

**Thursday, Nov 5th 2009 - 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: Tom Stewart
- ✿ Sergeant at Arms Announcements: Tom Stewart

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*Happy Events, Missed Last Week, Fines, Special Dates and 50/50 Drawings.
*Rotary Trivia Questions for the week.

Trivia Questions:

1. Where was the first Interact Club?
2. Within 1000, how many Interact Clubs are there in the world?
3. Within 10 yrs., when did Interact begin?
4. Within 25, how many countries in the world have Interact?

Upcoming Programs & Events:

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| Nov 10th | Board of Directors |
| Nov 12th | Kenny Krauss (P/C) |
| Nov 19th | Students of the Month |
| Nov 26th | Thanksgiving (no meeting) |
| Dec 3rd | Kevin Krauss (P/C) |
| Dec 5th | Christmas Party |
| Dec 8th | Board of Directors |
| Dec 10th | Joe Kolodziej (P/C) |
| Dec 17th | Students of the Month |

Missed Last Week:

Kent Clouser	Michael Bohnet
Ken Bray	Steve Murdoch
Dick Breske	Joe Kolodziej
Kevin Burkart	Phil Burns
John Donaghy	John Johnston
Harry Pfister	Barbara Todd

Future Events:

December 5th.....Christmas Party
 Dec 19th....Rotary Goes Foot "Bowling"
 December 29th.....Ronald McDonald
 February 13th.....Valentine 50's Party
 February 13th..Rotary Goes to the Dogs
 March 20th.....Country in the Park
 March 27th.....Bowl-A-Thon

Wedding Anniversaries:

Georgia & Ken Bray.....Oct 23rd.....9Yrs
 Beverly & Dick Breske...Oct 28th...42Yrs

Guests of Rotarians:

Linda Aker.....Phyllis Tellor
 Dorothy Thomas.....Phyllis Tellor
 Donna Cloud.....Bruce Cloud

**ROTARY IS GREAT
WHEN YOU
PARTICIPATE!!**

This Week's Program: Program Chairperson, **Jerry Krauss** will introduce his speaker, **Byron A. Stratas, MD.** Dr Stratas is a board-certified ophthalmologist specializing in cataract and refractive surgery. He has been a leader in the practice and study of surgically optimizing the quality of vision, with a special interest in presbyopic correction. Dr. Stratas has been actively involved in Medical Missions' eye surgery in the developing world since 1988. Thank you, **Colleen Singer** for procuring the speaker for today's program. The title for today's presentation is **"Lens Choices in Cataract Surgery."**



Last Week's Program: Program Chairperson, **Joe Minarik**, presented Volume 1 Issue 2 of the Rotarian Video Magazine. The lead story was an inspirational Rotarian to Rotarian talk from R.I. President John Kenny. The second phase of the video was about Russian orphans receiving free dental care from US, Finnish and Russian Rotarians. The presentation explained some of the obstacles the volunteer group confronted in administering these services from the Russian government. The medical team served 350 orphaned children who never had any dental care. Most never even owned a tooth brush. "Rotary at work."



"HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK" A special thank you to Phil and Amy England who represented our Pinellas Park Rotary Club as they have been doing this for years. This year they had help from fellow Rotarians handing out candy to the children who came dressed as ghosts, goblins, princesses and pirates.



WELCOME BACK PETE HERVEY

It was wonderful seeing Pete walk into Banquet Masters this past Thursday. He and Sally are the first of our returning snowbird visitors. Keep those cameras "clicking for the students and all."



50/50 Winner
George Carter returned his weekly winnings of \$8 to the club. Next week's big pot will be \$350.++

Quotable Quotes

Government , even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one. Thomas Payne

**LAST CALL
YOUTH EXCHANGE
APPLICATIONS
DUE NOVEMBER 30th:**

The application deadline for the Youth Exchange program is quickly approaching. If you have a student between the ages of 15-18 or know of a student who is interested in studying abroad, then have them check out this program through our website at www.ryeflorida.org. I would suggest the following links: FAQ's, Journals and Forms. Under the form link, you can find the application for district 6950. Go to Section H which lists the countries that we exchange with and the DOB (date of birth). Any student who applies can select their top five countries for exchange.

We are looking for applicants for two (2) exciting Rotary GSE Team South American Exchanges scheduled for: **Conception, Chile - Sat April 17, 2010-Sun May16, 2010 & Curitiba, Brazil - Sat May 8 - Sun June 6, 2010.**

(It would be helpful if team members are somewhat fluent in Spanish or Portuguese.)

Rotarians who would like to be the team leader for one of these trips.

Please recognize that the coordination work for this will begin in December and will extend thru the trip, including written reports and presentations to various Rotary functions for several months after the Team returns. A bulletin more fully describing the GSE Program as well as the qualifications for being a member of a GSE Team can be found at: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/160en.pdf

Also looking for **non-Rotarian individuals who would like to be a team member on one of these trips.** The individual cannot be a Rotarian or from the family of a Rotarian and must be between the ages of 25 - 40 plus other additional requirements.

HAPPY EVENTS: Pete Hervey's H/E was that he was glad to leave the cold weather behind and commended the splendid job that **Theresa Pinnix, Phyllis Tellor** and **Bruce Cloud** have done during his absence. He added what a special Rotarian and friend **Al Caunitz** was to our club. **Pete Molinaro** paid \$10, thanking everyone who was in town that came to **Al Caunitz's** viewing on Friday evening or service, internment and Rotary luncheon on Thursday. In addition, Pete will be in town for the rest of the season. **Theresa Pinnix's** H/E was that she returned from a fabulous vacation viewing wild horses in the Outer Banks. **Phyllis Tellor's** H/E was the return of **Pete Hervey** and sorry for not picking up cell to get message from buddy **Phil England** about absence. **Kevin Krauss'** H/E was that his mom & dad have a house guest from Germany for the next two weeks and one of them is a 9 month old. It should be very interesting and **Jerry** commented after one night, "It will be interesting." **George Carter's** H/E was that he visited **Bruce & Donna Cloud's** very large new house with big rooms and very high ceilings. He can't believe how nice it is. He followed up with a typical Carterism about some kind of hose. **Frank Torres'** H/E was that his son the dancer turned 13 this past week. **Hope Peterson** paid \$20 to announce her business is doing well and ask everyone to save plastic tops from water bottles and turn them into her. **Hope** will then bring them to the Chamber. **Don Higgin's** H/E was for the Gators still being ranked #1 in the B.C ratings. **Tom Stewart** paid \$2 as both twins received all A's and 1 B on their report cards. **Theresa Pinnix** visited **Phil and Carolyn Burns** and brought them a nice meatloaf dinner from Boston Market, both are recovering slowly. Prior to **Theresa, Raccoon Bruce** & his lovely wife **Donna** also visited.