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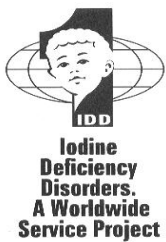
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KIWANIS CLUB OF COUNTRYSIDE, CLEARWATER meets every Tuesday at 7:30 am for Breakfast at EVE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT, 3150 TAMPA RD (WOODLANDS SQUARE) OLDSMAR

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Calendar

UPCOMING KIWANIS EVENTS
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Tuesday, January 8, 2008

 Regular Meeting
GISELLE RODRIGUEZ
 Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

 Regular Meeting
TONY LANGHORNE
 Parent Advocate, Family & Community Relations, Pinellas County Schools

Monday, January 21, 2008


MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

 Regular Meeting
GEORGE HARDIN
 Club anniversary, President's Day

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Business Meeting

We caroled with **JEFF HOY** at our breakfast Meeting of Tuesday, December 18 singing such favorites as "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night". And then **JEFF** sang a song titled, "Christmas in the Trenches", accompanied on his guitar. This song is based on an actual event in WW1. Read the story behind the story on page 2.



JEFF HOY

Can you picture a young boy, barely 7 years old, living through the "blitz of London" during World War 2. It is reported that the "blitz" began on September 7, 1940 and continued for some 57 days after which over 40 % of the housing stock of London was made uninhabitable. **STUART HARRIS** was that little boy describing his experiences as a resident in London during the "blitz" at our breakfast meeting of December 18,

STUART described living in the town of Worcester, North of London, where his family relocated after the area in which they lived was struck by a bomb. He attended school there. He recalled that food supplies were cut off, really severe rations, including clothes and even candy and gasoline was nonexistent. He remembered the sounds of the planes, hundreds of them, but did not recall witnessing any "dog-fights..



STUART HARRIS

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DICK LUCE

THE MEETING LAST WEEK: 12/18 - Attendance, members 17, guests 1. President **DICK LUCE** chaired the meeting. Club raffle winner: 12/18 - **ELMER LUOMA**, 12/11 - **MARY JO SCHUURMAN**. Cash collections: 12/18 - Happy Dollar - \$16.00, Raffle - \$9.00.

CHRISTMAS IN THE TRENCHES



It is cold and clear on Christmas Eve night in 1914. **FRANCIS TOLLIVER** and his fellow British soldiers are holed up in muddy trenches along the Western Front. Their enemies—German soldiers—lie in wait just across a field known as "No Man's Land."

Suddenly a strange sound pierces the darkness. Someone is singing a Christmas carol in German. Other German voices join in. When the song ends, **FRANCIS** and the other British soldiers sing "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." Soon carols are sung back and forth across No Man's Land. Then a figure emerges in the dark, carrying a small Christmas tree with lighted candles. Slowly the British and German soldiers leave their trenches, and the war, behind to stand together in the open field.

This haunting story is based on an event in World War I known as the Christmas Truce and is adapted by award-winning songwriter **JOHN McCUTCHEON** from his song of the same name.



V2 ROCKET

STUART HARRIS, continued

With respect to the V2 rockets which the Germans launched from France and rained down on London, what was terrifying about these was that everything was fine as long as you could hear them but much fear was caused wondering where they would strike. Of course, while no television there was radio and **STUART** explained it was the sound of **WINSTON CHURCHILL**'s voice, the strength in that voice, and its eloquence that influenced and prevented panic for so many people.



Street Cleaning Chair **ELMER LUOMA** reports on trash pickup at Enterprise Road on Saturday, December 29th:

"On hand were **BILL GREER**, **GEORGE HARDIN**, **JEFF HOY**, **JOE** and **TINA UHRINEK**, **FRANK WARD** and myself. We started out with five volunteers and this mushroomed to seven. Fantastic! Even with our larger than life crew, it took us an hour. It was probably messier than we have had and heavier than usual. Estimated weight one hundred plus pounds. The weather cooperated and we finished before it started warming. **TINA**, **JEFF** and **FRANK** joined our gang and were well received. Chick-fil-A again furnished coffee and tea and I added assorted donuts and cheese crackers. **JOE** found some "strip" cards good for admittance to a local strip club. He presented these to **BILL** We were talking about various Kiwanis projects, Peanut Day in particular. We are hurting for man-power and if we can't get help from the high schools we are in bad shape! We need more members to take up the slack!!!"

