

THE GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

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June is Rotary Fellowship Month

There many times for us to get together and fellowship with one another and I want to thank you for all the opportunities that I had during this Rotary year, what an awe-inspiring time. It started for me when I went to Assembly and met the other 500+ governors from around the world, then off to Europe for the International conference in Lisbon, Portugal. While there we went to spend time in Italy with a GSE student who had stayed in our home, this was a very exciting exchange. Linda and I also went to Guatemala with Dr. Sandra Lilo to look at medical clinic in a remote village as a possible Rotary project. Back home meeting with each of the clubs and their leadership team was the most rewarding. Riding on a stagecoach and delivering Christmas joy was one of the highlights of this journey. Serving you as your governor was truly one of the greatest enjoyments of my life and I will be

forever indebted.

There are no two clubs the same; each has its own strengths and weakness. The more we get to know one another and work together on projects the stronger we become. I saw the clubs in St Petersburg working together on a fundraiser to have the money needed to complete a grant to for the Rotary House. The clubs in east Pasco worked together as one to save the Rattlesnake Festival. This is only two of the many times that I saw clubs accomplishing goals together. There is nothing that can stop us from reaching our objectives as we learn to work together as a focused group to accomplish them, and it will also serve us as a way to retain and attract new members.

Today's world we rely on too much the electronic fellowship and not enough face to face time. Our circle of friends need to be enlarged, one way to do that

is to join with Rotarians from around the world that focus on a common interest. You can share fellowship and friendship with Rotarians that have a similar hobby or vocational background or join forces with Rotarians who are dedicated to a particular area of service. Opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside of one's own club abound. Google Rotary Fellowships and open yourself up to a new world that is waiting for you to experience. The joy of working with Rotarians from around the world can be very rewarding.

As I turn the district over to incoming Governor Ted Johnston I want to thank each and every member for the privilege of being part of your lives. I believe that Governor Ted will take our District to new height and I will be there to give my full support. Again thank you for allowing me to serve.

- Roger Proffter

Think Big

Hello Roger,

I just wanted to take a moment to both wish you the best for the holidays and also seriously thank you for sharing a bit of your life and thoughts at our Brooksville Rotary meeting in November. It is always interesting what we remember but for me it was the challenge you gave the membership to "Think Big". Though your presentation had other content that was what really stuck with me, other than to be amazed that you have been able to devote so much of your time to Rotary. How you ever manage to do all you have done in Rotary and still run a retail operation is beyond impressive.

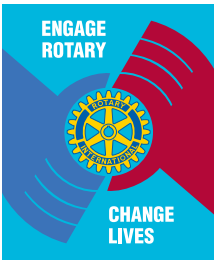
I too run a small biz and at times just taking care of affairs and sometimes struggling to make a payroll for 12 with

all the other obligations to keep that ship on even steerage is more than a handful. When I was introduced to Rotary I almost did not accept the obligation of membership since I knew it was going to take both time and effort. I was right on both counts but they accepted me for what I can do. With that I have totally enjoyed the good I can see that Rotary does, way beyond any expectations. Just to be a part of such quality work resonates thru our entire club membership. Not quite sure where that 'think BIG' challenge will take us but the bait is on the hook. With the power of membership a bus went to Haiti this year. Gretchen Pingley had the vision, membership and district supported the project and now before the holidays are over a sorely needed piece of transpor-

tation will be arriving in Haiti. Amazing when you think of what the power of thinking big and 'doing it' can do. In a challenging economic climate and ever changing world it is the silver lining that we sometimes have to look for and for me Rotary is part of that positive vision. It gives me the pause that refreshes, knowing that with a diverse membership we have greatly different lives and goals but for one hour a week we come together and plan, play and break bread together. I can see that each of us play our own part, large or small, into making the group cohesive and moving forward.

I feel blessed I have found Rotary.
Best to you and yours,

Larry Van Fossen



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Ally Vincent PSA



Ally Vincent was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Brooksville weekly meeting on May 13th. Ally is seeking donations for a scholarship from Rotary District 6950 to fund her studies at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. She is entering the Master's program in education this coming September and may continue for her PhD.

Everyone who meets Ally quickly learns that she is a driven individual. Her journey with Rotary began when she entered high school. Interact was one of the few clubs available for her to join. Interact is a Rotary club for young people ages 12-18 who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community. Through Interact, Ally learned to carry out hands-on service projects, made international connections, developed leadership skills and had fun!

When she started college at St. Leo University, she founded Rotaract, a Rotary-sponsored service club for men and women ages 18-30. As of this date, Ally has been a proud, active Rotarian for 8 years and she does not intend to stop!

