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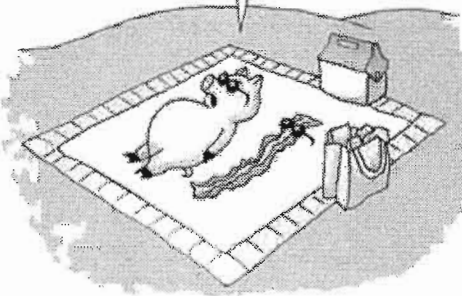
WHO'S WHO

Greeter: **Tracy Huggins**
 Invocation: **Louise Zeuli**
 Guests: **Paul Sills**
 Happy Dollars: **Pete Burg**

HUMOR AND WIT



Maybe next time
you'll try some
sunscreen!!!



TODAY'S MESSAGE

President's Column

Each member of our Club is very busy with career, family and community responsibilities in addition to Rotary. To help each of us with our planning, I thought it might be useful to summarize the time-line to which I am going to try to hold myself accountable – with your help – for our Friday meetings. This time-line also may help Club committees plan brief committee meetings either before or after our formal, Friday meeting.

7:00 – Rolling Hills opens for arriving Rotarians. If early birds want to plan a committee meeting, it could start as early as 7:00 a.m.

7:15 – Breakfast is served beginning at 7:15 until the meeting begins at 7:40 which provides a twenty minute opportunity to share the good food and fellowship with Rotarians, or to have a brief committee meeting.

7:40 – Official meeting begins. Clock-watchers may need to remind me if I'm engrossed in conversation. We have 50 minutes in which to cover the pledge, the invocation, the speaker, questions of the speaker, announcements and updates, Happy Dollars (my favorite), a song (time permitting) and the 4-way test.
 (President's Column, cont. on pg. 4)

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TODAY'S SONG

Home on the Range

Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam,
 Where the deer and the antelope play;
 Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,
 And the skies are not cloudy all day.

(Chorus) Home, home on the range,
 Where the deer and the antelope play;
 Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,
 And the skies are not cloudy all day.

Oh, give me a land where the bright diamond sand,
 Flows leisurely down the stream;
 where the graceful, white swan goes gliding along,
 Like a maid in a heavenly dream.
 (Chorus)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 18 - Membership Development Workshop
- October 15 - Golf Tournament
- October 22 - RAP - Business After Hours
- November 10-17 - District Conference

Next Week's Program:
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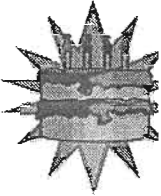
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THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Dudley Bates 08/18
Sheila Brown 08/21



HAPPY DOLLARS

Last week, **Ruby** collected our happy dollars and started out by quickly putting **Bill Fahey** in his place, much to the delight of those assembled. **Ed Bookbinder** told us about a "note" he received from **Dennis Sobik** asking him to make sure that everyone knew he supplied the food at a recent shoot at Lyman. **Jim Byrne** was grateful for the wonderful presentation of our speaker. **Brad Weston** celebrated his 16 year anniversary with Mary Pat. **Russ** told us that, after listening to Ruby's lecture of Bill Fahey and thinking about his service on several committees with Ruby, he was adding a "fearful dollar." **Joe Williams** posed an explanation as to why Russians celebrate July 4th; it's his birthday. **Sue Easton** thanked our speaker for her presentation. **Charles English** had one for Ruby and her efforts to get a dollar from all members. **Craig Corbett** had nothing to say. **Errol**, speaking about the Russian celebration of July 4th, said there's no reason it shouldn't be celebrated all over the world (Good point!). **Dale Bennett** contributed \$5 to cover his entire table. **Rege** put in a dollar from **George Diamond** who was happy to be in the United States. Rege also had one for his time spent with Barbara and **Peter Clark** at their Maine home, although he was sad to see that Maine drivers are just as bad as Florida ones. He also added one for his grandson, **Jackson**. **Avron Satill** suggested that his happy dollar might be a "bribe" after hearing about their accepted nature in Russia. **Bill Fahey** had \$5, noting that none of our School Board members were present to hear about the letter he received congratulating his grandson for achieving a perfect score on the FCAT. **Frank Casillo** had one for the program and his lovely wife, **Deborah**, who was visiting for the meeting. **Frank Cashin** called our attention to the recent deaths in Orange County from a driver running a red light, asking if we will need deaths in Seminole County to prompt our Commission to approve red-light cameras here. **Pete Osborn** told us about Ruby selling mulligans at the golf tournament and emphasized that we'd better be on her good side. **Peggy Thomas** had one for the presentation and for the "Bulletin guys." **Carl Riechers** told us about his continuing travel plans, this time including Atlanta and Endicott, NY. He also suggested another reason for Russia's celebration of July 4th; it's his wedding anniversary. **Charlie Berg** thanked ("Happy Dollars" cont. on pg. 4)

