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July 1st; it's a new beautiful day on the Nature Coast. The dawn sun is just breaking the Horizon. Big cumulous clouds cover much

of the high altitudes and brilliant hues of orange and blue light up the Skyline. The birds are singing and chirping their morning music. Delta and Mozart, my puppies are happily running about. Nice!

The phone rings. I ignore it. The phone rings again. Who the heck is calling me this early? It's PDG Roger Proffer calling to congratulate me for taking a load off his back. I can't say I appreciated his sense of humor, but I like Roger a lot. His wit is mystifying at times.

So the first day at my new post starts.

This is enough rhetoric for the moment, so let's get down to business.

"Why Rotary?" is a question that has been asked since the founding of the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905. Here's a quick refreshers course.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

The main objective of Rotary is service—in the community and throughout the world. Although Rotary clubs develop autonomous service programs, all Rotarians worldwide are united in a cam-

paign for the global eradication of polio.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a not-for-profit corporation that promotes world understanding through international humanitarian service programs and educational and cultural exchanges. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share its vision of a better world.

RI President Gary C.K. Huang picked 'Light Up Rotary' as the presidential theme for 2014-15. President Huang said this past January: There are so many problems in the world, so many people that need help. Many people say, 'There's nothing I can do.' So they sit there doing nothing. Meanwhile everything stays dark,"

"The Rotary way is the Confucius way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world,"

"How you Light Up Rotary is up to you," Huang said. "You know where you are strong, you know what your community needs, and you know how you can help."

Our District Theme for the 2014-15 is "Everyone Bring ONE". Let's keep it simple. I would like you to go out and "Find ONE and bring ONE". And in the larger scheme of things I would like "Everyone to Bring ONE". It's that simple

You read that right. I am proposing that each and every active member of District 6950 bring a guest that joins the club within the year. That simple!

Increasing our District Membership will be advantageous, but increasing our membership will also increase our fun. The more the merrier from my point of view.

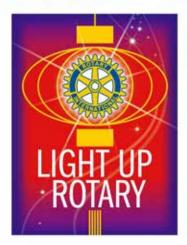
Rotarians have different ideas on how to increase membership. You can analyze this until the cows come home. There is no secret formula to membership growth. Membership growth takes a little effort, determination, and of course, enthusiasm. You want to share Rotary, RIGHT!

You will hear a lot about membership this year. In the meantime, I would like everyone to bring one.

Best Regards,

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# BRING ONE





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## Weeki Wachee River CleanUp



Without the threat of rain and before the sun had risen high above the horizon, members of the Rotary Club of Brooksville, Spring Hill and Spring Hill Central Rotary Clubs entered the waters of Weeki Wachee to rid the river of the invasive Lyngbya algae. Lyngbya is a filamentous algae that has hair-like strands that can rise 10 to 14 feet from the floor

of the Weeki Wachee River to the surface. It is slimy to the touch, is dark green to almost black in color, wraps around boat propellers and looks like raw sewage on the surface of the water. This algae is contributing to the destruction of the aquatic ecosystem in Weeki Wachee Springs. It needs to be physically removed from the waters as no chemical or algaecide can penetrate its dense mats to kill it. Dead Lyngbya must also be physically removed as it suffocates everything it covers.

The Hernando Rotary Clubs have partnered with the Southwest Florida Water Management District in efforts to remove the Lyngbya since 2013.

Members of Rotary who participated this weekend include: Karen Van Sickle; Jim Tremmel; Doug Brainard; Terry Weaver; Ray and Karen Stanbro; John Dougherty; Tony Benjamin; Richard Trump; Steve Barocos; and Chuck Morton (Crystal River Rotary).

A special thanks goes out the members of the Hernando community who have also helped and are pictured here:

Back Row (L-R) Jim Tate; Mitch Plaeger; Carl Thomas; and Joe Calcasola

Front Row (L-R) Doug Bishop; Jamieson Luebster; Karen VanSickle; Merrily Shaw; Diana D'Elia; and Brittney Calcasola.