Ally was born and raised in Crystal River and currently lives in Pasco. She has already been offered a job to teach in South Korea but has not yet decided where she will ultimately plant her roots.

Pictured: (L-R) Ally Vincent, Roger Proffer (District Governor) and Karen VanSickle (Brooksville Rotary President).

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Rotary Donates \$1000 To Starkey Elementary Library



Rotary International has always emphasized literacy as one of the important programs that all Rotary Clubs need pursue. The Rotary Club of Seminole Lake has refurbished the Osceola High School library in the recent past and has presented a book to the Starkey Elementary Library in the name of each of their weekly speakers. This year in lieu of giving a book in the name of each speaker, the Club has donated a \$1000 check to the Library at Starkey. Receiving the \$1000 check from Rotarian Curtis Camp is librarian Sheryl Adams.



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DISTRICT CALENDAR

Saturday, June 7, 6pm
Midtown Rotary Bowl-a-Thon
Sunrise Lanes
6393 9th Street, St. Pete
727-522-2174

Friday, June 20, 2014, 7:30am
Ceredo Kenova - Golf Fund-raiser
Sugarwood Golf Club
152 Sugarwood Rd.

Saturday, June 21, 6pm
Summer Beer Olympics
Main St/Pinellas Trail
www.dunedinwaterside.com

Saturday, August 16, 11am
**20th Annual Dunedin North
Rotary Cup Classic Golf Tour-
nament**
Dunedin Golf Club
1050 Palm Blvd, Dunedin

Saturday, August 23, 7:15am
Rotary Leadership Institute
Keiser University
1500 NW 49th St.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

The Four-Way Test

The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Karen Van Sickle named Assistant District Governor



Outgoing Rotary Club of Brooksville President, Karen Van Sickle, announces her appointment to Assistant District Governor on May 13th to club members at

the weekly meeting. It is a 3-year term, beginning July 1, 2014.

Some of the Rotary Club of Brooksville's accomplishments this past year under Karen's leadership include:

- Weeki Wachee River Clean-Up (removing the invasive Lyngbya algae) and Rubber Ducky fundraiser along with Spring Hill Central Rotary Club
- Purchase and renovation of a school bus that was sent to Haiti
- ShelterBox purchase which was sent to Zimbabwe to help resettle 20,000 displaced people. ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that provides temporary shelter and lifesaving supplies to displaced families.

- 100% Paul Harris Foundation Club (every club member donated \$100/year)
- 3 new Paul Harris Society members (donation of \$1000/year)
- Live Oak Theater Club donation
- Operation Heartfelt (provides dry/canned goods to needy families)
- Numerous scholarships

Rotarians volunteered their time (and frequently food) at many events to include:

- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- New Beginnings Youth Shelter 5K Run
- Reading Festival
- Greek Festival
- Hospice Kid's Dinner
- Hernando County Fair

Pictured: Karen VanSickle.

Kelsey Kolaso and Ryan O'Connell Rotary Scholarship Recipients

Brooksville residents Kelsey Kolaso and Ryan O'Connell were guests at Tuesday's weekly Rotary Club of Brooksville meeting along with their parents. Both were recipients of a \$3000 Rotary scholarship. Kelsey will be attending UF in the Fall to study Chemistry. Ryan will be attending Georgia Tech in the Fall to study Mechanical Engineering.

Pictured:(L-R) are Kelsey and Ryan.



Food for Pasco

By Bob Loring



On Saturday, May 31st, Rotary members from the east side of Pasco county came together to sort and distribute food parcels for over 550 deserving families living in our communities. The Rotary Club of San Antonio sent 5 of its members to help with this fun-filled annual project. The San Antonio Rotary Club then delivered 25 bags to James Irvin Education Center, an additional 25 bags went to eligible families at the San Antonio Elementary School. Assistant Governor Michael Mira, once again, effectively over-saw the event as our Rotary blue carry-all shopping bags were filled to the brim with an ample amount of needed food staples. Note: A great time was had by all!

Photo: The Rotary Club of San Antonio's President 2014-15 Susan Robinson, (left) shown here delivered the collected food parcels to Nancy Guss, the principal of the James Irvin Education Center.

