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KIWANIS CLUB OF SUNSHINE CITY • ST. PETERSBURG, FL

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Meeting at 12:15 on Fridays at Piccadilly Cafeteria, 1900 34th Street N.

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Judy Nicholson - President

UPCOMING EVENTS.

August 4th (Sat.)

Sunshine City Kiwanis cooks breakfast at both Ronald McDonald houses at All Children's Hospital

August 9th (Thurs.)

Board of Director's meeting at Jack Hamm's office at 7:15 PM – Some directors will meet for dinner at Sonny's on Park Avenue at 6 PM

August 23-26

Florida District Convention
Marco Island

WHO'S UP NEXT

August 10th , 2007

PLEDGE:
Nick Wright

INVOCATION:
Don Knowles

GUESTS:
Betty Lusty

FINEMASTER:
Kenny Alderman

KIWANIAN OF THE DAY:
Sally Ragsdale

SPEAKER:
Mayor Rick Baker
City of St. Petersburg

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The World"**

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY:

PLEDGE – GEORGE WILSEY

INNOCATION – RICK HITT

GUESTS – ERNIE LOTTMAN

FINEMASTER – KENNY ALDERMAN

KIWANIAN OF THE DAY – JOHN ANDERS

SPEAKER – MARK TAYLOR

GOVERNOR ELECT – KIWANIS FLORIDA DISTRICT

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SUNSHINE CITY REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

Sunshine City Kiwanis Club has reached several new highs over the last two years under the leadership of current President Judy Nicholson and Past President John Anders.

The club membership has continued to grow in numbers as we have also grown younger (the average age of our membership is dropping). We have more service projects and more groups that we are helping.

We cook breakfast at both Ronald McDonald houses on the first Saturday of every month. We work with Habitat for Humanity one Saturday every three months. We work at Johnnie Ruth Clark Center every Tuesday. We help Sallie's House, Turning Point and a number of other local organizations.

We have two major sources of funds for helping others. We sell Christmas trees between Thanksgiving and Christmas each year and we also operate a Bingo hall every Tuesday evening. In the last two years we have donated between \$25 to \$30 thousand dollars each year to our various projects.

We have several social activities each year that our social committee organizes. As an example we have a Christmas Party each year, an outing at a Devil Rays game complete with tailgating and an evening at the dog track. But because our members are so pleasant to be with, it seems that our service project hours are actually social events where we also serve the community.

A member who has been in Sunshine City Kiwanis for thirty of it's 50+ years commented recently that he has never before seen so many members being active on so many projects or such a high level of good activity as he sees now.

Thank you to all of you who give so much of your time and talents to help children!

Special thanks to Bill Reid who contributed this article.





CLUB OFFICERS 2005-2006

President-Judy Nicholson
 President-Elect-David Morris
 1st Vice President-Henry Ten Brink
 2nd, Vice President-Chris Lillich
 Immediate Past President-John Anders
 Secretary/Treasurer-Jack Hamm

DIRECTORS

2006-2007
 Ernie Lottman
 Sally Ragsdale
 Bill Reid

2006-2008
 Imogene Cordova
 Fred Walsingham
 Don Knowles

2006-2009
 Bud Strawn
 Jim Humphries
 Jack Bowman



PAST PRESIDENTS

1967 – Ralph Trimble
 1974-75 – Allen De Russy
1981-82 – Jerry Searle 84-85
 1982-83 – Al Neville
1983-84 – Tom O'Connor 86-87
1984-85 – Bud Strawn 91-92
 1985-86 – Dean Jerger
 1986-87 – Charlie Locke
 1987-88 – Don Krippendorf
 1988-89 – Ed Seidman*
 1989-90 – Hardy Bryan
 1990-91 – Dave Reed
 1991-92 – Chuck Genova*
 1992-93 – Tom Mc Fadden
 1993-94 – Dick Boeckel
 1994-95 – Diana Sanderson
 1995-96 – Betty Lusty
 1996-97 – Jack Bowman
1997-98 – Larry Hyman* 01-02
 1998-99 – Jack Hamm
 1999-2001 – **Kenny Alderman**
2001-02 – Bud Strawn 91-92
 2002-03- Ray Watson
 2003-2004 Jack Bowman
 2004-2005 Daniel Richardson
 2005-2006 John Anders

