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A Place for Every Rotarian... A Place for Every Rotary Club

Every Rotary club is different. That's something that has struck me, as my wife Maria and I have been visiting the many clubs in Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus counties these past couple of years. The range of club customs and traditions has been remarkable. There have been clubs with over one hundred Rotarians in attendance at their meeting in a very formalized setting. On the opposite end of the spectrum, there have been club meetings at a bar on the beach, where we met with six Rotarians and had a burger and beer and a good time. No ringing of the bell, no pledge of allegiance, no song, no opening prayer, and no Four Way Test.

There are 48 clubs in our District, and every one of them is unique. Each one has its own customs, traditions, and culture. And I have learned... there are many unique personalities in these 47 clubs. Each club is different, but every club is the same. That sounds paradoxical, but I think you probably know what I mean.

Maria and I have had a marvelous time meeting so many wonderful Rotarians. We have been welcomed at every Rotary club that we have visited. I had been warned ahead of time that some of the Rotary clubs were not very friendly to visitors – especially to visiting District Governors. I can now say for a fact that that is not true! The one thing that is universal among all Rotary clubs is how nice their members are. We have been received with smiles and handshakes at every club we have visited.

Rotary is where people from all walks of life, and all races, and all religions, come together to meet in one place. It's a place where we share stories with one another, and where great ideas are born. And because

we are so different, and have so many diverse ideas, Rotary is a place where great synergy occurs. Great synergy leads to great ideas and to positive outcomes. "Good things happen when you bring good people together, share stories, and ask them to solve a problem." That's what I told my boss at Saint Leo University one day when he asked me what Rotary does. I couldn't tell him all the millions of things that we do, but I wanted to boil it down to the most basic explanation that I could think of.

In order for Rotary clubs to be successful, it's important that everyone's opinions are valued and respected. I truly believe that everyone has something unique to offer. Not every Rotarian can do everything that Rotary does, but each individual Rotarian can do something that is good for all concerned. Every Rotarian... every Rotary club can make a difference in their own unique way. But it all starts with the little things like respect for one another, and the understanding of the universal core values that bind us together as an international organization.

The next time you meet at your club, or visit another club, or plan a special event or project, I ask you to remember what I wrote in this letter – "there's a place for every Rotarian, and there's a place for every Rotary club." Keep that in mind, and magical things will happen. I promise.



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District Calendar

August 18th - RLI Foundation Training, Orlando

August 24th - Fun Fridays (Trinity)

August 25th - RLI Foundation Training, Ft. Myers

September 29th - RLI Foundation Training, Miami

September 29th - The Gala! (Trinity)

October 18th - RLI - Cruise D6930

October 20th - 8:45 am

The Grove Planting

Rotary Clubs of Citrus County Matrix Project

The next planting of 50 trees. It will be 10 each of the 5 varieties we recently planted. Grove Project of the Rotary clubs of Citrus County

Granton Avenue, Lecanto, FL just behind Anson's Nursery on State Rd 490 or Homosassa Trail.

Please arrive by 8:45am with gloves and any shovels or buckets you may have.

November 3rd - 12 pm

Nature Coast Seafood Festival

Live music, special events including Dragon Boat races, photo competition, Rubber Duck Race, Children's activities, food trucks, some GREAT seafood, with VIP tickets available! Details coming soon to www.NatureCoastSeafoodFestival.com

December 1st - 7am

Holiday Shopping Event

This is the Rotary Clubs of Citrus County annual Children's Holiday Shopping Project. Walmart 1936 N. Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461

The Rotary Club of Crystal River, Rotary, Central Citrus Rotary, Rotray Club of Homosassa, Sugarmill Woods Rotary and King's Bay Rotary join to meet the needs of the community by targeting underprivileged and financially needy children in order to provide them, and their families, with gifts for the holidays.

This is a major hands-on project with guaranteed potential to make a difference and improve the lives of some deserving Citrus County Children.

Rotary's Mission

The mission of the Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the object of Rotary by:

- Fostering unity among member clubs;
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world;
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
- Providing a system of international administration.



RAYS 2018

Rotary Day with the RAYS



SUN, AUG 26

VS. BOS

GATES OPEN: 11:40 A.M.

START TIME: 1:10 P.M.

- Lower Box with hat \$65.00

- Press level with hat \$65.00

- Lower Corners \$35.00

- Upper Deck \$30.00

Deadline to purchase Monday August, 20



All prices include a donation to the Rotary Foundation in the name of the purchaser. Tickets are purchased through Gene Beil; Checks should be made payable to "Beil & Hay Trust Acc't"

If you purchased a Lower Box Ticket, you can choose your hat at the redemption center, located in the first base food court, by the 3rd inning by showing your ticket stub.