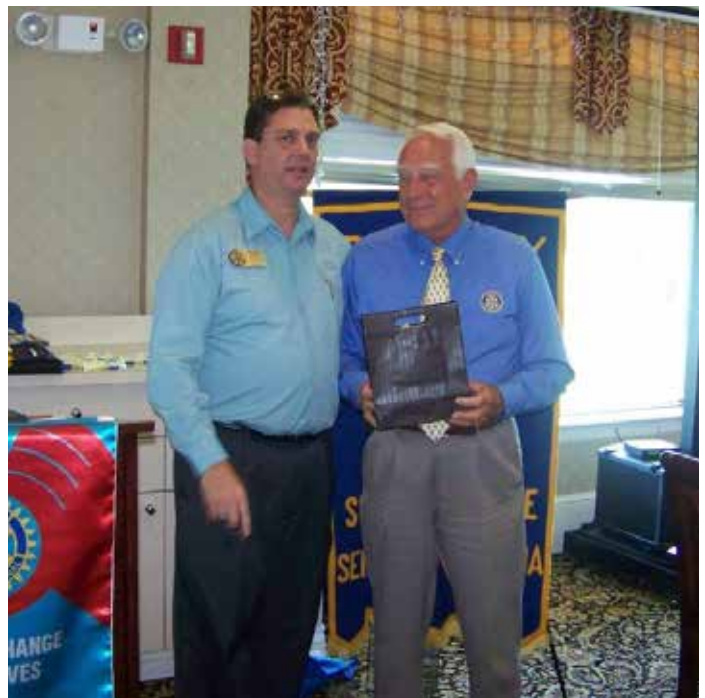
Installation Dinner for the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake



New Officers and Directors inducted for Rotary Club of Seminole Lake.

Past District Governor Tim Schuler (left rear) inducts the Officers and Board of Directors for the coming Rotary Year beginning on July 1. President George Bessler (center rear) helped in the officiating.

(L-R) Robin Williams, Jessica Petot, Doug Meyer, Don Fairbairn, Glenn Stamm, Mike Hendry, Sandra Lilo, Curtis Camp (rear) and Earl Fratus



George Bessler (L) awards the Rotarian of the Year designation to Chuck Oldanie at the Seminole Lake Rotary Installation banquet held at the Bellaire Country Club on Sunday June 8.

A NOAA WEATHER RADIO COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE



From the District 6950 Disaster Committee

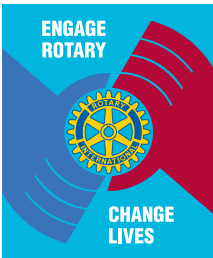
It is 3 AM and you are safely asleep in bed. What you do not know, however, is that a huge waterspout is moving off the Gulf of Mexico toward your community, to become a tornado – with your name on it. How would you know? What warning would you have? Well, a NOAA Weather Alert Radio with the S.A.M.E. feature will automatically warn you, and possibly save your life. It's the cheapest "weather insurance" for you & family.

Every Rotarian should have a NOAA Weather Alert Radio (with SAME), a guardian for disaster. Your NOAA weather alert radio will automatically alert you, and should have a feature called S.A.M.E. – Specific Area Message Encoding – you to program it to receive alerts for your specific geographic area. With the "SAME" feature, you only get alerts for your area. You should keep your Weather Radio on 24/7, quietly standing by, so it can warn you of severe weather: Tornadoes, Hurricanes, Hailstorms, Flooding, Severe Thunderstorms, etc. It operates on 110 volts with a battery back-up.

Do not depend on being awake at 3 AM and seeing a tornado warning on your TV, or that your cat will suddenly rush to alert you. The NOAA alert system works – it saves lives – and it can give you that critical 5-10 minute warning of an approaching tornado so you have time to get to the pre-identified "safe-room" in your home or office.

You can obtain NOAA Weather Alert Radios with the "SAME" feature at many stores including Radio Shack and Publix supermarkets, as well as via the internet.

This and many more Disaster Planning & Preparation tips are available in the District 6950 Disaster Plan presentation to your Rotary Club, or on your Club President's "Thumb-Drive" Schedule your Club's presentation soon. Survive to Serve and continue "Service Above Self".



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Gerardo Piedra - Rotary Exchange Student

It was the last time that members of the Rotary Club of Brooksville would see exchange student Gerardo Piedra. Gerardo was returning to his home in Los Rios, Ecuador this coming June 13th after having spent 10 months in Brooksville learning a new language and meeting new people.

Gerardo was one of nearly 8,000 students who participate yearly in Rotary's Youth Exchange program. It is an opportunity of a lifetime for students who participate yearly. The program is a study-abroad opportunity for young people who spend anywhere from a few weeks to a full year as an international student hosted by local Rotary Clubs.

Gerardo was hosted by several local Rotary Clubs including the Rotary Club

of Brooksville. This included room and board by a local Rotary family – Mike and Sandra Fitzgerald who reside in Brooksville.



