

# THE GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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### Family of Rotary:

Club visits are over and it has been a very special time for Linda and me. We have a tremendous admiration for all the clubs and the work they do in their communities and around the world. A special thanks to the presidents who have been so cordial to us during our visits.

The end of this year is now close, Thanksgiving has passed and it is time to turn our thoughts to the other holidays. December is when we celebrate the Family of Rotary; please make quality time to spend with your family along with our Rotary family. How about a Christmas present of clean water for someone who is in great need, or our promise to eliminate Polio in the world? It is a good time to make a (gift) donation to the Rotary Foundation, with added benefit of a year-end tax deduction.

I am a strong believer so I will personally celebrate Christmas as wonderful time, focusing on giving, family, beautiful music, and Christ in us the hope of glory. Chanukah (early this year) also known as the Festival of Lights or Feast of Dedication is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple. The holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the Menorah, traditional foods, games and gifts. The Festival of Trees is celebrated by thousands of people who have joined together to bring "A Gift of Love" to children in need. New Years Eve is the world's most popularly celebrated festival. Origin of New Year dates back to the era of emperors. Today New Year ushers in the festive spirit of new beginnings. However you may celebrate, I do sincerely wish you "Happy Holidays."

### New Port Richey Rotary Santa



The goal of Rotary Santa is to create a wonderful Christmas for children whom may otherwise not receive gifts, or the special holiday memories that so many of us cherish as adults.

### Christmas Shopping Citrus County



Christmas shopping with children is a project of the Citrus Rotary clubs to bring Christmas to about 100 families in need. This has been done for several years and it is an exciting experience watching children shop for their families. Almost always they forget to include themselves.

Please put Sandler Training event for

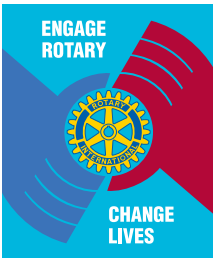
polio eradication on your calendar. The event will be held on February 12th at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Purple Pinky day will be Feb 22nd; this is where we will meet with the public in area malls, shopping centers and other public areas to educate about the immediate need to end Polio. I would like to have one person in each clubs to lead in both of these efforts to raise money for Polio. Help us End Polio Now!

The Grand Lucayan Hotel of Freeport offered a free upgrade from Marina View to Deluxe Ocean View for all who register before Dec 30th. Call the hotel direct 1-866-870-7148 or 242.350-5466 (Grand Lucayan, Bahamas Resort), identifying yourself as members of Rotary Convention May 1-5.



Please go to the DaCdb and sign up for the Saturday meals so we can also get a count for the Friday night Bahamian Junkanoo

- Roger Proffter



## District Governor Roger Proffer visits Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods

District Governor Roger Proffer with founding president Shelby Weingarten of the Sugarmill Woods Rotary greets members prior to his presentation to the Sugarmill Woods Rotary club on why he joined Rotary and what he continues to get from it. As he spoke, it was obvious that he is passionate about what Rotarians can do for others in need. He shared some of his personal experiences. Governor Roger Proffer and wife Linda had done missionary work in Mexico. He asked the leaders of one of the villages of their needs. From that conversation, he returned home and began to search for a much needed fire truck, getting it into tip-top condition, and then accompanied by members of the Kings Bay Rotary driving it to the poor village in Mexico. He shared his experiences of volunteering to meet the clean water needs of villages in Honduras.

Then he asked the SMW Rotarians "What is important about Rotary?" "Why did you join Rotary?" "What keeps you in Rotary?" Answers ranged from "fellowship" to "Service to others" to "fun." All of the responses were correct! But it is simplified with President Roger's response—"People!"

Roger shared information about the young people he and wife Linda had hosted in their home. He spoke of the pleasure they shared in learning about young people from other countries. And then, he spoke of an event from his recent trip to Portugal this past year. He and Linda called one of the young women living in Italy they had hosted in previous years who upon receiving the call said, "Come and stay with us for the next week." He and Linda did and saw Italy



through the eyes of a native. This is Rotary- person to person.

