

AREA CLUBS FOR MAKE-UPS

MONDAY	Largo , Noon at Alfonso's Restaurant
TUESDAY	Countryside , 7:30 am at the Countryside Country Club
WEDNESDAY	Dunedin North , 7:30 am at the Dunedin Country Club Palm Harbor , 12:15 at Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor Clearwater , 12:15 at the Belleair Country Club
THURSDAY	Clearwater Beach , 12:15 at the Holiday Inn Oldsmar/East Lake , 12:15 at Alberto's Italian Grille Tarpon Springs , at the Tarpon Springs Yacht Club Belleair , 12:00 at the Belleair Country Club
FRIDAY	Safety Harbor , 7:30 am at the Safety Harbor spa Clearwater East , 12:00 at Cove Cay Country Club
ANYTIME	The E-club , www.rotaryclub34.org

CALENDAR

February is "World Understanding" Month

- February 18 - Rotary Club of Dunedin Board Meeting – Dunedin Country Club
February 21 - Rotary Leadership Institute - Clearwater Classes
March 14 – Rotary At the Races – Tampa Bay Downs
March 18 – Rotary Club Board Meeting – Dunedin Country Club
April 16 - Interact Club Breakfast, Dunedin High School
May 6 - Dunedin Rotary Foundation Board Meeting – Dunedin Public Library
May 15-16 - 2009 District Conference – St. Augustine, FL
June 21-24 - 2009 International Convention, Birmingham, England

Make the new Rotary year a great one for

"Making Dreams Real"

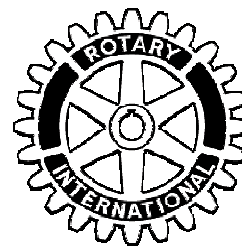


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Our **Club website** address is: <http://dunedinrotaryclub.com>

Past newsletters: <http://dunedinrotaryclub.com/dunedin-rotary-club-newsletters.htm>

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DUNEDIN



Service Above Self

**GULF
BREEZE**



TODAY

FEBRUARY 24, 2009

INVOCATION: Bob Isham

JOKE: To be Announced

SPEAKER: Ellis Rue,

"Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Experience"

Last Week's Guests

Mark McCutcheon & Patrick Donoghue, Dunedin North Club, John Mueller, Michigan, Sid Hatch, Port Hope, Ontario, Roberta Cantor, Salem, MA, Dave Carson, former Rotarian Bob Wheeler, Goffstown, NH

Happy Bucks

Vern Wade, for winning \$147 at the Dog Track, Ken Rejko, for Inner Wheel's Annual Dinner. His wife, Terri, is President and she wanted to thank Ray Kingsbury for printing their program and nametags for free. Joan Gutierrez for Martine Stapp leading a GSE team to the Philippines for the next 4 weeks, Bill Berger showed off his new, streamlined haircut and thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers, Ray Kingsbury, who is undecided on the stimulus package.

50-50 Drawing

Ed Proefke was the winner, drawing a King of Diamonds. The pot is \$524.

Announcements

Matching Grant – Patrick Donoghue

The Dunedin and Dunedin North Clubs recently joined together to secure a matching grant for the Clearwater Free Clinic. Each Club's \$2,000 contribution was matched, providing an \$8,000 donation to the Clinic. Phase 1 created an education process in the waiting room for patients and phase 2 will provide for education opportunities for patients to learn how to treat their treatable diseases, keeping them out of emergency rooms. The Free Clinic serves working and lower middle class families without health care coverage, the second largest group of which are from Dunedin.

Kim Gray announced that after the recent home explosion, the Suncoast Animal League is raising funds to purchase canine masks for all rescue response vehicles and teams. They are also raising funds to help the dog, Jingles, who was injured in the explosion. Interested Rotarians can make donations to the League to help.

Member Spotlight - Kevin Donoghue

Kevin said he's been waiting 27 years for this opportunity! Carl Keltner brought him into Rotary and he served as President in 89-90. He's currently President of our Foundation and celebrated his 60th birthday yesterday.

Kevin was a partner in an accounting firm, where he sold his interest in 2001. He is now a financial planner at Thornton Donoghue & Associates with his partner, Sonny Thornton, and his son, Patrick. They focus on clients' goals and develop customized plans for each to help achieve them. He offered a complimentary meeting to any Rotarian to help assess their needs.

Last Week's Program – Special Olympics Florida

Lindsay Ames is an Exercise Specialist and personal trainer, as well as a volunteer for Special Olympics.

Today in Florida there are 16,000 athletes in sports training and competition, both children and adults, with mental retardation and physical disabilities. Special Olympics was started in 1972 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver for children and adults with mental retardation. Today embraces over 1 million athletes worldwide with a range of disabilities, a growing number with autism.

The program offers year round coaching, not just a one-day athletic event. We're fortunate in Pinellas County to have 2 Special Olympic coordinators paid for by the school system. There are 950 athletes in over 15 sports year round in Pinellas. The Olympics are now held annually in Orlando.

Athletes may start participating at age 8, with no upper age limit. For many who live in group homes, this is often the only social outlet they have.

The athletes live in the moment and see the pure joy in life. She encouraged Rotarians to consider being a Special Olympics volunteer, whether for the day at athletic events or year-round. Special Olympics is mostly volunteer driven and there are always opportunities for fund raising. She encouraged our Club to consider adopting the organization for some of our contribution opportunities.

In addition to the Games, Special Olympics also has a "Healthy Kids Initiative" to offer free glasses, checkups, health care and more. The organization also offers teams for disabled as well as non-disabled athletes to involve families and siblings.

Check out the Special Olympics website for volunteer opportunities.

President Jonathan concluded the meeting by presenting Martine Stapp with some hats to take with her to the Philippines. Martine said there will be 25 hours of traveling to get their destination. The four GSE members traveling with her have discovered they all have an artistic background. They are a graphic designer, a sex education teacher, a pilot for the Coast Guard, and a poet who works in radio antenna repair. She thanked the Board and Club for their support and will give us a report when she returns.

Note from the Governor

Rotarian to Rotarian: Many people join Rotary not only for the fellowship and opportunity for service but for networking. This is a good thing as Rotarians would prefer doing business with a fellow Rotarian. Rotarians are not to give any special treatment to a fellow Rotarian than they would another customer but we take comfort in knowing that we all do business with high ethical standards. We are now taking ads for the third annual publication of the Rotarian to Rotarian Business Directory. For the minimal cost of \$25 you can place an ad to reach all of your fellow Rotarians in the District. With today's economic climate let's all advertise and do business with each other. Go to www.rotariantorotarian.biz to place your ad.