The Exchange program is available for people ages 15-19 who:

- Have demonstrated leadership in their school and community.
- Are flexible and willing to try new things.
- Are open to cultural differences.
- Can serve as an ambassador for their own country.

Gerardo's goals are to become an Architect or Geneticist and to contribute to the well-being of society. He desires to represent his country at major events around the world and demonstrate that Ecuadorians can be

worldwide leaders.

His family includes three sisters and his parents, both of whom are physicians.

Pictured: (L-R) Karen VanSickle (Brooksville Rotary President) and Gerardo Piedra.

Osceola High Student Of The Month



Principal Michael Bohnet introduced Kevin Underwood as Student of the Month from Osceola High Fundamental High School to the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake at their regularly scheduled Friday morning meeting at Freedom Square.

Kevin has a 3.98 GPA while being a three time Academic Award Winner as wrestling and football varsity Captain. He volunteers at the Seminole Rec Center as a summer camp leader and as a volunteer at the Old Salts Fishing Club. He plans to attend USF and study Business.

Not present, but also honored, was Samantha Burkhart who has a GPA of 4.3. She has membership in the National, English, Spanish Honor Societies and volunteers at Friends of Strays. She is planning to attend UCF in the Fall.

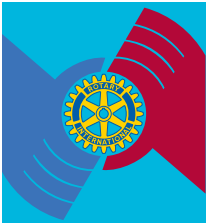
Pictured: (L-R) President George Bessler, Kevin and his mother Kimberly Underwood and Principal Bohnet.

Michael Bohnet Presented with Paul Harris Fellow

Osceola High Principal, Michael Bohnet was presented the distinguished Paul Harris Fellow award by Past District Governor Tim Schuler at the regularly scheduled Friday morning meeting of the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake held at Freedom Square on May 24th. This award signifies \$1000 being donated to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund used to fund the many charitable works of Rotary International Worldwide.



Pictured (L-R): PDG Tim Schuler, Principal Bohnet and President George Bessler.



Welcome to our new, returning and transferring Rotarians!

Meeting locations have been updated.