What is it about Rotary that brings us in? What keeps us in Rotary? Why are so many of us passionate about Rotary? Shelby Weingarten agrees with Roger, it is the people!

As founding president of the Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods, Weingarten tells us that November, 2013 marks the fifth anniversary of the club that was sponsored by Kings Bay Rotary. She served as president of Kings Bay Rotary from 2007-2008. Prior to

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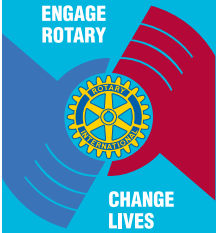
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accepting the presidency of Kings Bay, Weingarten invited 4 of the previous presidents which included Roger Proffer to join her for lunch. She had lots of questions about the role of the president and wanted to know if she could expect to receive the support of them and of the members of the club. As the end of her term approached, she wanted to expand Rotary to her community of Sugarmill Woods. Kings Bay Rotary was willing to support the new club. District Governor Tim Schuler and District Governor elect Russ Miller would support the opening of a new club in Sugarmill Woods. PDG Keith Kurber and PDG Paul Slosberg came aboard to provide first year support. The rest is history.

It was a real celebration for the Sugarmill Woods Rotary to welcome Governor Roger Proffer, DGE Edward "Ted" Johnston and ADG Eloy Nunez to their club.



**DISTRICT  
CALENDAR**

**Friday, December 13th -8pm  
Casino Night**

Rotary Club of Seven Springs & Port Richey Present Casino Night Food, Drink, Fun, And Prizes!!

Tickets \$50 Each Or \$85 Per Couple.

Ticket Includes \$1,000 Casino Cash, Appetizers, And Adult Beverages.

Farrell Roofing  
6835 Commerce Ave  
Port Richey, 34668

Contact Tina Farrell At 845-7663  
Or Trish Kley 842-4663

**Saturday, December 14th -6pm  
Illuminated Boat Parade**  
Rotary Club Of St Petersburg

Vinoy Basin waterfront, St. Petersburg, Florida

Free parking at North Shore Pool and surrounding neighborhoods. Paid parking in downtown garages and the Dolphin/Pelican parking lots on the Pier approach. Trolley service is available (\$0.50) for transport from downtown areas to the Renaissance Vinoy Resort.

For more information, please email us at [info@stpeteboatparade.org](mailto:info@stpeteboatparade.org) or call 727-822-3277

**Wednesday, January 29 -8am  
Sandler/Polio Leadership Training Fundraiser to End Polio**

Ruth Eckerd Hall  
Mc Mullen Booth Rd  
Clearwater, FL

Save the Date!

**Peace Forum at SPC: Let it begin with me:  
Sponsored by Rotary and Seeds of Peace**

By Gene Stern: Media Chair Rotary Club of Seminole Lake, [gene.stern@LFG.com](mailto:gene.stern@LFG.com)

In April 2013, Rotarian Chuck Oldanie of the Seminole Lake Club, approached David Klement, the Executive Director of the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions at SPC, to hold a



public forum discussing how we can facilitate the goal of World Peace. Chuck has been intimately involved with the Seeds of Peace, a world organization dedicated to foster better human relations through young, potential leaders from conflicted countries, by having them work and communicate together in conferences designed to allow them to understand each other in neutral settings. Rotary International has always held the idea that fostering understand-



ing amongst people is the best way to create tolerance and peace. Together, these two organizations have started to collaborate to magnify the impact of Peace through better understanding. With the sponsorship of Seeds of Peace and Tri-Sense Medical, LLC, the forum became a reality.

The World Peace Forum was held in the Digitorium of the SPC Seminole Campus to a packed house and beamed to the other three SPC campuses through digital means. The panel of college professors and one immigrant student from Mali (Sane Haidara), led an interesting, and thought-provoking discussion followed by questions being fielded from the four-campus audience.

Peace must begin with each person (each day) and the needs of people in

distress or neglect eventually affect all of us was one of the conclusions. Thus, as a world community, our leadership role as Americans needs to be nurtured with others so that greed and pride can be mitigated and peace and understand-

ing promulgated-the goals of both Seeds of Peace and Rotary.

