

• Club News Bulletin Board •

To get your club news published here send your articles by the first of each month by mail, e-mail or fax to: Governor Keith Kurber, 1558 Roxburg Lane, Dunedin, FL 34698; E-mail: k.kurber@att.net; Fax: 727-738-5333.

PETS AND DISTRICT ASSEMBLY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PETS will be held Friday and Saturday, March 12th & 13th, 2004 in Orlando at the Airport Marriott. Unlike previous years the Multi-District PETS Conference this year is strictly for Presidents-Elect and Presidents-Elect-Elect training. You may also register online at rotaryfloridaPETS.org.

District Assembly will be held Saturday, March 27th for all incoming officers in Hudson at the Bayonet Point Regional Medical Center Conference Center (just behind the hospital next to Day Surgery Center). The hospital is just off 19 at Hudson Avenue. Hospital address is 14000 Fivay Road, Hudson.

Please reserve these dates and encourage your officers to attend. Your registration materials will be mailed to your President soon. Early registration is encouraged. Please contact Gene Beil, District Governor-Elect with any further questions on PETS and/or District Assembly. Gene can be reached at 727-868-2306.

The Rotary Club of Pinellas Bardmoor Bayou announces a new meeting day and location.
Come join us on Tuesday evenings at 5:45 at Foxy O'Toole's Restaurant - a great place to make up!

Tarpon Springs To Host Live Big Band Dinner/Silent Auction As New Signature Fundraiser



The Tarpon Springs Rotary Club has been conducting a sprint Triathlon in September of each year for the past 15 years as a major fundraising event. We are now announcing a new fundraising opportunity of a live Big Band Dinner/Silent Auction and **YOU ARE INVITED! Reserve Saturday, May 15th, 2004** on your calendars, time is to be announced. This event will be held at the new Tarpon Springs St. Nicholas Greek Community Center. For further information or questions call Michael Mattia, President, 727-942-4543.

Congratulations to Clearwater East Interact Club

Members of the Clearwater East Rotary Club's Interact Club of Clearwater High School held a Christmas Party at an Adult Congregate Living Facility in December of 2003. The residents of this facility are mentally handicapped. It was a huge success and everyone had a great time.

Congratulations to Board Member and Official Interact Liaison Shannon Shipley, Interact President Juan, Faculty/Staff/Teacher Liaison Connie Menefee, and to all Interact Club Members at Clearwater High School for "Lending A Hand" to those who needed their spirits lifted during the busy holiday season, and for showing that Rotary is truly "Service Above Self".

Rotary Centennial Visitor Center at Honeymoon Island Nears Reality for Dunedin & Dunedin North Rotary Clubs

Soon nearly 1,000,000 visitors to Honeymoon Island will learn about the island and its history at the new Rotary Centennial Visitor Center, thanks to the contributions from Rotarians all over District 6950. An anonymous benefactor donated \$35,000 to the project to provide and furnish an education center and challenged other Rotary clubs in the District to get together and match this amount.

Presidents from all over the district received information on the project and have responded generously. The Rotary Club of Belleair and The Rotary Club of St. Petersburg responded with a commitment of \$5,000 each. The Rotary Club of Safety Harbor voted to provide \$2,500 and The Rotary Club of Countryside contributed \$500.

But, as you might guess, more help is needed if we are to meet our February 2004 deadline for fundraising. If your club can "Lend A Hand" with any amount for this very viable and important project please call the Rotary Project Coordinator, David Kaufman at 727-459-4339. We need every Rotary Club in the district to help make this a reality!



Chrysler Championship Facts for 2003



- 2003 generated \$764,000 for Charity
- The money was raised through ticket sales, other tournament proceeds and the growing Birdies for Charity program
- More than 100 charities will benefit from the tournament
- There was \$503,000 produced for Birdies for Charity - a 50% increase from last year
- 37 Charities raised at least \$3000 to qualify for a share in the \$100,000 BrightHouse Pool
- **Primary Prep, the primary direct charitable beneficiary received over \$135,000**
- Other top recipients through the Birdies for Charity program

Countryside Youth Soccer Association	\$64,718
Rotary Clubs District 6950 and 6980	\$48,330
Diabetic Charitable Services	\$26,487
Quantum Leap Farm	\$26,142
Extra Innings Youth Foundation	\$25,708
Judeo Christian Health Clinic	\$20,196

CHRYSLER CHAMPIONSHIP BIRDIES FOR CHARITY HISTORICAL SUMMARY

	2003	2002	2001
Paid Pledges	\$403,358.68	\$208,122.83	\$109,973.22
Pledges Qualifying for Bonus Pool	\$350,395.61	\$197,994.72	\$103,821.39
% Return for Charities Qualifying for Bonus Pool	28.5	50.5	96.3
% of Pledges Paid	97	94	92
Bonus Pool	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Charities Participating	86	77	66
Charities Qualifying for Bonus Pool	37	29	21

CONGRATULATIONS CLUBS ON YOUR BONUS POOL MONIES!