ORDER FORM

more information contact Gene Beil at 727-868-2306 or kiwimate@msn.com.

___ Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Adress: _____

How many tickets would you like?

___ Lower Box tickets x \$65 each = \$ ___

___ Press Level tickets X \$65 each = \$ ___

___ Lower Corner tickets X \$35 each = \$ ___

___ Upper Deck Tickets X \$30 each = \$ ___

Accessible seats (circle): Yes No

If so, how many? _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

___ Check

Make checks payable to:

Beil and Hay Trust Acct

Mail and Check Order Form

Beil and Hay, PA

12300 US HWY 19

Hudson, FL 34667

RaysBaseball.com 888-FAN-RAYS

Offer not available through Tropicana Field box offices.
Tickets subject to availability. No refunds or exchanges. Prices subject to change.
Any returned checks subject to \$40.00 charge.

Membership Plus

Remember, we are your support system



Mike Eisner

Welcome to the new Rotary year 2018/2019. It's time for a fresh start and a new perspective, as we take on the challenge, BE THE INSPIRATION. As well as furthering the aims and ideals of Rotary. Every month through this publication, I will along with my District Area Reps offer advice, updates, information, and hopefully inspiration as we join together to

GROW Rotary. Our goal is to assist clubs in continuing to attract well selected people of integrity and good character, who have a willingness to serve. **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

Our esteemed District Governor, Eloy Nunez and myself as the District Membership Chair will work closely with your Area Membership Reps. We as a team plan to spearhead our Districts plans and initiatives to enhance the Rotary experience and develop vibrant Clubs which are attractive to potential members in your communities. We are all here to help. We are your Membership resource.

The District Membership & Area Membership Reps are a committee trained and ready to assist you and your club reach new levels of achievement. We plan to help every club to be the best they can be by attracting, engaging and retaining quality membership. Whether you need advice, information or perhaps would like a club speaker visit, we are an email away. This is your Area Membership Committee. Please utilize them as a resource to assist.



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First Request for all Membership

Schedule and plan to watch: **Building New Clubs Together** on Thursday, 9 August, 15:00-16:00 Chicago time (UTC-5). [Register and see the webinar in your time zone](#)

August is Membership and New Club Development Month. Therefore, chartering new clubs allows you to attract a more diverse membership, explore new ways to incorporate flexibility, pursue new project possibilities, hear ideas from new leaders, and grow Rotary. Please join us for the webinar. It is important that all members are learned and know the following whether or not you:

- Believe that adding a new Rotary club in your community will broaden your capacity for service
- Think a satellite club may allow more prospective members to engage with Rotary



- Want tips on how to charter a Rotaract club, or encourage Rotaractors to start their own clubs

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mike Eisner

District Membership Chair 2018/2019

Judicial System In Pinellas County



The Rotary Club of Seminole Lake hosted members of the Judicial System at their weekly meeting in Freedom Square. Circuit Court Judge Christine Hellinger, Public Defender Jessica Manuele and Rotarian and member of the District Attorney's Office, Mike Marr, presented how

each office interacts with the others in the cycle of legal proceedings afforded each of us by the US Constitution and the Laws of Florida.

Questions were asked about why more rehabilitation was not proscribed as in other countries in the world and the only answer was that (maybe) our financial constraints and laws prescribing certain mandatory punishments prevent more emphasis on the rehabilitation seen in other countries. Recidivism in those countries having emphasis on rehabilitation is also lower than in the US.

Pictured (L-R): Club President, George Bessler, Judge Christine Hellinger, DA Mike Marr, PD Jessica Manuele

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Installation Banquet and Cadillac Kid Dance Party



Pictured: (L-R) Gary Marcus, George Bessler, Vivian Lurie, Curtis Camp, Darlene Sheets, Rosa Sang, Chuck Oldanie, Sandra Lilo, Gerry Cachia, Robin Williams

On Saturday, June 30, the Seminole Lake Rotary Club held its annual installation banquet to honor members and install the new officers and directors. Under the able direction of Past District Governor and local attorney, Tim Schuler, the new officers and directors were installed at the Seminole Recreation Center: Gary Marcus as President,

George Bessler as immediate past president, Vivian Lurie as President-Elect, Curtis Camp as Secretary, Mike Marr as Treasurer, Don Fairbairn as Sergeant-at-Arms. Directors installed were: Darlene Sheets, Rosa Sang, Chuck Oldanie, Dr. Sandra Lilo, Gerry Cachia and Robin Williams.