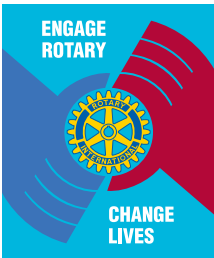
Pictured: Panel (L-R): Prof. Randy Lightfoot, Sane Haidara, Prof. Dustin Lemke, Assoc. Pro. Roy Slater

Pictured: Rotarian Chuck Oldanie, Seeds of Peace volunteer

**Rotary Club of  
Port Richey News**



Rotary Club of Port Richey had a trio of wonderful programs for Foundation Month, featuring Debbie Scott, Paul Slosberg, and Carl Treleaven. We were honored to have these guests speak to us about the Paul Harris Society, the history of the Rotary Foundation, and details about the ongoing efforts of Polio Plus. During the month we had two members inducted into the Paul Harris Society, and they received recognition directly from Herb G. Brown at the Rotary Foundation Recognition Dinner on November 15.



# SHELTER BOX DONATIONS

The Rotary Club of Brooksville is proud to announce the recent donation of ShelterBox #2237 which will help a family in need somewhere in the world. The donation amount to sponsor each box is \$1000, which includes delivery direct to those who need it.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of families across the world lose everything when disasters strike. Through no fault of their own and often with no warning, families lose their homes, their possessions and their livelihoods. Every day they are faced with a battle for survival and it is Rotary International's mission to help them.

ShelterBox is the premier international aid organization that provides emergency shelter and life-saving equipment following disasters such as earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, cyclone, tsunami or conflict.

ShelterBox was founded in 2000 on a very simple principle: the right to life and dignity. The mission – provide a compact, universal tool kit to families displaced by disasters. ShelterBox affords dignity, self-sufficiency and most importantly, human survival in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.

The top priority of many aid organizations is to provide food, water and medical care to help people survive the immediate aftermath of a disaster. Without protection from the elements, survivors are at a higher risk as they await nourishment or medical attention. Rotary recognized that little or no assistance was given in terms of proper shelter to help them through the first few days, weeks and months as they tried to rebuild their lives. In response, ShelterBox developed a solution to help disaster survivors during the critical period following a disaster but preceding reconstruction.

Each box supplies a family with a tent and life-saving equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless. Contents are tailored depending on the nature and location of the disaster.

Pictured here is (L-R) Rotary Club of



Brooksville President, Karen Van Sickle, and Michael Mira, Rotary's ShelterBox Ambassador.

For more information on ShelterBox USA, go to: [www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org).



## Rotaract & Interact

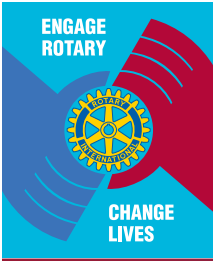


The Rotaract Club of Saint Leo University and the Interact Club of Citrus Springs High School joined together on November 16 to do a beautification project at Florida's Camp Rotary. Both clubs were given a \$500 grant and decided to collaborate to complete this beautification project. It took a lot of planning of all ends for everything to come together. The two clubs planted six magnolia trees around the basketball courts-providing shade for the children when they're outside. The two clubs were full of laughter

and positive energy as the completed this project.



Rotary Club of Port Richey was glad to donate a Shelterbox that will be sent to the Phillipines to help those recovering from the effects of Typhoon Haiyan.



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**Deadline: December 20, 2013 for next issue**

## DHHS Interact visits the Pinellas Park Rotary

On Thursday October 31, 2013, Bob Munch, Pinellas Park Rotary Program Chairman, introduced Catlin Lesparance & Andrea Salzer, Pres & VP of the Dixie Hollins High School's Interact Club, to give us some insight into their club and its activities. Their involvement started out as a way to fulfill their community service volunteer hours needed for a Bright Futures Scholarship. However, it turned out to be a meaningful experience and they have both now made a sincere commitment to Interact. Through a slide show & with posters, they have increased their club's membership from 10 to 20 students this year. Their club's community involvement has included:

- Forming a Special Interactive Relationship with the residents of Alhambra, a Local Nursing Home.
- Working the Haunted House at the Kenneth City Park for Halloween.
- Holding Canned Food Drives.
- Decorating the City Park.
- Providing Holiday Gift Baskets.
- Selling Water Bottles to Raise Funds for Rotary International for the Youth Project that Provides Safe Drinking Water.