For more information on this project and the next clean-up, contact:

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## Rotary Club of Linellas Lark Celebrates their 60th Anniversary



Rotary Club of Pinellas Park, which was founded on June 7, 1954, celebrated their 60th Anniversary by donating a granite bench to the City of Pinellas Park. The bench was unveiled in England Brothers Park, 5010 81st Ave N on May 29, 2014. Club President Theresa Pinnix (far left) was joined by our Rotary members, the Mayor of Pinellas Park, City Leaders and members of the Police and Fire Departments for the presentation and unveiling.

## Rotary Club of Brooksville Inducts New President



Karen Carpinone is being sworn in as the Rotary Club of Brooksville President on Tuesday, June 24th at the annual installation dinner being held at Brooksville

Country Club at 6PM.

Karen has been a Rotarian since 2007 because she wanted to give back to the community. At the time, she was a member of the Port Richey club. Later, in 2012, she transferred to the Rotary Club of Brooksville when her employment changed and she began working at Capital City Bank in Brooksville.

Karen has been in the banking industry since 1988. She began as a Teller which has ultimately led to her current position as Market Leader with Capital City Bank.

Karen received Port Richey Rotary Service Above Self Award for 2008 & 2009 and she was the Market Manager of the Year for Tampa Bay Bank Atlantic for 2007 & 2008. Karen has been an active member of the community both within and outside Rotary. Some of her involvement includes:

- Brooksville Rotary Radio Auction and Board
- Leadership Hernando
- Hernando County Chamber Diplomat
- Pasco County Schools
- Fire & Iron Motorcycle Club
- Diva Hope Charities Board

Karen is married with two children – Bridget (23 years) and TJ (19 years). They are her pride and joy. Her husband of twenty years, Thomas, is a Pasco County Fire Rescue firefighter. Karen enjoys spending time with her family and motorcycling.

### DISTRICT CALENDAR

Saturday, August 16, 11am 20th Annual Dunedin North Rotary Cup Classic Golf Tournament

Dunedin Golf Club 1050 Palm Blvd, Dunedin

Saturday, August 23, 7:15am Rotary Leadership Institute

Keiser University 1500 NW 49th St. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 Phone: (954) 776-4456

Saturday, September 27, 7am Rotary Leadership Institute

Parts I, II, III &

Graduate Course "Transforming Your Rotary Club: Creating An Extraordinary Rotary Club For Your Members, Community & The World"

Don't miss the Graduate Course. This graduate course will be limited to 1 member per club.

Cultural Center of Charlotte County 2280 Aaron St, Port Charlotte, FL

#### Saturday, September 27, 9am Annual District Foundation Seminar

Presidents, Presidents Elect and Foundations chairs are strongly urged to attend, but all Rotarians are welcome to come and learn more about the Rotary Foundation.

Registration will open at 8:00am with a Continental Breakfast program will begin promptly at 9:00am-2pm

This is an important meeting with information about the Foundation and the Grants structure.

## THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

**CARL TRELEAVEN** 

I very much appreciate the support that our 48 clubs have provided to the Rotary Foundation during the just concluded 2013-14 year. Here's a quick snapshot:

Annual Fund: \$ 377,314.66

Polio Fund: \$ 61,665.23

Endowment Fund: \$ 36,656.15

Other Giving: \$ 33,632.00

Total Giving: \$ 509,268.04

Total Giving/Rotarian \$ 281.99

Your District Rotary Foundation Committee set some very ambitious fundraising goals for the year, and I'm pleased to report that due to your generosity, District 6950 achieved all of them!

- We set a "stretch" goal of raising \$ 200/Rotarian for the Annual Fund YOU GAVE US \$ 208.92 PER ROTARIAN!
- We sought contributions from 100% of our Rotary Clubs
  100% OF OUR CLUBS

CONTRIBUTED!

• We set a goal to raise more for polio eradication than the \$ 52,906.66 than in 2012-13

YOU GAVE US 16.6% MORE THAN LAST YEAR!