UPCOMING KIWANIS EVENTS

Countryside Kiwanis Peanut Day
Saturday, February 2, 2008

Florida Kiwanis Governor Visit
Thursday, February 7, 2008

Member Day
Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Kid's Zoo Day
Saturday, March 8, 2008

Florida Kiwanis Education Day
Saturday, March 8, 2008

Kiwanis Day at the Ballpark
Saturday, April 5, 2008

Birthdays in January



JOE BROADUS
January 6
DAN PALMISANO
January 9
GEORGE HARDIN
January 23

Anniversaries in January



ELMER & EMMA LUOMA
January 27

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

THE FIRST MIDNIGHT RUN COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2008 WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, AT 7:00 PM AT THE HOME OF **GEORGE HARDIN**, 851 MAPLE COURT, #104, DUNEDIN, PHONE 733 1204 ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS INVITED

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DIVISION 12 KIWANIS CLUBS

GREATER CLEARWATER COUNTRYSIDE, CLRWTR SUNSET GRILL, 2328 SUNSET POINT ROAD, CLEARWATER TH 7:30 A
DUNEDIN EVE'S FAMILY REST, 3150 TAMPA RD, (WOODLANDS SQ), OLDSMAR TU 7:30 A
MEASE DUNEDIN HOSPITAL, 601 MAIN STREET, DUNEDIN TH 7:30 A
GREATER WEST PASCO BEEF O'BRYADY'S RESTAURANT, ROUTE 19 AND FLORAMAR TH 6:00 P
LARGO/MID PINELLAS FARMER'S KITCHEN, 3500 EAST BAY DRIVE, LARGO FR 7:30 A
PALM HARBOR TIFFANY'S RESTAURANT, 35000 US 19 NO. , PALM HARBOR TU 7:30 A
SAFETY HARBOR PARADISE RESTAURANT, 443 MAIN STREET, SAFETY HARBOR WE 7:30A
SPRINGTIME CITY LONG CENTER, 1501 N. BELCHER ROAD, CLEARWATER TH 6:00 P
TARPON SPRINGS CLUBHOUSE AT CYPRESS RUN GOLF CLUB, 2669 ST. ANDREWS BLVD, T/S WE 6:30 P,1st&3rd

COUNTRYSIDE, CLEARWATER KIWANIS CLUB COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS 2007-2008

CLUB ADMINISTRATION BILL GREER, ELMER LUOMA, DAN PALMISANO
COMMUNITY SERVICE ELMER LUOMA, Chairperson, DICK LUCE, ED BUNCH
CLEARWATER FREE CLINIC STEVE BOUTON, ELMER LUOMA, DICK LUCE, JOHN NELSON
STREET CLEANUP ELMER LUOMA and Others
PAUL B. STEPHENS KID'S DAY GLENN RUEDIGER
SENIOR OLYMPICS ELMER LUOMA
OTHER SERVICE STU JOLLY, TOM GABLE, JOE UHRINEK
FUNDRAISING
MIDNIGHT RUN GEORGE HARDIN, Chairperson, ED BUNCH, SHIRLEY SUMNER, BILL GREER, DORIS BREINER
PEANUT DAY BILL GREER, Chairperson, FRANK WARD, DICK LUCE, SHIRLEY SUMNER
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BEREAVEMENT, BUDDY SYSTEM EVERYBODY
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COUNTRYSIDE HS KEY CLUB GLENN RUEDIGER
EAST LAKE HS KEY CLUB FRANK WARD
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GEORGE HARDIN, JAN HORN, DICK LUCE, ELMER LUOMA