

## AREA CLUBS FOR MAKE-UPS

MONDAY	<b>Largo</b> , Noon at Alfonso's Restaurant
TUESDAY	<b>Holiday</b> , Noon at IHOP New Port Richey
WEDNESDAY	<b>Countryside</b> , 6:00 pm at the Dunedin Brewery <b>Dunedin North</b> , 7:30 am at the Dunedin Country Club <b>Palm Harbor</b> , 12:15 at Positano Ristorante Italiano <b>Clearwater</b> , 12:15 at the Belleair Country Club
THURSDAY	<b>Clearwater Beach</b> , 12:15 at the Holiday Inn <b>Oldsmar/East Lake</b> , 12:15 at Alberto's Italian Grille <b>Tarpon Springs</b> , at the Tarpon Springs Yacht Club <b>Belleair</b> , 12:00 at the Belleair Country Club
FRIDAY	<b>Safety Harbor</b> , 7:30 am at the Safety Harbor spa <b>Clearwater East</b> , 12:00 at Cove Cay Country Club
ANYTIME	<b>The E-club</b> , <a href="http://www.rotaryclub34.org">www.rotaryclub34.org</a>

## CALENDAR

- May 20 – Dunedin Rotary Club Board Meeting – Dunedin Country Club  
June 14 – Dunedin Rotary Triathlon at Honeymoon Island 7 AM  
June 21-24 – 2009 Rotary International Convention, Birmingham, England  
June 30 – Installation Dinner at the Dunedin Country Club, 6 PM

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**“Making Dreams Real”**

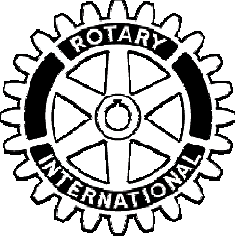


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THE ROTARY CLUB OF DUNEDIN



# GULF BREEZE



Service Above Self

## TODAY

MAY 19, 2009

INVOCATION: Melissa McCormick  
JOKE: Janet Henderson  
SPEAKER: Ashli Cooper, Director of Alumni Relations  
**“Eckerd Youth Alternatives”**

## NEXT WEEK

MAY 26, 2009

INVOCATION: Michelle Grossman  
JOKE: Gus Evans  
SPEAKER: Ray Kingsbury  
**“Rotary Foundation”**

## Guests

Pres. Jonathan brought **Bob Wheeler** and **Roberta Cantor**, our long-term visitors, front and center to thank them for choosing to spend the winter and spring with us. We look forward to welcoming them back next year.

**Martin Slavney**, Clearwater

**Phyllis Debien**, former Rotarian and guest of Lynn Wargo

**Mark McCutcheon**, Dunedin N

**Carol Lashear**, former Club member and guest of Bob Wheeler

**Chuck Warrington**, Clearwater Club, and N Pinellas Area Coordinator for GSE

## **Happy Bucks**

**Bob Wheeler** thanked us for our hospitality and was happy to have brought Carol Lashear back for a visit.

**Carol Lashear** was happy to be with us and thanked everyone for welcoming her.

**Roberta Cantor** thanked everyone for their hospitality and looks forward to returning to Dunedin next year.

**Chuck Warrington** named and thanked the many Club members who have helped with the GSE team visits and recognized our Club's involvement in GSE.

**Mark Brandt** announced a second contract on a Glencairn home. 2 down, 12 to go.

**Lynn Smeraldo** is happy her husband is doing well and thanked everyone for their well wishes.

**Diane Nelson** is happy the legislative session has ended and she has no more bills to read. As an employer who supports the Reserves, she had the opportunity to visit MacDill Air Force Base and travel to two other cities aboard a C-135. She also toured a C-17.

**Bob Isham** announced the temperature in Lake Champlain is 47 degrees and he's on his way there. If you're in Burlington over the summer give him a call. He also announced that after 22 years as a stockbroker, he's retiring on Aug. 1.

**Janet Henderson** spent 2 weeks in Europe and had a great trip with lots of good food and wine. She thanked Kim Gray for taking care of her "baby," her dog.

**Pat Bauer** was happy about her opportunity to spend the day with the GSE team from Turkey.

**Earl Tapley** invited Club members to a Middle Eastern lecture, with a focus on Pakistan, at Mease Manor.

**Ray Kingsbury** was happy about having a governmental official who reads pending bills – Diane Nelson.

## **50-50 Drawing**

The lucky ticket was held by **Diane Nelson** who drew the 3 of Spades trying to find the King of Hearts.

## **Announcements**

**Sarah McCallum** asked everyone to sign up for a volunteer shift at the Triathlon. She expects a big turnout for the event so there are lots of volunteer opportunities.

## **Last Week's Program** – GSE Presentation – Turkish Team

Team leader Veli Cigirgan, an electrical engineer from the Istanbul, Turkey Rotary Club, has been a Rotarian since 1985. He is leading a team of educators representing District 2420. He thanked the host families for their hospitality. In what was one of the most clever introductions, he introduced the team members to us in a "Charlie's Angels" skit.

Each team member took part in the day's program, introducing various components of their country and lifestyle.

Gukce Polat, a 28-year-old English teacher, talked about Turkey's location, resources, history and culture.

The country spans two continents, Asia and Europe, and is surrounded by three seas. Tourism is an important part of their economy and she introduced us to various locales enjoyed by tourists and residents alike. One interesting historical figure, St. Nicholas (Santa Claus) was Turkish. She also showed several cityscapes built around beautiful temples, as well as the last home of the Virgin Mary which draws many Christians on pilgrimages.

Pinar Dursun is a 28-year-old musician and music teacher. Her presentation focused on the culture, music, art and social life of Turkey. Their music is a blend of influences and instruments. She introduced us to several great directors, composers and artists. The men who direct the careers of Ray Charles and Nora Jones are Turkish. The Turkish built some of the most beautiful architecture in the world.

Hande Gunel is a 27-year-old English teacher. Her comments focused on the food and drink of Turkey. Lamb is the basic meat of Turkish meals. Shish kebabs, stuffed green peppers and many eggplant dishes originated in Turkey. They enjoy long dinners followed by dancing, Turkish coffee and tea, and a popular drink similar to ouzo. Soccer is the country's most popular sport, followed by basketball, then oil wrestling (two men who oil their bodies then wrestle).

Marathons are also very popular there and draw athletes from around the world.

Team member Evre Guney was unable to be at the presentation due to another scheduled event.

Several Club members asked questions of the group. One was about the religious aspect of their country's government. Veli said Turkey is a secular government, with more religious influence in past years, but not nearly as much as other Muslim countries.

When asked what they found to be the most surprising part of their visit, Pinar answered for the group, saying they found us all to be people, not Turkish or American, but humans. Pres. Jonathan concluded that's what GSE is all about, creating understanding and acceptance worldwide.