

YOU CAN MAKE UP AT THESE LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS

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

A complete list of all District 6950 Rotary Clubs is available at
www.Rotary6950.org.

Visit Your Club Website - www.DunedinRotary.com

Next Meeting Agenda: 2-13

Invocation - Diane Nelson

Classification Minute - Kent Oliver

Joke - Kevin Donoghue

Speaker - Kevin Donoghue - Club

Foundation



Gulf Breeze Volunteers

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Upcoming Rotary Events

February 11 - 60th Anniversary Reception

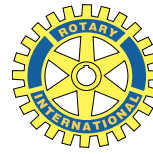
March 8 - Dunedin Pub Crawl

March 24 - Rotary North Lobster Bake

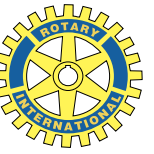
March 31 - Blue Jays Game

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I know we go round and round on this, but our club doesn't have a tire dealer as a member. Invite one to lunch as your guest at the club's expense.



Gulf Breeze



The Rotary Club of Dunedin Florida

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

"The Magnificent Man and His Flying Machine"

Learning to fly these days is not too uncommon but it is quite uncommon to see someone who wants to learn at age 70!

Just over 7 years ago when Rotarian Bill Lewis was 70 years old he decided that he was going to learn to fly. Bill was out in Las Vegas for a conference when he read Art Linkletter's book about finding ways to keep the brain healthy and what a concern this is since we are living longer. The book said since there is still no way to repair damage in the brain it is imperative to take action to keep the brain healthy and fit. This information really resonated with Bill and gave him the last bit of encouragement he needed to realize the dream of flying that he had put off years ago.

After getting the blessing from his wife Margaret to proceed, Bill enrolled in flying lessons in January 2000 and in 2002 graduated with his pilot's license. As you would imagine learning to fly rarely comes without moments of sweaty palms and great anticipation. For Bill learning "stalls" brought out these moments. Bill said that as part of his instruction he was put in situations where his plane would be made to intentionally stall in mid air and he would have to recover the plane while losing altitude and heading for the ground. There are easy parts to flying, Bill said. Taking off is very easy for example, but landing is a whole other story in which there is not much room for error.

60th Anniversary Celebration This Sunday

Please remember to attend our 60th Anniversary Celebration this Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Dunedin Fine Art Center. You and your spouse or guest are invited and there is no cost. Many of our past Presidents and some of the early Club members will attend.

Join us to celebrate our Club's 60 years of service.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who gave blood last week! Once again our club met our goal. Special thanks to Jeff Rhoads, Blood Drive Chair.

Classification Minute

Julie Linn shared a glimpse into the current happenings at Florida Blood Services. Julie said that the need for blood in this area has grown to 800 units a day from 750 this time last year. Current supplies are low and donors are truly needed, especially for the universal type O-.

New changes to who can donate plasma and platelets have seriously impacted the supply of those products. Julie Linn said that it has been found that Transfusion Related Acute Lung Injury, TRALI, can be brought

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Guests: Rotarians Andy from Clearwater; Elmer from London, Ohio Pete from Belfast, Maine; Randy from Wilmington, Delaware; Bob from New Hampshire; and John from Ohio. Monique, Finance Manager from Florida Auto Exchange was a guest of Jeff Rhoads.

Happy Bucks: Lynn Wargo presents our club a check for \$600 from the Dunedin Chamber for the 60th Anniversary Scholarship Campaign; Joan Gutierrez for the wedding she attended in LA, (lower Alabama); Julie Linn for the Blue Jay game coming up on March 31st. Our Club will have tickets for kids and adults and everyone is encouraged to come out and watch the Jays take on the Reds. Tara Jacobsen because the real estate market is starting to get better; Jeff Rhoads not for the lousy trip he had to repo a car but for the opportunity to share meals with former club member, Dave Kaufman and his wife Terrie.

50/50 – Visiting Rotarian Bob won \$10 and the 50/50 pot is now \$262.

LEARNING TO FLY AT 70 (Continued)

Another truly priceless lesson that Bill learned came from watching the or of another pilot who was taking off when Bill was performing his flight check. Bill recalled that the other pilot conducted his preflight check in record time hopped in his plane and took off. The pilot made his trip to Cedar Key and almost made it home, but then while flying over McMullen Booth Road the plane ran out of gas. Ultimately the pilot had no choice but to attempt landing in the middle of McMullen Booth Road. The pilot did land safely, but there was a lot of luck involved. Bill takes the lesson he learned seriously and to this day every time before he takes off he climbs onto the wings of the plane and check the fuel levels himself to make certain that he will not be the victim of an empty tank.

Bill says that the views he is able to enjoy from 1500-2000 feet up are incredible. Unlike the lack of view when flying at 10,000 feet in a commercial jet Bill is able to see many details of the landscape below.

There is one thing that Bill has not managed to do in his 7 years of flying. His wife Margaret though supportive of his endeavor has not climbed willingly into the passenger seat of Bill's plane. Bill said that according to Margaret, "Take offs are optional, landings are mandatory!"

CLASSIFICATION MINUTES CONTINUED

on by plasma and platelets from female donors and as a result Florida Blood Services will now only take plasma and platelet donations from male donors.

Julie Linn said that FBS will soon be adding a new test for a specific parasitic disease on all blood donations helping to further insure the safety of transfusions.

Rotarians can now sign up the next Rotary Leadership Institute on May 19th at Seminole Community College in Oviedo. www.rlittraining.org

MEETING AGENDA

February 6, 2007

Invocation - Don Gage

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Joke -Bob Isham

Classification Minute - Carl Keltner

Introduction of Guests

Happy Bucks & 50/50

Announcements

Speaker - *Debora Clark - Supervisor of Elections*

Downtown Dunedin Pub Crawl II Location: Bellini Restaurant (first stop) When: Thursday, March 8, 5:30pm

It's baaaack!!! Join us on Thursday, March 8, for the Downtown Dunedin Pub Crawl, Part II. The second coming of this fun-raiser will once again benefit the Dunedin Rotary Club. For a \$25 donation, you'll receive one free drink (beer or non-alcoholic alternative) at each of five great downtown restaurants/bars that will give you a true taste of the exciting night life in downtown Dunedin. Each stop on the pub crawl will also include light snacks. Sponsored by Miller Lite, Skip Cline Young Leadership Society of the Morton Plant Mease Foundation, and each of the fantastic restaurants/bars you'll enjoy!

Event starts at 5:30pm and the pub crawl route will be:

1. **Bellini Restaurant** - 487 Main Street
2. **Flanagan's Irish Pub** - 465 Main Street
3. **Skip's Bar & Grill** - 371 Main Street
4. **Chic-a-Boom Room** - 319 Main Street
5. **Dunedin Brewery & Snug Pub** - 937 Douglas Avenue

RSVP is required as space is limited, but please spread the word by inviting your friends! Payment by check (in advance or at the door) or by cash at the door (do not mail cash). Make checks payable to Dunedin Rotary Club and mail to Dunedin Rotary Club - Pub Crawl, PO Box 1153 Dunedin, FL 34697-1153. The Dunedin Rotary Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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