It was refreshing to have Catlin & Andrea from the Dixie Hollins Interact Club come and speak about their projects. We need to give all of the Interact Clubs our support whenever possible. Soon the Dixie Hollins & Pinellas Park High Schools music programs will combine for another Interact-sponsored Concert to be held on the 19th of November in the auditorium at Dixie Hollins HS (4940 62nd St, St. Petersburg, FL). Admission is free, however, guests are asked to bring a canned food item.



## Rotary Club of Brooksville 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament



It was a cloudy Wednesday morning in November. Twelve teams of four were positioned to support the 36th Annual Brooksville Rotary Golf Tournament held at the Brooksville Country Club Majestic Oaks on November 20, 2013. Tee off was 9:00AM. The weather was threatening to pour throughout the tournament but only a few raindrops appeared throughout the tournament. The players were ready. With clubs in hand, 12 teams ventured onto the beautiful 18-hole course.

No one won the \$10,000 hole-in-one sponsor provided by Brown and Brown Insurance of Brooksville.

Many thanks to the Hernando County Community for supporting this annual event. Just over \$4000 was raised to support our numerous local programs to include awarding scholarships to graduating senior students.

Pictured here are (L-R) Rotarians Sandy and Mike Fitzgerald.

## Gene Stern Recognized by Rotary International



On Friday, November 13, 250 Rotarians gathered at the International Hotel in Tampa to honor Past Rotary International President, Herb Brown, on his 90th Birthday. The occasion was to also honor those Rotarians who have reached a milestone of being named a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation. Seminole Lake Rotarian and the current Mr. Seminole, Gene Stern, was presented his recognition pin and crystal by an array of dignitaries of Rotary International.

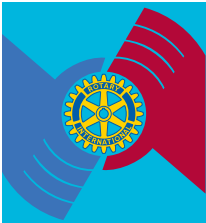
Pictured (L-R) Robert Valentin, past RI VP 1987, Ann Matthews, current RI VP, Frank Devlyn, past RI President 2000-2001, Gene Stern, (at top) Carl Treleven, Past District Governor 6950, Herb Brown, past RI President, 1995-1996

## The Rotary Club Of Seminole Lake Inducted Two New Members

The Rotary Club of Seminole Lake inducted two new members into their ranks: Paul Turner and Rob Smith.

Pictured: (L-R) Paul Turner and Rob Smith (photo by Gene Stern)





**Meeting locations have been updated.**

Please refer to this list when checking on club meeting days and locations.