Bold Italic Caps = Lt. Gov
 * = Deceased
 Italics = Not a current member

Sunshiner Staff –

Chris Lillich
 Sally Ragsdale
 Jack Hamm
 George Wilsey
 Sandy van de Weerd
 Amy Harris
 Bud Strawn
 John Anders
 Kenny Alderman
 Bill Reid

HONORED AWARDS

George Jarrach - H
 Lou Gelling - H
 Ernie Lottman - H D
 Al Neville - H
 Bud Strawn - H D
 Ralph Trimble - H
 George Wilsey - H
 Don Knowles* - H* D
 Daniel Richardson - H*
 Jerry Searle - H D J
 Betty Lusty - H D
 Jack Hamm - H D
 Imogene Cordova- H* D*
 Rick Hitt - H* D*
 Ed Lillich - H*
 John Riley - H*
 Fred Walsingham - H* D*
 Judy Nicholson - H
 Ray Watson - H
 John Anders - H
 Jack Bowman - H
 Kenny Alderman - H D
 Jim Humphries - H
 Ed Caton - D
 Bill Reid - D

D = Davis Award
 J = Jarrach Award
 H = Hixon
 * = Awarded by other than Sunshine City

FLORIDA DISTRICT

Governor – Phil Yorston
 Past Governor
 Donna Batelaan
 Governor Elect – Mark Taylor
 Treasurer – David Liddell
 Executive Director
 George Langguth
 Foundation President
 Cathy L. Lucrezi
 Division 13 Trustee
 Bill Knowles

DIVISION 13

Lt. Governor – Eddie Lee
 Past Lt. Governor _ Ray Watson
 Lt. Governor Elect

INTERNATIONAL

President – Nelson Tucker
 President Elect – David Curry
 Vice President/Treasurer
 Donald Canaday
 CEO/Executive Director
 Rob Parker

DIVISION 13 CLUBS

GULF BEACHES
 Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
 Publix-Maderia Shopping Center
 662 East Welch Causeway
 Maderia Beach

MIDTOWN
 Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.
 St. Pete Yacht Club
 11 Central Ave. N.

PINELLAS PARK
 Thursday, 12:15 p.m.
 Park Blvd. at R.R. Tracks
 New Train Station

ST. PETERSBURG
 Tuesday, 12:15 p.m.
 Orange Blossom Café
 220 4th Street North

SEMINOLE DINNER
 Thursday, 6:15 p.m.
 Freedom Square across
 From Seminole Mall
 10800 Temple Terrace
 Seminole

SEMINOLE BREAKFAST
 Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.
 Seminole Family Steak &
 Seafood Restaurant
 6864 Seminole Blvd.
 Seminole

FIRST UNITY
 Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.
 First Unity Fellowship Hall
 469 45th Avenue N.
 St. Petersburg

July 27th Attendance: 25 members were present for 63% of 40 Active Members with 10 guests.

July 27th Guests: **Scott Cash**, son and guest of member **Sally Ragsdale**; **Johnnie Neville**, wife and guest of member **Al Neville**; **Dee TenBrink**, wife and guest of member **Henry TenBrink**; prospective member **Bob Scott**; **Harvey Bernstein** and **Bill Knowles** from Midtown club; **Biff Baker**, **Doug Lampe**, and **Bryant Boydston** from St. Petersburg Downtown club; and our speaker **Kurt Zuelsdorf**.

50/50: On July 27th **Ray Watson** won \$ 29

Bingo: On July 31st we had 84 players with a loss of \$ 386. The following worked a total of 56 hours: **Alderman**, **Anders**, **Cordova**, **Hamm**, **Humphries**, **Jones**, **Lottman**, **D. Morris**, **E. Morris**, **Nicholson**, **Strawn**, **TenBrink**, **van de Weerd**, **Walsingham**.

FLORIDA DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Florida District Annual Convention for 2007 will be held on Marco Island (south of Naples) from August 23rd through August 26th. This is a good opportunity to learn more about Kiwanis, to meet Kiwanians from around the state and to show your support. Now is the time to plan to attend and to book your room(s).