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Last week, we had a wonderful and interesting guest speaker, Ms. Ann Valandingham. Ann is an economics teacher and had the unique opportunity to visit Russia. Along with a slide presentation, she told us all about her visit, the Russian people and their struggles. She told us about the many different cultural differences with the Russian people, including transportation. Very few people have cars. There is lots of walking in Russia. She told us about her experience in Russian class where all the students were divided into sections as to their ability. Some of the other interesting things she spoke about were the numerous combination locks people had on their doors, dancing classes without English and her weekly schedule. On Fridays and weekends, she would frequently go on excursions taking her to some well know areas (several State Museums, the Russian equivalent of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Lenin's tomb, several monasteries, Stalin's Palace (The Seven Sisters), Moscow State University, the Kremlin, the Church of the Spilled Blood (where Nicholas 1st was killed), the Hermitage (A massive art museum where, it is said, that if you admire each work of art for 1 minute, it would take you 11 years to take it all in!)) and the rustic countryside. We learned that they even celebrate the 4th of July in Russia! Being an economics professor, she took particular note that the big businesses in Russia are owned by the government (50% of their stock market constitutes these state owned businesses). Some other distinctions with America was the constant presence of the militia, being frequently pestered for your "papers", and that, in the event of a problem, you don't go to the police. Russia supports a huge military, with 4 million in uniform (contrasted with the U.S.'s 1.5 million). As Valdimir Putin has indicated he will not run for re-election in 2008, and as there are few "checks and balances" in Russia, a change in policy is entirely possible. **Dale Bennett** shared some of his observations on Russia following his visit to St. Petersburg, noting that the people were very friendly, particularly the young people. **Errol** asked about the percentage of people who could speak English. Ann indicated that, overall, it's less than in most other foreign countries, although more Russian young people ("Last Week" cont. on pg. 4)

RAP - Business After Hours

Don't forget to place our RAP - Business After Hours on your calendars for **Monday, October, 22, 2007 from 5-8 p.m.** At the event, we will host some of the businesses that may be inclined to assist and sponsor our RAP event. Tracy Huggins could use your help with several aspects of the event so please contact her to ask how you can assist. We are going to need a lot of help and support from the Club to make this event a success.

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than older people knew the language. Ann also spoke about the prevalence, and accepted nature, of bribes to get things done. **Dennis**, a frequent visitor to Poland, spoke about the pervasive black market and the money to be made versus the legal market. Ann also told us about how Russia is using their huge oil revenues to build up their military and, following a question from **Rus** how the chances of a poor person making good for themselves is very unlikely as the people are not in charge. **Bill Potter** clarified the date for our 2008 RAP as April 13th and emphasized that the RAP Committee still needs the help of our members. **Charles Berg** spoke about the Rotary Foundation and the goal to have all members become Sustaining Members. **Carol Hawkins** took note of the song in the bulletin and dedicated it to the Bulletin staff, presenting **Bill Fahey**, **Frank Cashin** and **Paul Sills** with Rotary pins (Thanks Carol!). **Jim Lee** won the \$22 drawing and, stating that “he didn’t need money anymore”, he gave it to the coalition feeding effort.

“Happy Dollars”

(cont. from pg. 2)

Tracy **Huggins** for her focus on the Rotary Foundation, promising future coverage in the Bulletin. **Leroy** was happy to be headed to New Smyrna Beach for two weeks. **Stuart** elaborated on Bill Fahey’s story about his grandson getting a perfect score on the FCAT; he explained that his grandson is really a junior at FSU and the FCAT was for the 3rd grade. Ouch. Following up Ed Bookbinder’s comments, Dennis wanted to be sure everyone had his business phone number. Ruby was happy to be driving a PT Cruiser following a rear end collision in her Jeep. She also told us about the \$5 million she had to give away to charity, about the loss of her sister and about a party she’s planning for a woman who only has two months to live. **Carol Hawkins** had one for Ruby and her new job and for the program.

“President’s Column”

(cont. from pg. 1)

8:30 – Meeting adjourns so Rotarians can get to work — or golf.

9:00 – If any committees decide to meet after breakfast, please be advised that we need to vacate the premises by 9:00 so the staff can prepare for lunch.

Since we ran over last week, my renewed commitment to you is to try hard to honor this schedule and adjourn promptly at 8:30.

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