**District 6950 Attendance for October 2013 & Club Meeting Location**

Club	Members 6/30/13	Members Current	Average Attend %	Meeting Location
Belleair	33	35	76	Thu. Noon - Belleair Country Club (25 Belleview Rd.)
Brooksville	36	34	77	Tue. Noon - Brooksville Country Club (23446 Links Drive)
Central Citrus County	28	26	74	Wed. 7:30am -Tuscany on the Meadows, Quality Inn State 486
Central Pinellas	15	14	100	Tue. 5:30pm - Liberty Lanes (Largo)
Clearwater	105	105	65	Wed. 12:15pm - Belleair Country Club
Clearwater at Feathersound	9	8	0	Wed. 6:00pm - Kingfish Grill & Tap House (3580 Ulmerton Road Clearwater, FL 33762)
Clearwater Beach	24	23	66	Thu. 12:15pm - The Wave (inside Shephards Beach Resort, on Gulfview Blvd.)
Clearwater East	37	33	78	Fri. Noon - Sea Dog Brewing Company, corner US 19 & Enterprise
Crystal River	49	52	75	Mon. 12:15pm - Plantation Inn and Golf Resort
Crystal River-Kings Bay	58	59	89	Wed. 12:15pm - Seminole Club (3rd St., Crystal River)
Dade City	39	44	65	Mon. 12:15pm - Dade City Business Center (John Hombuckle Meeting Rm, 3rd Fl.)
Dade City Sunrise	21	21	75	Thu. 7:00am - Kafe Kokopelli (Meridan and Live Oak)
Dunedin	47	46	82	Tue. 12:15pm - Church of Good Shepherd (629 Edgewater Dr.)
Dunedin North	47	49	81	Wed. 7:30am - Dunedin Country Club (1050 Palm Blvd.)
Dunedin Waterside	18	18	0	Wed. 6:30pm -Sea Sea Riders (221 Main Street Dunedin, FL 34698)
East Lake Sunrise	20	20	65	Thu. 7:30am - East Lake Woodlands CC (1055 East Lake Woodlands Pkwy.)
Gulf Beaches	27	29	74	Tue. 12:15pm - Treasure Island Yacht & Tennis Club (400 Treasure Island Causeway)
Holiday	50	50	68	Tue. Noon - IHOP (U.S. Hwy. 19, NPR)
Homosassa Springs	17	18	90	Thu. 7am - Luigi's (4538 Suncoast Blvd. - US19)
Hudson	16	17	87	Thu. Noon - CARES Enrichment Center (12417 Clock Tower Pkwy. Hudson, Bayonet Pt.)
Indian Rocks Beach	33	34	83	Wed. 7:15am Jimmy Guana's Restaurant, Holiday Inn Harborside (401 2nd St.)
Inverness	70	70	67	Tue. Noon - Lakeside Bar & Grill (4543 E. Windmill Dr., Inverness, 34453)
Largo	36	35	0	Mon. Noon - Alfano's Restaurant (1702 Clwtr/Largo Rd.)
New Port Richey	130	126	85	Wed. 12:15pm - Spartan Manor (6121 Massachusetts Avenue)
Oldsmar/East Lake	12	13	1	Thu. 12:15pm - Flamestone American Grill, 4009 Tampa Rd
Palm Harbor	25	22	67	Wed. 12:15pm - Carabbas (33983 U.S. 19 N Palm Harbor 34684)
Pinellas Park	31	30	77	Thu. 12:15pm - Banquet Masters (8100 Park Blvd.)
Port Richey	21	26	90	Fri. Noon - Catches (by the bridge on US 19)
Rotary E-Club of SE USA	31	26	90	Anytime at <a href="http://www.rotaryclub34.org">www.rotaryclub34.org</a>
Safety Harbor	9	11	75	Fri. 7:30am - Safety Harbor Spa (105 N Bayshore Dr.)
San Antonio	15	15	80	Tue. 6:30pm - Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club (St. Rd. 52)
Seminole	67	63	76	Wed. 12:15pm - Lake Seminole Golf & Country Club (6100 Augusta Blvd.)
Seminole Lake	30	30	84	Fri. 7:15am - Freedom Square Seminole, Roskamp Auditorium
Seven Springs	47	45	84	Thu. 7:30am - Seven Springs Country Club (3535 Trophy Blvd.)
Spring Hill	15	14	94	Thu. 7:45am - IHOP Restaurant (US19)
Spring Hill Central	18	19	54	Thu. 12:15pm at Silverthorn Country Club (Brooksville)
St. Petersburg	102	99	68	Fri. Noon - Orange Blossom Catering (220 4th St. N)
St. Petersburg Mid-Town	19	19	63	Wed. Noon - St Petersburg College ( All State Center- Pinellas Room)
St. Petersburg Sunrise	31	31	79	Tue. 7:45 am - St. Petersburg Yacht Club (11 Central Ave)
St. Petersburg Sunset	19	22	66	Thu. 6:00 pm - The Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront (333 First St. south St. Petersburg)
St. Petersburg West	28	28	77	Wed. 7:45am - Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club (400 Island Causeway, Treasure Island)
Sugarmill Woods-Citrus County	24	23	96	Tue. 5:00pm - Sugarmill Woods Country Club (Homosassa)
Tarpon Springs	83	81	76	Thu. 12:15pm - Tarpon Springs Yacht Club (350 S. Spring Blvd.)
Trinity	65	70	63	Fri. 12:15pm - Heritage Springs Country Club
Wesley Chapel	58	69	73	Wed. 12:15pm - Pagelli's Italian Restaurant (Wiregrass Mall in Wesley Chapel)
Wesley Chapel Sunrise	20	20	84	Fri. 7:15am - Lexington Oaks Golf Club (26133 Lexington Oaks Blvd. off SR 54 near I-75)
Zephyrhills	48	50	71	Thu. 12:15pm - Zephyrhills Rotary Youth building (Shepard Park)
Zephyrhills Daybreak	32	32	81	Wed. 7:00am - First United Methodist Church (38635 Fifth Ave, Zephyrhills)

