



September 8 Guest Speaker –Rosa Rodriguez The Deaf Literacy Center

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative is an umbrella library service for all libraries in Pinellas County.

Rosa was working at the Safety Harbor Library when the city experienced an influx of about 150 deaf residents looking for service, particularly in reading skills. These needs were met there, and now at other libraries, through the Library Cooperative.

In Florida, there are over 2 million people with hearing loss. Some 90% of deaf family members have hearing parents. There are many learning challenges for these children and adults. The cooperative supports efforts in reading so these individuals can become productive engaged citizens.

Ms. Rodriguez explained the difficulty of translating sign language to the written word. Although many deaf children and adults can communicate through sign language, they have great challenges with the written language that we take for granted. She also talked about the difficulty in the cultural translation from other languages to English with the many meanings and variations of our words.

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Today's Agenda September 15, 2009

**Invocation – Peggy Rowe
Pledge of Allegiance
Joke of the Day – Jim Haley
Introduction of Guests
Happy Bucks and 50/50
Announcements**

**Speaker: Dr. Barkley
Enlarged Prostate and
Prostate Cancer**

Upcoming Speakers

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| 9/22 | Club Assembly |
| 9/29 | Marilyn Browne
Pinellas Education Foundation |

Upcoming Joke of the Day

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| 9/22 | Sallie Parks |
| 9/29 | Earl Tapley |
| 10/6 | Cheryl Wade |
| 10/13 | Gus Evans |

Upcoming Invocations

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| 9/22 | John Freeborn |
| 9/29 | Kristin Howard |

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Through her efforts, all St. Pete College signing students have to participate in her program so they can learn to effectively communicate with the hearing impaired.

Their educational process also provides help to the deaf to earn better reading and communication skills. Her program also allows volunteers to focus on teaching parents with deaf children the necessary skills they need to reach their children, beginning as early as infants.

American Sign Language is the 3rd most used language in the US.

The Deaf Literacy Center offers services such as:

- Basic English Literacy to Deaf and Hard of Hearing adults and their families
- Individual tutors
- Basic computer literacy
- Family signed story times
- Life skills workshops and book discussion
- Sign language classes for the community
- Referral and resource centers
- Deaf collection (books, videos, magazines, etc.)

Rosa concluded her presentation with a signing of the song “A Hero Lies in You.”

One question raised, which surprised quite a few in the audience, was that our American Sign Language is not universal. The language and cultural interpretations are so vastly different that sign language is as well.

Summary of 9/8 Meeting

Happy Bucks

Tom Anderson, for driving 10,000 miles across country and doing his part to support the economy.

Pres. Carole recognized **Rep. Anderson** for being in the paper for his elder advocacy efforts.

Sally Trotter, who thanked our Literacy Chair **Pat Bauer** for speaking at an Inner Wheel meeting. Sally also asked us to support Inner Wheel’s Pecan Drive so they can support their charities.

Pat Rawlins had information about the Kimberly Home’s “Roaring 20’s” Benefit.

Jim Haley was pleased to announce his wife, Carmela, was promoted to Assistant Principal at East Lake High School.

Bill Francisco announced his daughter, Suzanne, is expecting her first baby and is due on March 9.

Sally Parks was happy for her husband Alden’s birthday this week. She’s also taking part in the Alzheimer’s Association’s Memory Walk on September 26. If you’d like to donate to this effort, please get with Sally. All contributions are welcomed.

Julie Scales was appreciative for our Club Secretaries, both past and present, (**Sara Kessinger and Ernie Wartenberg**) for all their hard work. We all agree – thanks Sara and Ernie!!!!

Summary of 9/8 Meeting Continued

Alice Anderson, wife of Rep. Tom Anderson

Sally Trotter, InnerWheel President

Lorna McDowell,, guest of Earl Tapley

New Members to be inducted: Derick Wilson & Diana McCaffrey

50/50

Alice Anderson had the lucky ticket, trying for the \$177.

Announcements

Blood Drive

Jeff Rhoads announced the next Blood Drive is September 22. If you can bring people from your office or friends to support this effort, all are welcomed.

Membership Event and Recruitment Party - Ken Rejko

Ken invited all Rotarians to attend the Membership Party on Saturday, October 10, on Honeymoon Island. There will not be a meeting on Tues., Oct. 20. The event will take place at the Rotary Centennial Nature Center on Honeymoon Island, 3 –7 p.m. This is being held in conjunction with the Membership Committee. A variety of special guests are invited to get to know about Rotary and what we do. If you'd like to invite someone to the event, please do so. Pete Krulder reminded everyone to let the Park gate attendants know that you are there for a Rotary event so no park admission fee will be charged.

Upcoming Events

Rotary Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 16
6:30 PM

Place: Dunedin Country Club

Rotary Club Goal Setting

Date: Monday, September 21
5:30 – 7:30 PM

Place: Melissa McCormick's home
Members are asked to bring a dish and beverage for the potluck dinner.

Caribbean Island Party

Date: Saturday, October 10
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Place: Rotary Centennial Nature Center
Honeymoon Island

Join us for a family event – spouses and children are welcome, as well as prospects for Rotary membership.

Reminder: October 20 Rotary meeting is canceled. Your attendance at the Oct 10th party will count for the meeting attendance.

Is anyone interested in a short volunteer experience in another country? Check out www.crossculturalsolutions.org. As a CCS volunteer you're making a meaningful contribution, working side-by-side with local people and sharing in the goals of a community that warmly welcomes you.

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Past Pres. **Jonathan Skinner** honored **Melissa McCormick** with the “Linebacker Award” for all the help she gave behind the scenes during last year’s Rotary year.



Sarah McCallam, who was unable to attend the Annual Dinner, was given “Special Teams” recognition for all her hard work and the success of the Triathlon. She certainly deserves every kudo (and much more) for the success of our Tri!

Induction of New Members – Ken Rejko

Ken did his usual eloquent job of warmly welcoming two new members into the Rotary Club of Dunedin- Diana McCaffrey and Derick Wilson.

Both of our new Rotarians took a few minutes to talk about their backgrounds. It’s a bit of a diverse nature – Diana is originally from Lima, Peru, is looking to use her Club involvement to continue to help those less fortunate. Derick, with his English accent (coming to us via California) gave info about his history related to his “Extended Background Investigation” clearance (one of about 3,000 in the US) and the role UFO’s played in it.



Welcome New Members (l-r)

New Member Diana McCaffrey,
 Diana’s sponsor, Pat Bauer
 Ken Rejko
 President Carole Owenby
 New Member Derick Wilson
 Derick’s sponsor, Earl Tapley