



September 1 Guest Speaker – Vinnie Luisi

Vinnie Luisi visited us from the Dunedin Historical Museum. Vinnie graduated from Denver University with a degree in museum studies. He has been director of the Dunedin Historical Museum for 14 years. Vinnie has participated in our triathlon. He is having knee surgery and hopes to participate in the future.

The Dunedin Historical Museum is an integral part of the city and partners with the city and with the chamber of commerce on a number of events. The biggest focus in the upcoming year is dealing with effects of the poor economy, which has caused significant contraction in the number and amount of grants available. They are applying for a federal stimulus grant. Coming up this year will be a project by our member Dr. Bill Sutton, who is researching World War II veterans in Dunedin. This lecture will be the first week of December and is in conjunction with the Dunedin Public Library.

Vinnie pointed out that the museum has all issues of the Dunedin Times from the 1920's to the 1960's. They have two fundraisers coming up, the 7th annual Historic Home Tour and the 2nd annual Abracadabra Ball. The Ball will be at the Fenway Hotel October 24th. It will be the last event before the hotel is completely renovated. The museum looks to attract younger people and families by moving the gift shop and renovating that corner into a children's area.

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**Today's Agenda
September 8, 2009**

- Invocation – Lynn Wargo**
- Pledge of Allegiance**
- Joke of the Day – Jeff Rhoads**
- Introduction of Guests**
- Happy Bucks and 50/50**
- Announcements**

**Speaker: Rosa Rodriguez
Literacy**

Upcoming Speakers

- 9/15 Dr. Barkley
Enlarged Prostate and Prostate
Cancer
- 9/22 Club Assembly
- 9/29 Marilyn Browne
Pinellas Education Foundation

Upcoming Joke of the Day

- 9/15 Jim Haley
- 9/22 Sallie Parks
- 9/29 Earl Tapley

Upcoming Invocations

- 9/15 Peggy Rowe
- 9/22 John Freeborn
- 9/29 Kristin Howard

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They plan a new exhibit in connection with Pinellas County's 100th anniversary in 2011, which will be 100 year of railroads in Pinellas. They also will have a Halloween exhibit, which they have had for the past 2 years. It runs from the last week in September to November 15th. They are redoing their website which will allow members to have expanded access to their archives. Individual membership is \$25, and Family is \$35. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Summary of 8/25 meeting

Guests:

Jonathan Skinner introduced his second cousin once removed, Justin Narine. He is our founding member, Ben Skinner's grandson. Justin was accompanied by Francesca Kenyon.

Pat Bauer introduced our new member, Diana McCaffrey. She will be inducted next week.

Kristin Howard introduced Angela Leer, a colleague at Wells Fargo.

Melissa McCormick introduced her granddaughter, Dahlia, also known as Dahli.

Jim Haley introduced Paul Schmidt from the Palm Harbor club.

Earl Tapley introduced our new member, Derek G. Wilson. He will be inducted next week.

Earl also introduced frequent visitor, Andy Noll, from the Clearwater club.

Bob Johnson introduced Glenn Quan.



Pete Krulder and Jeff Rhoads pose next to the memorial plaque dedicated by Dunedin Rotary

Happy Bucks

Jonathan Skinner was happy to attend the retirement party for Harry Gross at Bon Appetit.

Bev Fisher was happy to be back from Belize. She responded to a request from the Ministry of Education for a need for 20 teachers to be trained with the training to be in Rotary's name.

Carl Keltner was happy and thankful that his daughter is back safe and sound after 9 months in the south African country of Malawi.

Diane Nelson was happy with how well the customers responded to the avalanche of renewals in the Tax Collectors office on Friday and Monday. Her employees processed over 200,000 registrations on Monday, compared to a normal day of 50,000.

Glenn Quan gave a happy dollar to anyone who could recite the national anthem, but this was deferred to another day because of the full agenda.

50/50

Kristin Howard drew the Three of Hearts instead of the King of Hearts, and received \$3.

Announcements

Ken Rejko announced the Caribbean Island Party on Saturday, October 10th from 3:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Honeymoon Island Rotary Centennial Nature Center. Bring chairs, and see Ann Kennedy to bring a side dish or donate prizes. This party will count as a makeup for the meeting of October 20th, which is being cancelled. Ray Kingsbury will not be singing “Tiny Bubbles.”

Ray Kingsbury has printed the new membership directory. He also has Gators and Bucs football schedules.



Carol told us about a new project to raffle a Harley Davidson motorcycle. She has seen this with a Rotary Club in North Carolina. The expense would be the purchase of the motorcycle and trailer and storage. Members would drive it around to various events to sell tickets. Stephenie Fenton is working on the legal issues and Melissa McCormick is working on tickets and pricing. No club member could win. The NC club nets \$25,000. The capital outlay is in the \$12-13,000 range. Liability insurance is covered under Rotary International. We will obtain theft insurance. Carol asked the club for its support, which was given in a motion that passed.

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 party will count for the Oct. 10 meeting.

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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