

**Thursday, May 1st, 2008 12:15 P.M.  
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**Club Announcements**

**Ronald McDonald House Project:** Ken Bray, program chairman stated we are having our fourth cook-out on May 5, 2008 at 5:30PM. All committee persons and all others are welcome to participate. This will be the last cook-out for this Rotary year.

**Boys' and Girls' Club:** We received a nice thank you letter for Rotary's contribution check of \$1200.

**Bulletin Editor position needed:** Just another reminder. Phil Burns is leaving by June 1, 2008 and it would be nice if someone could assist Jerry Krauss on the bulletin until he returns in November of this year.

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



**Please note that the Board Meeting in May will be held Tues May 13th**  
**As usual the meeting will be held at H&S Swanson Tools at 5:00 pm**

**LAWYER, JUDGE, JUSTICE - ONLY IN AMERICA**

A Charlotte, NC lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against fire among other things. Within a month having smoked his entire stockpile of the great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires." The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason: that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The lawyer sued.... , and won! In delivering the ruling the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The Judge stated nevertheless, that the Lawyer held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable fire, " and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000.00 to the lawyer for his loss of the rare cigars lost in the fire."

**NOW FOR THE BEST PART...**After the lawyer cashed the check, the Insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of **ARSON** !!! With his own Insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a **\$24, 000.00 FINE.**

**THIS is a TRUE STORY and was the 1st PLACE WINNER in a Criminal Lawyers Award Contest.**

- 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.
  - ✿ **This Week's Program (See following page)**
  - ✿ **The Four Way Test**
  - ✿ **Adjourn**

- Trivia Questions:**
1. What company bought naming rights to the Florida Suncoast Dome in 1996?
  2. What original animal mascot for Trix cereal was replaced by a rabbit in 1967?
  3. In what layer of the Earth's atmosphere is Antarctica's famed "ozone hole"?
  4. In 2007, who jumped from the roof of Cannes's Carlton Hotel wearing a bee costume?

**Upcoming Programs & Events:**

May 8th	Joanne Schaarschmidt PC
May 15th	Students of the Month
May 22nd	Tom Stewart (P/C)
May 29th	Barbara Todd (P/C)
June 5th	Frank Torres (P/C)
June 12th	Al Kelley (P/C)
June 19th	Jerry Wennlund (P/C)
June 26th	Karen Wornicki (P/C)
July 3rd	Michael Bohnet

**Missed Last Week:**

Al Caunitz	John Counts
Bruce Cloud	John Johnston
Joanne Schaarschmidt	Tom Stewart

**Visiting Rotarians:**  
Pete Hervey.....Oscoda, MI  
Ed Christiano.....Clearwater East, FL

**Club Anniversaries:**  
Peter Molinaro.....May 8th.....5 yrs

**Club Members Birthdays:**  
Kent Clouser .....May 4th.....76 yrs

**50 / 50 Winner**

**Richard Breske**, was the big winner of the 50/50 drawing for a whopping \$12, **Richard**, generously donated it back to the club. The pot today will be \$240+.

**EDITOR'S WEEKLY QUOTE**  
**"Every time you stand up for an ideal, you send forth a tiny ripple of hope"**  
**Robert Kennedy**

**Visiting Guest of Rotarians:**  
Joely DelVecchio.....Layla



## Happy Events



Joe Minarik, happy \$ for the Rays winning in Orlando, maybe they will stay there and we wouldn't have to build a new stadium. Joely DelVecchio, happy \$ for **Hope and Kevin** for taking good care of repairs and up-keep on her truck. It was disclosed that the fine company was Elite Auto & Truck which cost **Hope** a little fine. Joe Minarik, another happy \$ for an electric project that was completed recently at his work place by a very good electrical contracting company known as ECC. That cost **Richard Breske** a nice fine too. Ken Bray, happy \$3 for **George Carter** being back and **Mike Bohnet** back from Michigan recruiting teachers for Florida. Also, for **Tom Stewart** getting over his surgery. Harry Pfister, several happy \$'s for car repairs at **Hope Peterson's** shop on his Volvo and he is always happy. His granddaughters are going to SPC and have straight A's. Happy to have **George Carter** back .Happy to have **Karen Keaton** as his guest speaker here today. George Carter, happy \$ for when he entered into **Rotary** he had a perfect attendance until now, but with this illness he had to use the new system of make-ups. Also, his brother is in the hospital up North. Kevin Krauss, told us about the 23rd Turn Around Awards Program. Besides the normal awards, a local business man came with (47) \$100. checks to give to each recipient. Jerry Krauss, happy \$ for the Turn Around Program which can viewed on cable channel 14. There was one outstanding middle school student .Her acceptance speech was so moving that there wasn't a dry eye in the place. Flip England, happy \$'s for he is going to a baby shower in West Palm Beach, he normally doesn't attend baby showers but it is at his cousin's house and he and all the guys are going to the game room to watch the NFL draft. Barbara Todd, happy \$'s for the upcoming happy event at the **England's** house, also good to have **George Carter** and **Harvey Schultz** back to the club meetings. Pete Molinaro, happy \$10. for **George Carter** being back and the sale of his boat that is leaving his yard on May 1st. for the new owners yard.

