



**Pinellas Park Rotary - District # 6950**  
**Thursday May 11th 2017—12:15 P.M.**  
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**This Week's Agenda:**

- ✿ Pledge of Allegiance
- ✿ Singing of *God Bless America or Let There Be Peace on Earth*
- ✿ Rotary Prayer: **Jim Fikkert & Jimmy Hammond**
- ✿ Rotarian & Guest Introductions: **David A, Susan W & Doug O.**
- ✿ Sergeant at Arms Announcements: **Tom Stewart & Kevin Krauss**
  - \* Happy Events, Missed Last Week, Fines, Special Dates
  - \* Rotary Trivia Questions for the week.
- ✿ This week's Program (See following page)
- ✿ The Four Way Test ..... Adjourn



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**Last Week's Program:**

We all enjoyed the Joint “**Law Day**” luncheon with the Kiwanis Club at **Quaker Steak and Lube**. We thank them for hosting the meeting this year and providing the speaker for the meeting. St Petersburg Lawyer, **Cary Cash**, with **Brasfield, Freeman, Goldis and Cash PA** was a great speaker. He talked about being “served”, what to do if you are “served” and under what circumstances you should ever consider defending yourself. He also ran through a few scenarios if you are sued or if you need to sue someone for business or personal reasons. We thank **Kiwanian Jim Dusil** for coordinating this event with our club.



**Upcoming Programs & Events:**

- May 16th Sanders School SOM
- May 18th **Night Meeting @ Big Storm Brewery**
- May 20th **R McD House Breakfast**
- May 25th Susan Walker P/C
- June 1st Jerry Wennlund P/C
- June 8th Janet Waddell P/C
- June 8th 6950 Assembly, Dinner
- June 9th District Assembly, Tampa
- June 10th **Ready for Life “Mommy & Me” Picnic - Freedom Lake Park**
- June 13th Board Meeting
- June 15th Chantel Wonder P/C
- June 22nd Josh Astarita P/C

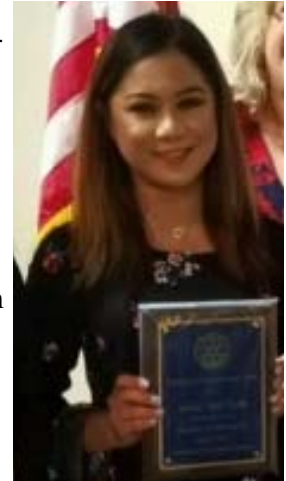
**Missed Last Week:**

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| <b>Christine Patel</b> | <b>Jana Vrettos</b>  |
| <b>Josh Astarita</b>   | <b>Kevin Burkart</b> |
| <b>Madison Valesky</b> |                      |
| Doug Oppenheimer       | Jerry Wennlund       |
| Don Vauiso             | Bob Dobson           |
| Bill Ashcraft          |                      |

**Rotary Serving Humanity**

# 2017 St Petersburg College R

**Ashley Del Valle** is a *Pinellas Park High School Senior* who comes from a family of seven. Her step-father is the only wage earner in the family. When he can no longer work, it will fall to her, as the eldest child in the family, to provide for the family as is expected in her Philippine Culture. She plans to attend St Petersburg College to earn a degree in Dental Hygiene. To prepare herself for this degree, she has taken many Science, Math and AP classes. She has also strived to maintain excellent grades in the hope of earning financial aid scholarships. She has served the community by participating in AVID community service projects. She has also tutored and shared her knowledge with fellow students and underclassmen who were struggling in their classes. She enjoyed volunteering with Key Club at Color Run and Halloween Treat Trail. She feels she is just an ordinary girl who immigrated to the United States three years ago to seek better opportunities for herself and her family. She has earned the ESOL Student of Year Award and she was our Pinellas Park Rotary's January Student of the Month. She currently ranks 46th of 392 students with a 4.2 WGPA. She believes that at the end of the day, all that matters is that you influenced and inspired someone. It only takes one person to make a difference in the world.