Because of your generosity, many will benefit:

- In the 2016-17 Rotary year, 50% of the Annual Fund contributions you made during the past year will come back to benefit our district.
  - During the 2016-17 Rotary year, we'll have \$ 94,328.67 available to fund scholarships for students from our local schools, as well as to fund parts of the district grant projects your clubs have been doing. This money is being used to underwrite local projects in our clubs. That means projects in Citrus, Hernando, Pasco and Pinellas Counties are benefitting from the Rotary Foundation, not just people who live overseas. Furthermore, over \$ 20,000 was used to supplement scholarship money provided by our clubs to students

who live in your areas. For every dollar you contribute to the Annual Fund, 25 cents comes back to the district for scholarships and local projects.

• The polio money you contributed will be matched, on a 2:1 basis, by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. That means our district's polio plus contributions will grow to \$ 274,996. That's enough to vaccinate more than 458,000 children!

We still have much to do to complete the task of polio eradication. There are now only three countries with endemic polio – Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. Through the first half of the year, there have been only 112 reported cases of polio worldwide. Only four of those cases have been in Nigeria.

Again, thank you very much for the generous support you and your fellow club members have provided to the Rotary Foundation this past year! You have truly help us move toward achieving our Mission: "To do good in the world!"

# Rotary Rays Day game is a great way to socialize with members throughout the district

Rotary Rays Day game is a great way to socialize with members throughout the district. Ticket cost can be as low as \$21 of which \$10 goes to PolioPlus...with the Gates Foundation match PolioPlus receives \$30. What a deal!

Breakout the barbeque and join the group that will be tailgating in Parking lot number 7 (enter from 4th Ave South). Gates open at 9:40 AM. Find out who is the best at the corn hole game.

This is not a Rotary only event. Feel free to invite your friends, family and maybe any groups you like to support (youth, senior, church, etc.). Great way to raise money for Polio while having fun.

Ray's vs. the Baltimore Orioles September 7th. Game starts at 1:40 PM.

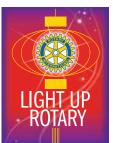
Lower level tickets (Hat) \$45

Outfield reserved tickets \$28

Upper Level Tickets \$21

All prices include \$10 to Annual Giving or PolioPlus in the name of the purchaser. Deadline to purchase tickets is August 27th. Order form is in the newsletter.





#### The Governor's Newsletter

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Please send text as word documents and photos as jpgs

Deadline: July 25, 2014 for next issue

## Rotary Club of Seven Springs Installation & Awards Dinner



The Rotary Club of Seven Springs held their installation and awards dinner on June 21, 2014. It was a fun night with lots of laughter and good food.

Robin Kocher received the award for community service and the Scarano Award (photo right). Marty Kley and Luke Walker were both presented with Paul Harris Fellowships (photos right).

The new board of directors was inducted for the upcoming year (Photo above). Tara O'Connor, President; Craig Rieser, President Elect; Nick Taldone,

Vice President; Trish Kley, Secretary; Tim Howells, Treasurer; Luke Walker, Sergeant-at-Arms; Joe Severs, Immediate Past President; John Meslin, Director Club Administration; Jeff Thomas, Director of Membership; Mark Moytl, Director Local Service Projects; Rick Wright, Director International Projects; Roz Fenton, Director RI Foundation; Terry Wright, Director New Generations; Frankie Roman, Director Vocational Service; Robin Kocher, Director Fund Raising; Linda Beach, Director Public Relations; and Scott Post, Director at Large.







## Students of the Month





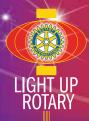


The Pinellas Park Rotary was proud to present awards to the Students of the Month for May 2014. Congratulations to 3rd grader Benjamin Richmond and 4th grader John Broderick from Richard L Sanders School, Huynh Trung and Yanlie Milian from Dixie Hollins H.S. and John Ordonez and Zarnay Nelson from Pinellas Park H.S. for their hard work and dedication to their studies.

