

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

District website - www.Rotary6950.org.

You can update your personal Rotary information on the new district web site. If you need to update information on our Club web site (www.DunedinRotaryClub.com) email Sarah@adsharp.com.

Next Meeting Agenda

September 19, 2006

Invocation - Nora Mihoplos

Joke - Jack Bakeman

Speaker - Mayor Bob Hackworth



DISTRICT 6950 FOUNDATION SEMINAR

(Joint with District 6890)

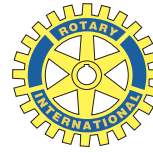
Saturday, September 9, 2006

8:15am – 1:40pm

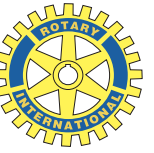
Scottish Rites Masonic Temple

5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa 33662

See Jack Bakeman for details and Registration Form



Gulf Breeze



The Rotary Club of Dunedin Florida

Tuesday, September 5, 2006

Join Our Club Pub Crawl on September 21

Downtown Dunedin Pub Crawl, Thursday, September 21 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at five downtown Dunedin pubs. The price is \$25 per person and includes one free beer or soft drink at each location plus appetizers. Sponsors: Skip Cline Young Leadership Society of Morton Plant Mease Foundation and the Rotary Club of Dunedin. **See Bill Berger for tickets and more information or visit our club web site for details.**

Pinellas School Superintendent Dr. Clayton Wilcox at Dunedin Rotary

Last week we were fortunate to have Clayton Wilcox, Superintendent Pinellas County Schools, speak to our Club. Dr. Wilcox said that he was truly delighted to be back with our Club and that our Club's efforts and good works do not go unnoticed, specifically thanking us for our work with Dunedin High School.

According to Dr. Wilcox, Dunedin High School has several things to be proud of this year including 3 National Merit Scholars, being recognized as most improved in the Florida Blood Services Blood Drive, their outstanding community service efforts, the Golf Team went undefeated and the football team won their home opened vs. Seminole.

The Dunedin middle school students continue to enjoy their new campus and soon elementary students will



have a new campus of their own to enjoy once the new Dunedin Elementary, adjacent to the middle school is complete. The new school will be 105,000 sq. feet and will have a capacity to serve 738 students. The total cost of the facility will be \$26 million.

County wide there are several issues that will be addressed this year. Dr. Wilcox said that as a whole the school system is good and get-

HAPPY BUCKS

There was not enough time for a full round of Happy Bucks, but Carl Keltner managed to get one in for Kris Gray for becoming the new Dunedin Texas Holdem' Champion at the Chamber of Commerce Monte Carlo night last week.

Carl also had the winning number in the 50/50 drawing, but he did NOT draw the Ace of Diamonds. The big jackpot will rollover for another week with only three cards remaining.



Ann Kennedy recently visited Coleman and Gemmy Brown in Colorado.

Rotary Leadership Class Sept. 16 - Clearwater

Saturday, September 16, 2006 is the next Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) training class at the Radisson Hotel, Clearwater Central on US 19N.

Register at www.rlitraining.org
RLI offers a leadership course in three full day parts (Parts I, II, III) to provide Rotary knowledge and to develop leadership skills for volunteer organizations. Some examples of course sessions include; The Perfect Meeting, Rotary Beyond the Club, The Rotary Foundation, Membership Development and Retention, Leadership, Creating Hands On Service Projects and more.



Past President Joan Gutierrez inducted Jeannie Hodges last week. Sarah McCallum, Jeannie's sponsor adds the Rotary pin.

September 20
Board of Directors meeting.
6 PM. Chamber of Commerce.

MEETING AGENDA

September 5, 2006

Invocation – Bill Francisco

Pledge of Allegiance

Joke of the Day – Ann Kennedy

Introduction of Guests – Lynn Wargo or Deborah Kynes

Happy Bucks

50/50 drawing

Announcements

Speaker –John Gallant - Assistant District Governor

Dr. Clayton Wilcox (Continued)

ting better, but at the same time, they were struggling with the idea of just being good or average and that sometimes you have to rock the boat a little to move forward to greatness. One issue that continues to draw disagreement is the school choice program, and while there is no easy solution Dr. Wilcox suggested briefly that Community Sensitive School Zones is an alternative that should be considered.

The Choice program also plays a role in the rising transportation costs. The increase in gasoline prices combined with the increased busing involved with choice has the school system is projecting \$46 million in transportation costs this year up from \$24 million just four years ago.

Another focus that Dr. Wilcox thinks is important is improving "suitability" on campus. He stressed that maintaining higher standards in terms of dress code and appropriate behavior help to bring a better overall environment to our schools.

The County is also devoting significant efforts to expand Career Tech and Vocational training programs to give students education options other

than college for careers in the 21st Century. Some of programs being offered include a Broadband Academy at PTEC, a Criminal Justice Academy, a Culinary Institute, and a Finance/Banking Academy.

Dr. Wilcox said that the key indicators of academics are trending up in Pinellas County and that we are doing a better job than even 2 years ago. We are currently seeing single digit progress in these indicators and while the progress has been steady we need to make gains in double digits in order to achieve our growth targets and receive funding. Of these indicators we are seeing good improvement in reading scores, but the most difficult metric has been the graduation rate.

Dr. Wilcox said he is proud of the teachers in the county. He said that they have really come together to work as a team, morale is good and that student scores ACT are up and outperforming the State and National averages and that FCAT scores were trending up as well.