

THE FOLLOWING LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS WELCOME YOU!!!

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

Thursday: Tarpon Springs, 12:15 PM, Tarpon Springs Yacht Club

Friday: Safety Harbor, 7:30 AM, Safety Harbor Spa

Visit Your Club Website - www.DunedinRotary.com

. If you need to update information on our Club web site email Steve@adsharp.com.

Past issues of the Gulf Breeze, our annual Calendar of Events and contact information about club members is posted on our club web site.

Next Meeting Agenda

October 3, 2006

Invocation - Sallie Parks

Joke - Carl Keltner

Speaker - Dr. Donna Miller

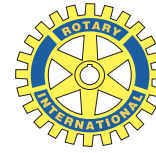


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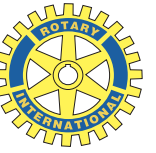
Information about local Rotary golf tournaments, seminars, cars raffle, speed dating, and the *Blue & Gold Ball* are all on the District web site.

Go to www.Rotary6950.org

Update your personal Rotary information on the district web site.



Gulf Breeze



The Rotary Club of Dunedin Florida

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mayor Bob Hackworth Speaks on Dunedin Issues



Mayor Bob Hackworth addressed our Club last week to give us an update on the City and to share his thoughts on current issues.

In the 6 months that Mayor Hackworth has been at the helm he feels that he has made strides in fulfilling 2 promises he made in April; to lead with optimism and determination in order to enhance the energy and efficiency of the Commission and staff, and to protect the character and charm that is so special to our Dunedin.

Mayor Hackworth believes that we are fortunate to have 5 commissioners that

are 100% dedicated to serving Dunedin and that even though they may sometimes disagree on policy decisions each one of them are completely committed to the common cause of making Dunedin a better place for everyone.

Mayor Hackworth mentioned some of the challenges that he intends to work pro actively on including developers' rights, code changes, downtown parking issues and building a future for our kids that is at least as good as what we all enjoy today.

Mayor Hackworth fielded several questions from our members. Sallie Parks asked other than the budget and the City manager search what did he see as important issues? Mayor Hackworth said that affordable housing needs continue to be an important issue and that the City is currently working with the County to come up with solutions. He said that we do have land in the City that will be used for affordable housing and that we may work with Habitat for Humanity to help build some of the homes. He also spoke of creative partnerships with businesses such as the hospital to provide affordable housing for nurses and other hospital employees. Another important issue in his opinion is preserving green space in the City and to that end, he said that he is (continued on page 3)

HAPPY BUCKS

Jeff Rhoads thanks everyone who donated blood in the blood drive. Gaston Marticorena is looking forward to his visit to Peru -- his first trip back in 32 years! Chuck Warrington for the Taste of Clearwater at the Harborview Center and Bill Francisco his recent trip to Chicago to see his daughter and one for his upcoming trip to see his son.

VISITORS: Ken Hamilton from Clearwater Beach Club, Christina Alexander from Dunedin North and Deb Nunley quest of Lynn Smeraldo

50/50 – The jackpot rolls over again with a total over \$2,400!



Information from Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, September 20th

Rotary Centennial Nature Center will open in December: Pete Krulder and Sallie Parks will represent our club and work with Jim Stearns and Gail Scruton from and Dunedin North Club on the opening events.

Mark your calendar for HONEYMOON ISLAND ICE CREAM DELIGHT: October 29 ,2006, from 3 pm to 6 pm. Martine Stapp – Chair, Family Committee

New Grant Review Committee will review all funding requests to club and make recommendations to the Board. Committee includes: Chairman - Ray Kingsbury (President-elect); Dick Willson (Immediate Past President); Joan Gutierrez; Julie Linn and John Freeborn.

A GSE Team from England will be here April 21-May 18, 2007. We need hosts from our club. Please contact Suzanne Henslee if you want to help.

60th Anniversary Proposals Due Now! Our club will celebrate our 60th anniversary on February 11, 2007. If you have a suggestion on how we should celebrate to milestone, please contact Bill Francisco.

Blood Drive hits goal. Jeff Rhoads, Blood Drive Chairs say thanks to everyone who helped our club hit our goal.

Dunedin Pub Crawl success. Bill Berger reports that the Pub Crawl last Thursday was a success with 68 participants.

MEETING AGENDA

September 26, 2006

Invocation – Joan Gutierrez

Pledge of Allegiance

Joke of the Day – Sue Thomas

Introduction of Guests – Lynn Wargo or Deborah Kynes

Happy Bucks

50/50 drawing

Announcements

Speaker –Tatiana Gumucio - Lutheran Services of Florida



Mayor Bob Hackworth (Continued)

still committed to trying find a way to purchase the available waterfront land on Alternate 19.

Christina Alexander asked about recycling in the City. The mayor said that we do have a curb side recycling program and that currently 1200 residents are participating.

Don Gage asked for an update on the WiFi coming to Dunedin, and Mayor Hackworth said that some sections of the City, (downtown) were up and running with Wi-Fi, and that Phase 2, which runs north along Alt. 19 is in progress. Phases 3 and 4 will get started soon.

Bill Francisco inquired about a timetable for the hiring of our new City manager. Mayor Hackworth said that the application deadline was last week and that each Commissioner will be meeting with the hiring consultant on Friday, September 22nd to review the pool of applicant and move on to the next step. He said that the search should be completed by the end of October.

Pete Krudler complimented the recent brush maintenance on the Causeway. Mayor Hackworth said that the Causeway and all the Pocket Parks should be looking

better. The City hired a full time employee who will maintain these areas so that residents will be able to really enjoy them.

Julie Linn inquired about the old yellow house and the adjoining concrete tower. The Mayor said that ultimately the concrete tower will be demolished. It is a sensitive situation however because there are many residents who have a strong interest in preserving the old house, so the City is allowing more time to try to find a solution that is agreeable to everyone.

The final question posed to Mayor Hackworth was, what was his dream for the new community center. The Mayor responded by saying that recreation is an essential service that the City provides and that the new center was a good investment and he looks forward to many residents enjoying the new facility.

Written by Sarah McCallum