## Lucienne Hastings Becomes New Member



Past District Governor Tim Schuler (left) inducts Lucienne Hastings (center) as the newest member of the Seminole Lake Rotary Club. Lucienne's late husband, Dudley, was a long time active member of the Seminole Lake Rotary Club and Lucienne wanted to keep that tradition going since the passing of Dudley. Rosa Sang, on right, proposed Lucienne for membership.



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## District 6950 Attendance & Club Meeting Location for May 2014

Welcome to our new, returning and transferring Rotarians!

### Meeting locations have been updated.

Please refer to this list when checking on club meeting days and locations.					
Club	Members 6/30/13	Members Current	Average Attend %	Meeting Location	
Belleair	33	35	65	Thu. Noon - Belleair Country Club (25 Belleview Rd.)	
Brooksville	36	32	74	Tue. Noon - Brooksville Country Club (23446 Links Drive)	
Central Citrus County	28	24	74	Wed. 7:30am -Tuscany on the Meadows, Quality Inn State 486	
Central Pinellas	15	15	100	Tue. 5:30pm - Liberty Lanes (Largo)	
Clearwater	105	100	59	Wed. 12:15pm - Belleair Country Club	
Clearwater Beach	24	25	50	Thu. 12:15pm - Carlouel Yacht & Beach Club (Clearwater Beach)	
Clearwater East	37	33	69	Fri. Noon - Beef O'Bradys (2471 N. McMullen Booth Rd Clearwater, FL 33759)	
Crystal River	49	51	79	Mon. 12:15pm - Plantation Inn and Golf Resort	
Crystal River-Kings Bay	58	62	77	Wed. 12:15pm - Seminole Club (3rd St., Crystal River)	
Dade City	39	38	76	Mon. 12:15pm - Kafe Kokopelli (Orange Room- 37940 Live Oak Avenue Dade City)	
Dade City Sunrise	21	21	87	Thu. 7:00am- The Hampton Inn (13215 US Hwy 301, Dade City, FL 33525)	
Dunedin	47	47	67	Tue. 12:15pm - Church of Good Shepherd (629 Edgewater Dr.)	
Dunedin North	47	51	82	Wed. 7:30am - Dunedin Country Club (1050 Palm Blvd.)	
Dunedin Waterside	18	21	80	Wed. 6:30pm -Sea Sea Riders (221 Main Street Dunedin, FL 34698)	
East Lake Sunrise	20	15	60	Thu. 7:30am - East Lake Woodlands CC (1055 East Lake Woodlands Pkwy.)	
Gulf Beaches	27	38	72	Tue. 12:15pm - Treasure Island Yacht & Tennis Club (400 Treasure Island Causeway)	
Holiday	50	50	70	Tue. Noon - IHOP (U.S. Hwy. 19, NPR)	
Homosassa Springs	17	19	84	Thu. 7am - Luigi's (4538 Suncoast Blvd US19)	
Hudson	16	15	92	Thu. Noon - CARES Enrichment Center (12417 Clock Tower Pkwy, Hudson, Bayonet Pt.)	
Indian Rocks Beach	33	32	79	Wed. 7:15am Jimmy Guana's Restaurant, Holiday Inn Harborside (401 2nd St.)	
Inverness	70	66	55	Tue. Noon - Inverness Golf and Country Club (Inverness)	
Largo	36	38	78	Mon. Noon - Alfano's Restaurant (1702 Clwtr/Largo Rd.)	
New Port Richey	130	130	85	Wed. 12:15pm - Spartan Manor (6121 Massachusetts Avenue)	
Oldsmar/East Lake	12	15	0	Thu. 12:15pm - Flamestone American Grill, 4009 Tampa Rd	
Palm Harbor	25	24	64	Wed. 12:15pm - Leo's Italian Grill (Palm Harbor)	
Pinellas Park	31	29	82	Thu. 12:15pm - Banquet Masters (8100 Park Blvd.)	
Port Richey	21	28	75	Fri. Noon - Argento's	
Rotary E-Club of SE USA	31	30	70	Anytime at www.rotaryeclub34.org	
Safety Harbor	9	14	87	Fri. 7:30am - Safety Harbor Spa (105 N Bayshore Dr.)	
San Antonio	15	15	87	Tue. 6:30pm - Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club (St. Rd. 52)	
Seminole	67	66	75	Wed. 12:15pm - Lake Seminole Golf & Country Club (6100 Augusta Blvd.)	
Seminole Lake	30	31	67	Fri. 7:15am - Freedom Square Seminole, Roskamp Auditorium	
Seven Springs	47	47	73	Thu. 7:30am - Seven Springs Country Club (3535 Trophy Blvd.)	
Spring Hill	15	13	92	Thu. 7:45am - IHOP Restaurant (US19)	
Spring Hill Central	18	21	52	Thu. 12:15pm at Silverthorn Country Club (Brooksville)	
St. Petersburg	102	98	66	Fri. Noon - Orange Blossom Catering (220 4th St. N)	
St. Petersburg Mid-Town	19	16	59	Wed. Noon - Sylvia's (642 22nd Street South St. Petersburg 33712)	
St. Petersburg Sunrise	31	29	81	Tue. 7:45 am - St. Petersburg Yacht Club (11 Central Ave)	
St. Petersburg Sunset	19	23	50	Thu. 6:00 pm - The Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront (333 First St. south St. Petersburg)	
St. Petersburg West	28	31	82	Wed. 7:45am - Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club (400 Island Causeway, Treasure Island)	
Sugarmill Woods-Citrus County	24	26	96	Tue. 5:00pm - Sugarmill Woods Country Club (Homosassa)	
Tarpon Springs	83	80	77	Thu. 12:15pm - Targon Springs Yacht Club (350 S. Spring Blvd.)	
· · · ·	65	79	66	Fri. 12:15pm - Heritage Springs Country Club	
Trinity Wasley Changl	58	89	66		
Wesley Chapel Suprise				Wed. 12:15pm - Ciao! Italian Bistro (Wiregrass)	
Wesley Chapel Sunrise	20	19	72	Fri. 7:15am - Lexington Oaks Golf Club (26133 Lexington Oaks Blvd. off SR 54 near I-75)	
Zephyrhills Doubrook	48	49	64	Thu. 12:15pm - Zephyrhills Rotary Youth building (Shepard Park)	
Zephyrhills Daybreak	32	25	1	Wed. 7:00am - First United Methodist Church (38635 Fifth Ave, Zephyrhills)	