	Club#	Club	Pledge \$s	% of District Total	Bonus Pool
1	719	Trinity	\$1,095.31	4.06	\$ 312.58
2	4261	Brooksville	1,000.00	3.71	285.38
3	4262	Clearwater	3,767.81	13.97	1075.27
4	4263	Clearwater Beach	3,273.73	12.14	934.27
5	4264	Clearwater East	2,500.00	9.27	713.46
6	4274	Hudson	2,830.00	10.49	807.63
7	4276	Inverness	309.35	1.15	88.28
8	4278	Land 'O Lakes	1,870.00	6.93	533.67
9	4282	Pinellas Park	1,600.95	5.94	456.88
10	4286	St. Petersburg	879.90	3.26	251.11
11	4287	St. Petersburg Sunrise	1,393.05	5.17	397.55
12	4289	Seminole	1,000.00	3.71	285.38
13	4290	Seminole Lakes	3,402.00	12.62	970.87
14	7120	Keystone Sunrise	1,000.00	3.71	285.38
15	8033	Zephyrhills Daybreak	1,045.00	3.88	298.33

DISTRICT 6950	\$26,967.10	100%	\$7,695.96
	% of Total Rotary Pool	71.72%	

DISTRICT 6890	\$10,632.55	100%	\$3,035.68
	% of Total Rotary Pool	28.29%	

TOTAL ROTARY	\$37,599.65		\$10,730.56
---------------------	--------------------	--	--------------------

Congratulations Clubs on Getting Your News Published!

Without a doubt this has to be one of the best six-month periods this District has ever had in getting the Rotary activities, honors, community and world service work published! Your Governor is proud and pleased that the clubs work so hard to make our community aware of what Rotary is and how we truly "Lend A Hand" to those in need and continually put "Service Above Self." Here's just a sampling of what's happening in the news in our District.

THE SUNCOAST NEWS, ST. PETE TIMES AND TAMPA TRIBUNE PUBLISHED

New Port Richey Rotary Club raising funds to build ambitious Pavilion Project. The Pavilion could carry a hefty price tag of \$160,000 or more. The money would pay for two permanent structures on the grounds of the Concourse on State Road 52, less than a mile west of the Suncoast Parkway. "This is a tremendous gift from the New Port Richey Rotary Club to the entire Suncoast," Attorney Scott McPherson was quoted, fundraising chairman for the project. The facility can be rented out to other non-profit community groups. The Pavilion and Concourse will have restrooms, cooking facilities and plenty of parking. For more information on sponsorships contact McPherson at 727-848-8892.

THE ST. PETE TIMES PUBLISHED

Zephyrhills Rotary Club commits to raising \$50,000 toward an interactive public water park. City Manager Steve Spina said this is the largest contribution to the city ever by a club. Interactive water parks are walkable parks of varying sizes with water spouts that shoot from the ground. Club President Richard Deighton said the club was looking for a large scale project to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Rotary International, an organization that proclaims 1.2 million members worldwide. Previously this club raised \$12,000 to build a basketball court in Shepard Park. The club's 40 members agreed that the waterpark would be great for families to come play with their kids and the kids can play in the fountains, and committed wholeheartedly to the project. The entire project could cost \$100,000 or more. If you would like to participate in this project or have questions contact President Richard Deighton at 813-782-1106.

THE ST. PETE TIMES PUBLISHED

Rotary Club of Keystone Sunrise takes on International Children's Hearing Project. "Help The Children Hear" is a no-cost project in partnership with the Blairstown, New Jersey Rotary Club, along with other clubs. Donations of used or broken hearing aids will enable needy children to hear. These hearing aids will be repaired and distributed by Help The Children Hear Foundation to children in need around the world. "As Rotarians one of our duties is to fulfill our International Theme of Lend A Hand" said Terry MacNeill, past president of the club. "We can Lend A Hand" with this project. To date the club has shipped 36 hearing aids and has 30 more ready to ship. This is an ongoing project. If you wish to make a contribution or need more information contact Joanie Miesner, chairperson of this project, at 727-861-7328.

THE ST. PETE TIMES PUBLISHED

The Dade City Rotary Club honored the memory of fallen Pasco County Sheriff Lt. Charles "Bo" Harrison by making him the second recipient of a community award named after Cpl. Gordon Larkin, and presented to those whose service to community goes above the call of duty. Harrison, was killed while on duty June 1 by a sniper's bullet. He was less than two weeks from retirement. Larkin, who spoke at the ceremony, said Harrison taught him things not only about law enforcement but about life, humanity, and faith.

