

August 3, 2010 Gulf Breeze

Invocation: Mark Brandt

Joke: Sallie Parks

Speaker: Christa Wingert - Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Last Week, 7/27/10

Guests:

- George Ann Bissett, Executive Director of the Dunedin Fine Art Center and a member of Dunedin North Rotary Club
- Todd Still, Director of Youth Education at Dunedin Fine Art Center
- Andy Noll from the Clearwater Rotary Club

Happy Bucks

- Andy Noll for being at the Rays game Monday which resulted in their first no-hitter.
- Earl Tapley had a sad buck for member Derek Wilson, who is in Mease Dunedin Hospital Room 220 with some serious health problems.
- George Ann Bissett for the Wearable Art to be held August 14th at the Dunedin Community Center.

50/50 Raffle:

- The winning ticket was 345188. Todd Still had the winning ticket and drew a 7 of clubs for \$7.

Announcements:

- President Melissa McCormick announced that we will celebrate Rotary birthdays instead of real birthdays. It is easier to find out the actual age that way.
- **Ray Kingsbury has been a member for 20 years. Congratulations!**
- George Ann Bissett and Todd Still accepted a check from the club for \$2,500 for scholarships for Summer Camp. Todd Still stated that 18 kids will be able to attend camp because of this. They handle approximately 150 children each week and the session extends for 10 weeks. The campers come from Dunedin but also from the entire region and also out-of-state. So far 100 weeks of scholarship have been given.

Speaker: County Commissioner Susan Latvala

- Susan discussed the Deepwater Horizon oil well tragedy saying we have no idea about the ramifications to all of this. The Pinellas County Emergency Management normally handling hurricanes would deal with this if oil comes to our shores. The US Coast Guard will be the lead agency. She distributed a chart showing currents in the Gulf of Mexico with ocean drifters developed by USF St. Petersburg. We are well protected during normal weather patterns by the Gulfstream. A big storm can disrupt the Gulfstream. The tourism industry for the entire State of Florida is suffering, with European visitors staying away this year. She talked about the county budget process in the recession. Amendment 1 in 2009 took away \$40 million in revenue out of the budget that will never come back. They are trying to "right-size" to stabilize the budget and layoffs. The silver lining is that certain processes will become more efficient. Innovations include combining the Utilities Department with Public Works, new VOIP telephone system that will cost \$2 million upfront but will save \$700,000 a year every year, building a larger chiller for county buildings that will allow the county to sell to other businesses.

August 10

Invocation: Lynn Wargo

Joke: Jeff Rhoads

Speaker: Doc Sessa, Staying Healthy

August 17:

Invocation: Fred Gunn

Joke: Diane Nelson

Speaker: Brenda Wendt, Rotary 6950 District and Club Data Base (don't miss this!)