#### **June 2014**

#### **Central Citrus County**

Wade, Charles

#### Dade City

Placnik, Jeanne Stephenson, Stephanie VanAllen, Bobby

#### **New Port Richey**

Hudson, Kimberley Starkey, Jeff

#### **Pinellas Park**

Waddell, Janet

### Rotary E-Club of

### Southeast USA &

Caribbean

Saartio, Markus

#### Seminole Lake

Hastings, Lucienne

#### St. Petersburg

Sawyer, Nicole

#### Tarpon Springs

Cochran, William Dockery, Robert

#### Wesley Chapel

Brown, Boyd Casablanca, Marisol Gavros, Pat Nunley, Heather Nye, Brent Sercu, Robb

#### **Wesley Chapel Sunrise**

Grant, L. Javan

#### Zephyrhills

Dearolf, Jon



## Rotary Day with the Rays



SUN, SEPT. 7
VS. BAL
START TIME: 1:40 P.M.

Lower Reserved Tickets (Hat) \$45 Outfield Reserved Tickets are \$28 Upper level Tickets are \$21

Deadline to purchase Wednesday, August 27, 2014.



All prices include \$10 to The Rotary Foundation in the name of the purchaser. Tickets are purchased through Gene Beil; checks should be payable to "Beil & Hay Trust Acc't".

If you purchased a Lower Reserved ticket, pick up your hat at the Redemption Center located in the first base food court by the 3rd inning by showing your ticket stub.



## ORDER FORM

For more information contact Gene Beil at: 727.868.2306 or kiwimate@msn.com

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Accessible seats (circle): Yes No	•



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