**Holleigh Bohannon** is a Senior at Pinellas Park HS with a 4.3 WGPA in the Criminal Justice Academy. She is the president of the Special Operations Competition Team and VP of the Law Honor Society, along with being a member of many other honor societies at school. She was chosen as the CJA Student of the Year both her Sophomore and Junior years and was our Pinellas Park Rotary Student of the Month for February 2017. Last spring, she began an internship with the Pinellas Park Police Department. Her post-high school plans are to attend St Petersburg College, enrolling in both the Forensic Science and Business programs. She then hopes to transfer to a state college to earn her BA in Biology with a minor in Business. Her goals are to be at the top of her class in college and to remain very involved in volunteering with her Explorers group and other college clubs that assist the youth in our local community. After completing college, Holleigh hopes to become a Forensic Science Technician and work for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or a local police



Department.

# Rotary Scholarship Winners

**Emily Schmitt** is a student at *St Petersburg College*. She will be receiving her AA with a 3.948 GPA this May. Her dream is to become a Pediatric Nurse. She has been volunteering at John Hopkins All Children's Hospital in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit since August 2016. This opportunity confirmed and validated her feelings to major in Pediatric Nursing. Her ultimate goal is to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. She currently only makes \$6,000 a year while going to school. Her parents have three other children currently in college and she hopes that she will not have to have them worry about helping pay for her college expenses also. She strives to succeed every day and will not abandon her dream of being a Pediatric Nurse. Each time she walks into a new patient's room at All Children's Hospital, a light inside her is lit and makes her want to try even harder to succeed.



**Maria Ramirez** is a first year nursing student at *St Petersburg College*



who is finishing her AA and doing well in the rigorous Nursing Program. She intends to get her Bachelors in the Science of Nursing at *St Petersburg College* as well. After gaining a few years experience on the floor as a nurse, she plans to go back to school to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. She has had the pleasure and opportunity to shadow and work with nurse anesthetists in the operating room which sparked her fascination with the specialty. Since she started in the Nursing Program last August, she has not had much time to focus on anything other than school and work, but this summer she is looking forward to volunteering at All Children's Hospital. She is currently doing clinicals at Bay Pines and is in the process of being approved to do volunteer work there as she wants to give back to the veterans. She would also like to serve as a bilingual educator and translator for the Latino community. She believes she has the potential to make a positive impact while serving our community. Nursing school has been very time consuming and this scholarship will allow her to spend more time volunteering and

focusing on her education.



## This Week's Program:

We welcome our  
Students of the Month for May 2017



**Dixie Hollins High School**

**Pinellas Park High School**

**Isaiah Thomas & Anthony Ruffin**

**Kimberly Ngo & Tia Payton**

We will be presenting Pinellas Park HS student, **Thang Vo**, with an appreciation gift for raising \$216 for our Bowl-a-thon last month.

We also welcome **Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Student Kasamba Kokayi** to our meeting today.



### Classroom Teacher / Speaker Thank- You Awards:

Rotarian Janet Waddell presented a \$25 Teacher / Speaker Award to *Pinellas Park Elementary* 5th Grade Teacher, **Cassie Whalen**. Her class was ecstatic when she told them they would use this \$25 to enhance their End of Year Classroom Party!

### Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

**Tami Scheele** and **Janet Waddell** attended RLI this past Saturday at the *St Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus*. Janet, along with 18 other Rotarians from around the State completed the third of three sessions and “graduated” from **RLI**. Tami attended the *Graduate Course on Membership* along with District **Governor Mike Chapman** and seven other Rotarians. The RLI sessions are very informative and it is great to interact with Rotarians from other clubs. **Rotarian & District Trainer Jamie Mick** does a great job of setting up the classes and coordinating the Discussion Leaders. Many thanks also to **District Secretary Brenda Wendt** who does a fantastic job of coordinating the day-long event.