Interclub Turned Social

Interclub Chairperson, **Imogene Cordova** announces that **Judy Nicholson**, **Jack Olson**, **Rick Hitt**, **Fred Walsingham**, **Don Knowles**, **Sally Ragsdale** and **Kenny Alderman** joined her for an interclub attempt at Midtown on July 25th, 2007. The Yacht Club was apparently closed so everyone decided to go to breakfast anyway and found a restaurant on Central Avenue. It was reported that everyone had a very good time.

FINES:

Finemaster Kenny Alderman couldn't think of anything to fine **Jack Hamm** for, so he just fined him. A double fine was assessed to **Imogene Cordova** and **Judy Nicholson** for scheduling an interclub with the Midtown Club at the Yacht Club, only to find the Yacht Club was closed for two weeks. For copying the tactics of Ray Watson, **Sandy van de Weerd** was fined for sitting next to our good-looking speaker. **Vickie Jones** was fined for missing bingo this week, and for not having the key to the audio equipment, **Jim Humphries** was assessed a fine. **Ed Morris** was fined for sitting at the back table. For wearing his sunglasses at the meeting and not being able to read some names on the guest list, **Jack Bowman** was fined, but **JB** claimed he needed the sunglasses because of the reflection off **Ray's** white hair and shiny forehead. Even though it means more business for **Kenny**, he fined **Ray** because his car will be going back to his shop.

Happy Fines: **Ed** and **Chris Lillich** were happy to be back with us after missing several weeks for their grand daughter's wedding. **Fred Walsingham** was happy to have **Bob Scott**, a prospective new member, at the meeting. **Jack Olsen** was happy to be here and told a good joke. **Bill Knowles**, of course, followed up with a joke, and paid a happy fine. **Al Neville** was happy to have his wife, **Johnnie**, with him. Matching that happy fine was **Henry TenBrink**, who had his wife **Dee** with him. **Kenny** paid a happy fine in honor of **Jack Olsen's** enlightening talk last week about Lighthouse for the Blind. **Rick Hitt** paid a happy fine because the "missed" Interclub turned into a fun social breakfast. **Sally Ragsdale** matched that happy fine. **Ernie Lottman** paid a fine in hopes of reaching a "Lottman Line" at bingo. **Ed Caton** was happy that his son and wife and their niece had such a great European trip that their niece couldn't stop talking about it.

Thanks to **Sally Ragsdale** for being our "Fine" reporter this week.

SPEAKER'S BOX:

Kiwanian of the Day: Sandy van de Weerd
Speakers: Kurt Zuelsdorf, Nature Guide
Kayak Nature Adventures

Kurt Zuelsdorf grew up in Wisconsin at a canoe outpost and has been involved with canoes and kayaks ever since. A Nature Guide by trade these days, Kurt shared with us a life changing experience for him that allowed him to experience the spirit of nature which



fuels his active passion to seek that same experience again and to help others find their own personal experience of nature spirit.

Kurt owns his own business called Kayak Nature Adventures which gives guided nature tours from many launch points in Pinellas County. Kurt is also the spearhead of an effort to clean up Clam Bayou, an ecosystem of great potential situated between St. Petersburg and Gulfport that had become littered with garbage to the point of disrupting the flow of nature. Kurt and many volunteers have removed 20,000 pounds of garbage, including well over 100 tires, within six months for the Clam Bayou cleanup effort. Floating garbage is a distraction in nature and prevents you from experiencing nature. Of course it also disrupts feeding and nesting birds. Kurt tells us how nature returns quickly, within hours sometimes, as birds observe cleanup efforts and fly in soon after to feed and nest.

Kurt describes to us what he calls the green thread that binds human nature to mother nature. Go out to your own backyard, or the many destinations that Pinellas County has to offer, and find your own green thread and experience nature.

Kayak Nature Adventures offers night time sangria tours as well as early morning tours. You can find more information at his website WWW.KAYAKNATURE.COM.

Special thanks to **Sandy van de Weerd** for contributing this article.

A Gift From San Antonio

President **Judy Nicholson** presented **Vickie Jones** and **Sandy van de Weerd** with Kiwanis International teddy bears from the International Convention because they could not attend the convention themselves. Many members from Sunshine City attended the convention which was held in San Antonio, TX this year from July 3rd through 7th. Next year's International Convention will be in Orlando, Florida.




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To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business and professional standards.

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

To provide, through this club, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build a better community.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.

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