Gerry Cachia, Rotarian of the Year as the Cadillac Kid

Outgoing President, George Bessler, then announced that the Rotarian of the year is Gerry Cachia for his enthusiastic support of the very successful Red Sled Project that raised over \$43,000 in cash and gifts for the

foster children of the Eckerd Youth Alternative program.

Gerry Cachia, also known as the Cadillac Kid, then opened the evening to the public for the Dance Party, highlighted by the singing group, Jukebox 4 and the famous 1957 Pink Cadillac as the backdrop for the fabulous Rock and Roll music enjoyed by the over 100 patrons of the successful event.



Rotarians Lucienne Hastings and Gene Stern

Scholarship recipients Thank The Rotary Club of Seminole Lake

The Seminole Lake Rotary Club Charitable Foundation has been presenting scholarships to deserving students at both Seminole High School and Osceola Fundamental High School for nearly thirty years. The scholarships have honored deceased Rotarians or deceased students of Rotarians.

The Evan Huffman Memorial Scholarship was presented to Jennifer Jukes of Seminole High, while The Argel Jordan Memorial Scholarship was given to Channing Austin of Osceola High. The Dudley Hastings Memorial Scholarship was presented to Phoebe Carrasco of Osceola High along with another presented to Delany Wheeler of Osceola High.

Each of the students had written a personal thank-you to the Club, expressing their gratitude for being selected for this honor.

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**District 6950 Attendance &
Club Meeting Location for
May 2018**

Welcome to our
new, returning and
transferring Rotarians!

June 2018

BELLEAIR
Belus, Melissa
McCain, John Kenneth

DUNEDIN
Wargo, Lynn M.
Lettourneau, Molly
Neal, Jennifer

DUNEDIN NORTH
Middleton, Mark

GULF BEACHES
Hersey, Cecil

LAND O'LAKES
Hensley, Loren
Macdonald, Lorin
Goiran, Barbara Casey
Bassinger, Elayne
Engelmann, Jim
Buzsee, Richard Michael
Levitt, Justin
Rabi, Cesar

Gorsline, Mary Lynn
Peake, Leah
Giannone, Larry
Behmer, Yvette M.
Poole, Christopher Brooks
Trenor, Margaret Ann
De Pury, Gary
Van Meter, Lynn
Cravatta, David Matthew
Graves, Sandy C.
Dusek, Terri
Barnes, Richard Jr.
Balthazard, Kathleen

PINELLAS PARK
Wennlund, Gerald

PORT RICHEY
Pirkle, Joanne

ROTARY E-CLUB
Miller, Willard H. Jr.
Bostdorff-Miller, Alicia

SEVEN SPRINGS
Segarre, Ralph

ST. PETERSBURG SUNSET
Rathmell, Jeff

SUGARMILL WOODS-CITRUS COUNTY
Crawley, Richard R.

ZEPHYRHILLS
LeBlanc, Shane J.

Meeting locations have been updated. Please refer to this list when checking on club meeting days and locations.