THE ST. PETE TIMES PUBLISHED

The Spring Hill Central Rotary Club made 30 children very happy in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program of Hernando County. They paired with Flammer Ford who donated between \$8,000 and \$10,000 to purchase gifts for needy children. Other gifts were distributed through churches, the Salvation Army, and Deltona and Chocachatti Elementary Schools. Giving the gifts they thought to be a real gift to the children, but found out that the adults got more out of it than they could describe!

**2nd Annual
Rotary Club of Keystone
Trash to Treasures Sale
Sat., March 6th • 7am-1pm
Trouble Creek & Grand Blvd., NPR
(former Kash 'n Karry Plaza)
Table Space \$10 (you provide table)
Now accepting large and small items!
NO CLOTHES PLEASE**

Call Barbara Holton (727) 848-6851 to drop off items, for more info, or if you would like to reserve a table at the sale.

Port Richey Rotary presents...

"A Knight To Be Remembered"

**Port Richey Rotary's
Second Annual
Murder Mystery-Costume Party
January 31, 2004
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
9426 Little Road • New Port Richey
Tickets - \$50 per person includes:**

A fun "Knight" of entertainment,
hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, dessert
Extras - Martini Bar & 50/50



**Corporate Sponsorships
Mike Stone: 727-842-3180
For Costume Ideas &
Suggestions contact
PARTY CENTRAL
10128 U.S. 19, Port Richey
727-869-2553
M & P COSTUMES INC.
6220 Ridge Road, Port Richey
727-817-0877**

Your District Website: www.rotary6950.org



ROTARY RAYS DAY III

AT TROPICANA FIELD

Outfield Tickets \$17

(Includes \$10 donation to
The Rotary Foundation)



Devil Rays vs. Chicago White Sox
Saturday, April 17, 2004, 6:15 p.m.
at Tropicana Field

TICKET ORDER FORM • RAYS VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX • SAT., APRIL 17, 2004, 6:15 P.M.

Name: _____
Club: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
E-mail: _____
Phone: () _____

_____ Outfield Tickets @ \$17 ea _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Make Checks Payable to: Beil & Hay Trust Account

Mail Ticket Requests to Eugene Beil, DGE 6950,

Rotary Rays Day Chairman, 12312 US 19 N, Hudson, FL 34667.

All orders must be received by April 9. For information call Tom Brauer at (727) 825-3339 for more information.



WWW.DEVILRAYS.COM • 888.FAN.RAYS • NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

GET IN THE GAME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

888.FAN.RAYS

OR LOG ON TO WWW.DEVILRAYS.COM



Rotary Rays Days III is scheduled for very early in the baseball season - April 17, 2004. This is just slightly over three months away. **Therefore we must begin sales in earnest immediately if the event is to be as successful as the first two. Remember, the District Governor whose district sells the most tickets gets to throw out the ceremonial first pitch!!!**

REMEMBER ALSO THAT ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH DGE EUGENE BEIL'S OFFICE TRUST ACCOUNT TO BE COUNTED. THE DEVIL RAYS WILL NOT GIVE ANY FUNDS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION FOR TICKETS PURCHASE DIRECTLY FROM THEIR BOX OFFICE OR ANY OTHER SOURCE.

Here are some sales ideas for use by any club:

1. Pick out a group or organization which you would like to assist in some way and offer to make the event a fundraiser for them as well or just offer them discounted tickets. This can work out well if your club usually supports the group in some other way.

2. Tickets cost \$17, but \$10 from each ticket sale is given to The Rotary Foundation and credited to your Club's Annual Giving record. Your club gets TRF credits which can be used towards a Paul Harris Fellow. One hundred tickets sold equals one PHF.

3. If you offered your chosen group a cash rebate from your club of \$7 for each ticket they purchased for \$17, your club would be out of pocket \$7 on each ticket; BUT your club would be getting \$10 in PHF credits on each ticket!!!

4. Use the Rays Day as a club social. Make it unique in your own way. Maybe plan to get together before or after the game as a group or plan a meeting during the game at a certain concession area.

5. Encourage club members to use the event as a fellowship event for their employees or co-workers.

The more tickets sold - the more funds raised for THE ROTARY FOUNDATION!!! Let's start selling!!!

Order tickets through Eugene Beil, 12312 US Hwy. 19 N., Hudson, FL 34667 or call Gene at (727) 868-2306.

**TICKETS MUST BE PREPAID.
The Rays do not issue the tickets to us on consignment.**