### Rotarian

Soon after I was nominated to serve as president of Rotary International, I began planning a series of membership conferences in North America. We determined that the organization can't grow, or even maintain the status quo, unless more Rotarians take on the responsibility of bringing in new members. Right now, only about 18 percent of Rotarians ever bring a new member into their club. The great majority of our membership growth reflects the work of just a few individuals who take their responsibility very seriously. But that responsibility belongs to all of us, not just to those few. This is the premise of the "member get member" initiative I've been promoting this year. "Member get member" is not a campaign or contest. It is, very simply, the way we need to approach the whole question of membership for Rotary to survive and grow-the understanding that it is the responsibility of each one of us to bring in at least one new member every year. As this Rotary year draws to a close, consider the benefits of fulfilling your individual responsibility of bringing one new member into your club. Think about having one more pair of hands to do Rotary's work and strengthen your club's service. One more person to embrace Rotary's core values and bring help and hope where they're needed. One more person who will not only show the world that *Rotary Shares* but also allow Rotary to *Make Dreams Real*.

*Wilfrid J. Wilkinson*  
President, Rotary International

Last Week's Program: **Harry Pfister's** guest speaker was **Karen S. Keaton, President of the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Sun-coast**. She is an Attorney in St. Petersburg. She received her BA of Music from Sanford University and Juris Doctorate with honors from Stetson University College of Law and a Master of Laws Degree in Taxation from the University of Florida in 1989. She organized and became the first Chairperson of the Tax Section of the St. Petersburg Bar Association. She is a member of the Executive Council of the Tax Section of the Florida Bar Association and is a member of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Sections of both the Florida Bar and the American Bar Association. She is the Founder and COO of America Living Will Registry, an online storage database for living wills and health care surrogate forms. In addition, Karen has marched as a majorette in the Awesome Original St. Petersburg Second Time Arounders Marching Band and holds a United States Coast Guard Master (100 gross ton) Captain license. Karen's talk was about her company, American Living Will Registry. Karen handed out copies of Florida Living Will Declaration and Health Care Surrogate forms to everyone. She also gave a copy of benefits for joining her American Living Will Registry. Basic benefits are: 1. Peace of mind that your directives will be available when needed. 2. Documents for all 50 states available on website FREE. 3. Anywhere, anytime access by emergency personnel. 4. Unlimited updates if you need changes. 5. Notification of any legal changes for your State. 6. Simple registration process. 7. The cost for registration is \$40 plus \$15 service fee per year. She will generously donate the registration fee of \$40 back to the club for a fundraiser project. This service is accessible anywhere in the world 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Karen ended with Q&A.



This Week's Program: May 1st, **Law Day** is our annual joint meeting day with **Pinellas Park Kiwanis Club**. We have as our guest speaker, Judge James Bennett. He is in charge of budgeting for the court system and will be explaining to us about the up-coming impacts of cost cutting and its effects on our court system .

Next Week's Program: Program Chairperson, **Joanne Schaar-schmidt's** guest speaker will be Deputy Chief of Operations **Steven B. McCarthy** of the City of Pinellas Park Fire Dept. He has 25 years with this department. In 1989, Steve received "Firefighter of the Year" for the highest quality of service. In 2004, the Florida Fire Chief's Association selected Steve for the State of Florida Hazmat "Responder of the Year". In 1997, Steve earned his Associate of Arts Degree and His Associate of Science Degree in fire suppression and prevention from St. Petersburg Junior College. In August of 2000, he received a Bachelor of Arts in Education from USF. He was born in Concord, Massachusetts and moved to Florida in 1959. He served three years in the U.S. Army. He and his wife Patricia, who is a nurse, live in St. Petersburg and they have two sons, Todd and Austin. Steve's family enjoys baseball and water sports.