Club	Members 6/30/17	Members Current	Average Attend %	Meeting Location
Belleair	22	29	54	Thu. 12:15pm - Belleair Country Club (25 Belleview Rd.)
Brooksville	35	37	51	Thu. Noon - Southern Hills Plantation Club (State Rd 41 Brooksville)
Central Citrus County	20	19	58	Wed. 7:45am - Black Diamond Golf and Country Club
Central Pinellas	11	13	60	Tue. 5:45pm - Liberty Lanes (11401 Starkey Rd, Largo)
Cleanwater	92	91	57	Wed. 12:15pm - Belleair Country Club
Cleanwater Beach	15	15	0	Club is reorganizing....watch the DaCdB for updates
Cleanwater East	24	26	79	Cleanwater, Building ES, Rm 111 - check Facebook page for meeting dates
Crystal River	67	68	70	Mon. 12:15pm - Plantation Inn and Golf Resort
Dade City	39	42	71	Mon. Noon - Kafe Kokopelli (Citrus Room- 37940 Live Oak Avenue Dade City)
Dade City Sunrise	14	14	86	Thu. 7:00am- The Hampton Inn (13215 US Hwy 301, Dade City)
Dunedin	50	51	82	Tue. 12:15pm - Church of Good Shepherd (629 Edgewater Drive, Dunedin)
Dunedin North	55	51	73	Wed. 7:30am - Dunedin Golf Club
Dunedin Waterside	26	27	44	Wed. 6:30pm -Sea Sea Riders (221 Main Street Dunedin, FL 34698)
East Lake Sunrise	15	17	60	Thu. 7:45am - Daddy's Grill (1st Thursday of month meeting 6 pm at same location)
Gulf Beaches	43	47	60	Tue. 12:15pm - Treasure Island Yacht & Tennis Club (400 Treasure Island Causeway, Treasure Island)
Holiday	42	35	55	Tue. Noon - Brix 33 Bistro (8351 SR 54 Trinity 34655)
Homosassa Springs	16	16	71	Thu. 7am - Luigi's (4538 Suncoast Blvd. - US19)
Hudson	22	22	81	Thu. Noon - CARES Enrichment Center (12417 Clock Tower Pkwy. Hudson, Bayonet Pt.)
Indian Rocks Beach	37	35	77	Wed. 7:15am Jimmy Guana's Restaurant, Holiday Inn Harborside (401 2nd St.)
Inverness	81	84	83	Tue. Noon - Inverness Golf and Country Club (Inverness)
Kings Bay- Crystal River	65	69	68	Wed. 12:15pm - George Washington Carver Community Center
Land O'Lakes	0	0	0	Fri. 8:00am - Copperstone Executive Offices (3632 Land O'Lakes Blvd)
Largo	23	24	68	Mon. Noon - Alfano's Restaurant (Clearwater)
New Port Richey	140	143	92	Wed. 12:15pm - Spartan Manor (6121 Massachusetts Avenue)
Oldsmar/East Lake	14	17	66	Thu. 12:15pm - Flamestone Grill (4009 Tampa Rd)
Palm Harbor	14	23	69	Wed. 12:15pm - Leo's Italian Grill (Palm Harbor)
Pinellas Park	38	36	75	Thu. 12:15pm - Banquet Masters (13355 49th St N)
Port Richey	41	40	66	Fri. Noon - The Columbian Event Center (5850 Farrell Way (KOC) Drive)
Rotary E-Club of SE USA	23	23	74	Anytime at www.rotaryclub34.org
Safety Harbor	15	19	98	Fri. 7:30am - Paradise Restaurant (5th and Main Street in Safety Harbor)
San Antonio	16	16	0	Tue. 6:30pm - 10641 Old Tampa Bay Drive, San Antonio
Seminole	58	56	68	Wed. 12:15pm - Lake Seminole Golf & Country Club (6100 Augusta Blvd.)
Seminole Lake	34	34	76	Fri. 7:15am - Roskamp Auditorium (Freedom Square)
Seven Springs	47	52	67	Thu. 7:30am - Seven Springs Country Club (3535 Trophy Blvd.)
Spring Hill	17	17	91	Thu. 7:45am - IHOP Restaurant (US19)
Spring Hill Central	20	19	0	Thu. 12:15pm - Silverthorn Golf and Country Club
St. Petersburg	95	92	66	Fri. Noon - St. Petersburg Yacht Club (11 Central Avenue)
St. Petersburg Mid-Town	15	14	49	Wed. 11:45pm - Callaloo Restaurant
St. Petersburg Sunrise	29	31	76	Tue. 7:45 am - St. Petersburg Yacht Club (11 Central Ave)
St. Petersburg Sunset	17	19	76	Wed. 6:15 pm - St Pete Museum of History (335 2nd Ave NE, St Pete) (2nd & 4th Wed. Only)
St. Petersburg West	40	35	63	Wed. 7:45am - Pasadena Yacht and Country Club
Sugarmill Woods-Citrus County	30	34	79	Tue. 5:00pm - Sugarmill Woods Country Club (Homosassa)
Tarpon Springs	107	109	72	Thu. 12:15pm - Tarpon Springs Yacht Club (350 S. Spring Blvd.)
Trinity	88	81	59	Fri. 12:15pm -Seven Springs Golf & Country Club (3535 Trophy Blvd.)
Wesley Chapel	69	84	55	Wed. 12:15pm - Lexington Oaks Golf Club (26133 Lexington Blvd Wesley Chapel 33544)
Wesley Chapel Sunrise	12	8	100	Fri. 7:15am - The Happy Hangar Restaurant -1st and 3rd Friday of the month
Zephyrhills	35	36	55	Thu. 12:15pm - Zephyrhills Rotary Youth building (Shepard Park)
Zephyrhills Daybreak	27	24	125	Wed. 7:00am - First United Methodist Church (38635 Fifth Ave, Zephyrhills)