we've invested and everything we've gained.

The generosity of Rotarians in responding to the call for help has been astounding. We've raised more than US\$600 million to support polio eradication in 122 countries.

The recently announced grant of \$100 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is a vote of confidence in polio eradication efforts. Their financial support will be invaluable in the months ahead and their trust in Rotary is an honor to us all.

Today, we call on all Rotarians, but especially on new Rotarians who have not been a part of the campaign in the past, to do what they can, to help in any way they can, to finish this fight once and for all.

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, President , Rotary International

Rotary is Great When YOU Participate!