

## THE FOLLOWING LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS WELCOME YOU

**Monday:** Largo, Noon at Alfano's Restaurant

**Tuesday:** Clearwater Countryside, 7:30 AM, Countryside Country Club

**Wednesday:** Dunedin North, 7:30 AM, Dunedin Country Club

Palm Harbor Rotary, 12:15 lunch at Innisbrook

**Thursday:** Tarpon Springs, 12:15 PM, Tarpon Springs Yacht Club

**Friday:** Safety Harbor, 7:30 AM, Safety Harbor Spa

**Visit Your Club Website - [www.DunedinRotary.com](http://www.DunedinRotary.com)**

If you need to update information on our Club web site email [Steve@adsharp.com](mailto:Steve@adsharp.com). Past issues of the Gulf Breeze, our annual Calendar of Events and contact information about club members is posted on our club web site.

### Next Meeting Agenda

*December 19, 2006*

*Invocation - Nora Mihopoulos*

*Joke - Don Gage*

*Speaker - Susanne Nielsen -*

*GSE Bangladesh*



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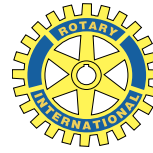
### WANTED

As long as he's not too stiff, invite a funeral director to our Tuesday luncheon. He will be your guest, paid for by the club.

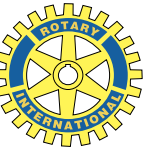
### Rotary Leadership Institute January 27th In Clearwater

The RLI is back in our area in January. This is an easy and fun way to learn about Rotary and how to be an effective leader. Go to [www.rli-training.org](http://www.rli-training.org) for complete details. Our club will pay for you to attend this Institute. The next RLI in our area will be at the:

Radisson Clearwater Central  
20967 US Highway 19 N  
Clearwater



# Gulf Breeze



The Rotary Club of Dunedin Florida

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

## Education Foundation and Habitat for Humanities Speakers



Michelle Cato Speaking On The Pinellas Education Foundation.  
Robert Metz Inducted As Newest Club Member By John Freeborn

Michelle Cato from the Pinellas Education Foundation joined us last week to remind us of the December 15th deadline for scholarship applicants. The Education Foundation provides access to many scholarship opportunities. If you know any Pinellas high school seniors, remind and encourage them to log on to the Foundation website at [www.Pinellaseducation.org](http://www.Pinellaseducation.org) before 5p.m. December 15th. The website contains a 40 question filter to help students determine which scholarships they may be eligible for and then they can complete the necessary application online.

Various types of scholarships are offered including those for traditional college tuition assistance, Career Education opportunities, and those for vocational training. There are opportunities for all levels of students and not just those with the highest GPAs so encourage a high school senior you know to take check it out. Last year about 1500 of the 6000 Pinellas High School students applied and 250 were awarded scholarships.

Joseph Miller and Carol Dunn – Pinellas Habitat for Humanities  
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## November 28th Meeting Recap

**Guests** – Frequent visitor Andy

**Happy Bucks** – **Melissa McCormick** because her son Zachary got a real job and is officially off her payroll. And another buck to remind us all about our Holiday party on Monday December, 11 at the Carlouel Yacht Club.

**Nora Mihopolous** – to remind us of the Adopt-a-family envelope included with our Holiday Party invitation. Please include any donations for the 2 families our Club is adopting for the holidays.

**Sue Thomas** – because USF is going to a bowl game for the second year in a row.

**Jeff Rhoads** – to remind us about the blood drive coming up.

**50/50 Winner** – Ed Proefke had the winning ticket and drew the 10 of clubs.

**Last Chance to Sign Up for Club Holiday Party.**  
*Remember there is no meeting next Tuesday, December 12.*

Make your reservations today for our Club's Holiday Party next Monday night (12/11) at the Carlouel Yacht Club in Clearwater Beach. Cocktails begin at 6 PM and dinner is 7. Enjoy an evening of good fellowship, music and outstanding food. Our menu includes French Onion Soup with puff pastry cap, a Mixed Green Salad - Ranch or Vinaigrette dressing, Rolls, Tea, Coffee, Lemonade, Carved Roast Prime Rib, Chicken Piccata, Grouper with Cit-

rus Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes with Parmesan Cheese, California Vegetable Medley and a wonderful Holiday Dessert Table with a plentiful assortment of your favorite holiday sweets! This feast at one of the most beautiful decorated places is \$36 per person. Members will be billed for a regular \$12 meeting lunch plus \$24 for the dinner. See or call (735-9633) Melissa McCormick to make your reservation TODAY.

### 60th Club Anniversary - February 11, 2007

How do we celebrate 60 years of service in Dunedin? Personally I think we should celebrate by providing more service for our community. How? Each year our club provides about \$14,000 in college scholarships to Dunedin High School students. What if we could increase the annual scholarships to \$20,000 a year? Would this be an appropriate way to celebrate our 60th anniversary? I will be presenting more information over the next few weeks. Thanks! President Bill



## MEETING AGENDA

**December 5, 2006**

**Invocation** – Cheryl Wade

Pledge of Allegiance

**Joke of the Day** – Sara Kessinger

Introduction of Guests, Happy Bucks & 50/50

**Speakers** -Paul Slosberg - Rotary Foundation



### Education Foundation Continued

Last week we enjoyed a tag team presentation from Joseph Miller and Carol Dunn from Pinellas Habitat for Humanity. The Pinellas Habitat has built 133 homes in Pinellas County and contributed funds to the International Habitat to build 119 homes.

The mission of Habitat is not to provide homes to poor people, according to Joseph. Each family that purchases a Habitat home is required to invest 400-500 hours of "sweat equity", building homes for others in order to qualify for their own home. Once a family gets their home they are qualified for an interest free mortgage to help keep the payments reasonable.

The cost for professional labor and materials is about \$110,000 for each new home. In order to keep the price affordable many volunteers provide much of the remaining labor. Habitat maximizes its resources by partnering with companies and individual donors to help provide furnishings for the home. Whirlpool donates a refrigerator and stove for every home and Clearwater Mattress provides a new mattress for each bedroom in every new house in the County.

Finding land on which to build affordable

homes is a significant challenge in Pinellas County. The Pinellas Habitat recently partnered with the Dunedin Housing Authority to build its largest ever multi-unit development on 2.6 acres. Current plans call for at least 18 new homes at the former Highlander Village on Howell Street in Dunedin. The Pinellas Habitat has been successful in partnering with cities throughout the County in order to gain the land to build affordable homes, and this is the first partnership between Pinellas Habitat and Dunedin. Carol said that partnering with the local municipalities is tremendously important to the success and possibility of the projects.

Whether alone or as a group, all are welcome to help with the build. Some of the Builds in Pinellas County are "Women Builds", in which the volunteer labor team is all women. The next Women's Build will be May – July 2007. Volunteers will work Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays in groups of 12-15 to complete the project.

If you are interested in helping Pinellas Habitat there are current projects underway for which volunteers are needed, including a home for a family of 11 in Safety Harbor that fled to the United States as refugees. Check their website, [www.phfh.org](http://www.phfh.org) for opportunities to get involved.