Welcome to our new, returning and transferring Rotarians!

**October & November 2013**

**Central Citrus County**  
Arnold, Mike

**Clearwater East**  
Pelfrey, Riley Dale

**Crystal River**  
Dias, Mike

**Crystal River-Kings Bay**  
Bray, Ronald  
Rich, Alana  
Sadler, Paula

**Dunedin North**  
Nelson, Carl

**Gulf Beaches**  
Martinez, Robert Alan  
Uribe, David  
Zysk, Susan  
Zysk, Thomas S.

**Homosassa Springs**  
Carnes, Karen S

**Inverness**  
Campbell, Sarah  
Marshall, Scott  
Myers, Chad

**Palm Harbor**  
King, Timothy  
Rush, Janice Marie  
Valk, Drew D

**Port Richey**  
Favillo, Martha  
Partazana, Cindy  
Zeigler, Curtis O.

**E-Club of Southeast USA & Caribbean**  
Cautero, Vincent A  
Spano, Robert R

**Safety Harbor**  
Christiano, Paul

**St. Petersburg Sunset**  
Barber, Emily Elizabeth  
Barber, Ian

**Tarpon Springs**  
Ganiere, Jeffrey  
Mortellaro, Bethany  
Rose, Curtis W

**Trinity**  
Plum, Michael K

**Wesley Chapel**  
Liska, Robyn  
Wesley Chapel Sunrise  
McCartney, Mitchell

**Zephyrhills**  
Bahr, Eric  
Zephyrhills Daybreak  
Dellas, Leslie  
Pryor, Harold F.

The Rotary Clubs of Port Richey and Seven Springs  
PRESENT

# THE 1ST ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT



**Friday . December 13, 2013**

**8:00PM-10:30PM**

**At  
Farrell Roofing  
6835 Commerce Ave  
Port Richey, FL 34668**

**\$50 per person**

**\$85 per couple**

**CRAPS!**

**SLOTS!**

**Door Prize  
Live Music! 50/50  
High Roller Room**

**BLACKJACK!**

**POKER!**

**Ticket includes \$1000 in casino cash, appetizers, and drinks!**

No gaming experience necessary, we will teach you!

## **Food, Drink, Fun, and Prizes!**

**Tickets available online at [www.portricheyrotary.com/casinonight](http://www.portricheyrotary.com/casinonight)**

**\*Please make checks payable to Port Richey Rotary Charitable Foundation.**

Proceeds to benefit The Angelus and the Pasco Library's Adaptive Toy Program.



"If we all have the fortitude to see this effort through to the end, then we will eradicate polio"  
- Bill Gates

All Proceeds from this event will be donated to Rotary's efforts to eradicate Polio throughout the World!!

*Get Your Business in Gear in the New Year .....and help to eradicate polio!!*

# SAVE THE DATE

## FEBRUARY 12, 2014

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
RUTH ECKERD HALL  
CLEARWATER



**Sandler Training**  
Finding Power In Reinforcement<sup>SM</sup>

District 6950  
Rotarians  
are joining  
together to  
**END POLIO NOW**



You can support Polio Plus efforts by attending this special training event! Every dollar spent by Rotarians to attend will be matched with an additional \$2.00 donation by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation along with our generous event underwriters! Get your business in gear and help End Polio Now!!!

*For more information & to register visit [www.rotary6950.org](http://www.rotary6950.org) or [www.DACdb.com](http://www.DACdb.com)*