

**Thursday, Aug 21st 2008 12:15 P.M.
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Happy Events: **Joe Minarik** had a great time vacationing with son, **Joey**, in Chicago. They bowled in the Peterson Tournament and left a few beers and pizzas behind for the next visit. **Hope Peterson** reported some expensive airline problems on the trip home from California (like no record of a reservation for the entire family). She was really happy to have our guest speaker with us today as he has a very important message for all the members of our club. **Joe Kolodziej's** H/E was a trip to Vegas to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary with wife, **Priscilla**. I believe he left a few \$'s behind! **Kevin Krauss** reported that his family spent a quiet week in Costa Rica and had a great time with no cell phones going off. The country is very lush and the people were very accommodating. **Jim Marsh's** H/E was a successful trip to Denver to see his kids, ex-wife and 120lb dog. In addition, **Jim** will be going to Boston shortly to root for the Rays. **Bruce Cloud** was glad to be back from great N.C. weather and thanked everyone for the sympathy card on the death of his brother-in-law. He was also happy to learn that while he was gone, he and George split the major 50/50 pot. **Pete Molinaro's** brother-in-law was in town last week and they did a lot of fishing with good results. **Barbara Todd's** H/E was that **Phyllis Tellor** is back. She hopes she will be permanent. She is also glad to be home from S.C. **Frank Torres** reported his 2 kids did a great job with their British accents in an Oliver Twist play and **GO CUBS!!** **Dick Breske** announced that his Social Security checks have started coming by direct deposit to Beverly's bank account. **Tom Stewart's** 18 year old daughter is home from college and cooked her 2nd meal and everyone is still alive. **George Carter** had a non-happy event. His brother-in-law died in Long Island. **George** informed us when HE dies, forget the flowers, send money!!

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

Wedding Anniversaries:
Jimmy & Kathleen Hammond....Aug. 23
.....56 years

Club Anniversaries:
Barbara ToddAug 20th...10yrs.
Joe Minarik.....Aug 21st....22yrs.
Ken Bray.....Aug 26th... 4yrs.

Weekly Quote:
“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.”
Albert Einstein

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**

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Trivia Questions:

- Who gave these famous quotes from 20th century debates?
1. “Senator, you are no Jack Kennedy.”
 2. “There you go again.”
 3. “There is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe.”
 4. “Who am I? Why am I here?”

Upcoming Programs & Events:

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| Aug 28th | Joely DelVecchio (P/C) |
| Aug 31st | Rotary Rays Day VIII |
| Sept 4th | John Donaghy (P/C) |
| Sept 6th | Special County Olympics |
| Sept 9th | Board Meeting |
| Sept 11th | Jimmy Hammond (P/C) |
| Sept 18th | Students of The Month |
| Sept 25th | Don Higgins (P/C) |
| Sept 27th | District Special Olympics |

Missed Last Week:

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| Phil Burns | Kent Clouser |
| Michael Bohnet | Al Kelly |
| John Johnston | Harry Pfister |
| Harvey Schultz | John Donaghy |

50 / 50 Winner
Dick Breske, was the weekly winner for \$11 and donated it back to the club.

Rotarian Guests::

Paul Hill.....Seminole

Guests Of Members:

Kevin Krauss.....Kelsey Krauss
Jerry Krauss...Phyllis Tellor, Ken Krauss
Hope Peterson.....Marilyn Brown

Rotary is great when you participate!!!

Road Clean-up Chairman George Carter led a group of Rotarians and family members on a mission to clean up a portion of 70th Avenue in Pinellas Park this past Saturday. Many thanks to **Phil England; Jerry Krauss**, daughter **Christine**, Grandchildren **Alex & Mackenzie Patel & Cory Krauss; Joe Minarik & son Joey; Jim Marsh** and **Beverly & Dick Breske** for their outstanding job. Everyone picked up their share of garbage. However, Beverly went over and beyond the call to duty by picking up not only trash, but many coins that she contributed to our Rotary Club. Great job of cleaning and fellowship!!!!



This Week's Program: Program Chairman, **Peter Molinaro**, is on vacation and **President Phil England** will fill in for Pete and show a video message from **Rotary International President Dong Kurn Lee**.



Last Week's Program : Program Chairwoman

Hope Peterson introduced **Terry Boehm**, President of the Pinellas Education Foundation .He gave us a very enlightening view of the state of the Pinellas County Education system with it's 1.4 billion dollar budget. We are evidently in a crisis and our current School Board made up primarily of educators do not think that is a fact. Terry presented our Rotary Club with some startling information. 10 out of 16 high schools have been identified as drop out factories. In 2003 there were 13,607 students who attended the ninth grade.



5,906 of these students received diplomas (43%) when the 2007 class graduated. Our children are dropping out of school in alarming numbers.75% of African American males failed to graduate in 2005. 35 of the nation's 50 largest school districts have a better graduation rate than Pinellas. 69% percent of students perform below grade level in reading in 2006-2007. 35% percent of Pinellas county high schools received a "D" grade in 2008.These facts are just the tip of the iceberg As parents, business leaders and the future employers of our young people we must act now. The facts are undeniable. Students are dropping out school in alarming numbers. Thousands of talented and caring Pinellas County Schools teachers are frustrated. They wish they could do more to help address the problem and inspire their students to learn. It is time for school board members to place "Students First" instead of Administrators and Teachers first. Become focused on results rather than the process and it is time for our community to hold them accountable for student performance. School- based management is the cornerstone of a plan that has been used effectively by many school districts, both large and small, to drive resources closer to the students. Some of the recommendations to improve our quality include: **Know your Customers:** This approach recognizes that students, parents, taxpayers and the business community are customers of the education system. **Reallocate Resources and Decentralize:** Shift resources from the school district office to the schools, giving principals authority and training on financial and budgetary issues, allowing them to be wise managers of resources rather than customers. **Create School Performance Plans:**Each school builds a performance plan. Principals assume responsibility as chief executives of their schools. Principals were more effective when they were held accountable for the school's performance plan and they were given the resources to make the plan successful. **End Social Promotion That Set Up Students To Fail:** Students who are not performing at grade level must repeat the grade rather than advance to the next grade without merit. Social promotion perpetuates mediocrity in our schools, allowing students and parents to believe that they are achieving standards that are not being met. For more information go to: www.PinellasEducation.org

Next Week's Program: Program Chairperson, **Joely DelVecchio** will present "Dutch" Hinkle who is a 6th Degree Black Belt "**Master Instructor**" in the ancient art of Ju-Jitsu. He also is a holder of 9 other Black Belts and a honor graduate of Barry University in Miami Shores. **Dutch** presently resides in the Tampa Bay area after a 15-year business sabbatical away from Florida. His topic will be "Awaken Your Tiger!"