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

District 6950 Attendance for April 2014 & Club Meeting Location

Club	Members 6/30/13	Members Current	Average Attend %	Meeting Location
Belleair	33	35	68	Thu. Noon - Belleair Country Club (25 Belleview Rd.)
Brooksville	36	33	89	Tue. Noon - Brooksville Country Club (23446 Links Drive)
Central Citrus County	28	23	75	Wed. 7:30am -Tuscany on the Meadows, Quality Inn State 486
Central Pinellas	15	15	100	Tue. 5:30pm - Liberty Lanes (Largo)
Clearwater	105	100	60	Wed. 12:15pm - Belleair Country Club
Clearwater at Feathersound	9	5	0	Wed. 6:00pm - Kingfish Grill & Tap House (3580 Ulmerton Road Clearwater, FL 33762)
Clearwater Beach	24	25	61	Thu. 12:15pm - The Wave (inside Shephards Beach Resort, on Gulfview Blvd.)
Clearwater East	37	33	67	Fri. Noon - Sea Dog Brewing Company, corner US 19 & Enterprise
Crystal River	49	51	76	Mon. 12:15pm - Plantation Inn and Golf Resort
Crystal River-Kings Bay	58	61	74	Wed. 12:15pm - Seminole Club (3rd St., Crystal River)
Dade City	39	38	76	Mon. 12:15pm - Dade City Business Center (John Hombuckle Meeting Rm, 3rd Fl.)
Dade City Sunrise	21	21	91	Thu. 7:00am - Kafe Kokopelli (Meridan and Live Oak)
Dunedin	47	45	73	Tue. 12:15pm - Church of Good Shepherd (629 Edgewater Dr.)
Dunedin North	47	50	82	Wed. 7:30am - Dunedin Country Club (1050 Palm Blvd.)
Dunedin Waterside	18	20	76	Wed. 6:30pm -Sea Sea Riders (221 Main Street Dunedin, FL 34698)
East Lake Sunrise	20	16	72	Thu. 7:30am - East Lake Woodlands CC (1055 East Lake Woodlands Pkwy.)
Gulf Beaches	27	38	65	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	19	75	Thu. 7am - Luigi's (4538 Suncoast Blvd. - US19)
Hudson	16	15	88	Thu. Noon - CARES Enrichment Center (12417 Clock Tower Pkwy. Hudson, Bayonet Pt.)
Indian Rocks Beach	33	33	76	Wed. 7:15am Jimmy Guana's Restaurant, Holiday Inn Harborside (401 2nd St.)
Inverness	70	67	56	Tue. Noon - Lakeside Bar & Grill (4543 E. Windmill Dr., Inverness, 34453)
Largo	36	38	65	Mon. Noon - Alfano's Restaurant (1702 Clwtr/Largo Rd.)
New Port Richey	130	129	86	Wed. 12:15pm - Spartan Manor (6121 Massachusetts Avenue)
Oldsmar/East Lake	12	15	0	Thu. 12:15pm - Flamestone American Grill, 4009 Tampa Rd
Palm Harbor	25	24	65	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	28	73	Fri. Noon - Catches (by the bridge on US 19)
Rotary E-Club of SE USA	31	31	67	Anytime at www.rotaryclub34.org
Safety Harbor	9	14	84	Fri. 7:30am - Safety Harbor Spa (105 N Bayshore Dr.)
San Antonio	15	15	0	Tue. 6:30pm - Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club (St. Rd. 52)
Seminole	67	66	72	Wed. 12:15pm - Lake Seminole Golf & Country Club (6100 Augusta Blvd.)
Seminole Lake	30	32	80	Fri. 7:15am - Freedom Square Seminole, Roskamp Auditorium
Seven Springs	47	47	70	Thu. 7:30am - Seven Springs Country Club (3535 Trophy Blvd.)
Spring Hill	15	13	92	Thu. 7:45am - IHOP Restaurant (US19)
Spring Hill Central	18	20	50	Thu. 12:15pm at Silverthorn Country Club (Brooksville)
St. Petersburg	102	98	67	Fri. Noon - Orange Blossom Catering (220 4th St. N)
St. Petersburg Mid-Town	19	16	65	Wed. Noon - St Petersburg College (All State Center- Pinellas Room)
St. Petersburg Sunrise	31	29	87	Tue. 7:45 am - St. Petersburg Yacht Club (11 Central Ave)
St. Petersburg Sunset	19	23	66	Thu. 6:00 pm - The Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront (333 First St. south St. Petersburg)
St. Petersburg West	28	31	73	Wed. 7:45am - Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club (400 Island Causeway, Treasure Island)
Sugarmill Woods-Citrus County	24	24	97	Tue. 5:00pm - Sugarmill Woods Country Club (Homosassa)
Tarpon Springs	83	81	78	Thu. 12:15pm - Tarpon Springs Yacht Club (350 S. Spring Blvd.)
Trinity	65	78	60	Fri. 12:15pm - Heritage Springs Country Club
Wesley Chapel	58	83	64	Wed. 12:15pm - Pagelli's Italian Restaurant (Wiregrass Mall in Wesley Chapel)
Wesley Chapel Sunrise	20	21	69	Fri. 7:15am - Lexington Oaks Golf Club (26133 Lexington Oaks Blvd. off SR 54 near I-75)
Zephyrhills	48	49	63	Thu. 12:15pm - Zephyrhills Rotary Youth building (Shepard Park)
Zephyrhills Daybreak	32	29	87	Wed. 7:00am - First United Methodist Church (38635 Fifth Ave, Zephyrhills)

May 2014

Central Citrus County
Pauelsen, Antonio

Clearwater

Coston, Robert
Wilson, Patricia

Crystal River-Kings Bay

Malm, Robert

Dunedin

Kynes, Deborah
Parianos, Kelly

Dunedin North

Coleman, William

Dunedin Waterside

Silverman, Jonathan
Corey

Inverness

Irish, Phillip

New Port Richey

Parris, Kara

Oldsmar/East Lake

Miaoulis, Maria

Rotary E-Club of Southeast USA & Caribbean

Foor, Tammy

Spring Hill Central

Weiner, Linda

Sugarmill Woods-Citrus County

Bowling, Deborah
Ann

Grein, Rene'

Tarpon Springs

Moffatt, James

Trinity

Volke, Christina

Wesley Chapel

Banguai, Felix
Black, Stephanie
Hackeny, Todd
Muslin, Kristin
Pickering, Scott
Sadler, Gloria

Wesley Chapel Sunrise

Ferrari, Patricia



Rotary Day with the Rays



SUN, SEPT. 7
VS. BAL
START TIME: 1:40 P.M.

Lower Reserved Tickets (Hat) \$45
Outfield Reserved Tickets are \$28
Upper level Tickets are \$21
Deadline to purchase Wednesday, August 27, 2014.



All prices include \$10 to The Rotary Foundation in the name of the purchaser. Tickets are purchased through Gene Beil; checks should be payable to "Beil & Hay Trust Acc't".
If you purchased a Lower Reserved ticket, pick up your hat at the Redemption Center located in the first base food court by the 3rd inning by showing your ticket stub.

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