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This Week's Speaker: Clint Hurdle, Pittsburgh Pirates Manager



Clint Hurdle was named manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates on November 15, 2010, thus becoming the 39th manager in the organization's history. The 2016 season was his 42nd overall in professional baseball. In his six seasons as Pittsburgh's manager, Hurdle has posted a 509-462-1 record. He picked up career win #1000 on 6/24/16 and his 509 managerial victories in a Pirates uniform rank sixth on the club's all-time list. In addition, Hurdle will enter the 2017 season ranked sixth in wins among active managers (1043).

Aside from Pittsburgh, Clint also worked for the Colorado Rockies (various roles including major league manager), Texas Rangers (hitting coach) and the NY Mets (minor league manager).

Primarily an outfielder during his playing days, Hurdle was selected by Kansas City in the first round (9th player overall) of the 1975 June draft. After three full seasons in the minor leagues, which included American Association Rookie-of-the-Year and All-Star Game MVP honors while playing with Omaha in 1977, Clint made his Major League debut at the age of 20 with the Royals on September 18, 1977, and hit a two-run homer off Seattle's Glenn Abbott in his second at bat.

Hurdle played parts of 10 seasons in the Majors with the Royals (1977-1981), Reds (1982), Mets (1983, 1985, 1987) and Cardinals (1986) and compiled a .259 average, 81 doubles, 12 triples, 32 home runs and 193 RBI in 515 games. He appeared in the post season twice with Kansas City, going 3-for-8 with an RBI in four games against the Yankees in the 1978 A.L.C.S., and advancing as far as the World Series in 1980.

Clint and his wife Karla reside in Pittsburgh with their daughter Madison (14) and son Christian (12). His daughter Ashley (31) lives in San Francisco. Clint and Karla support countless community efforts in Pittsburgh and throughout the country. He was named 2013 Manager-of-the-Year by the Pittsburgh Rotary Club and the 2013 Dapper Dan Man-of-the-Year, an award given annually since 1939 to a Pittsburgh sports figure in recognition of outstanding achievement on a national level. Clint also received the Brooks Robinson Community Service Award from the MLB Player's Alumni Association on 11/18/14 for his dedication to young people across the country.

**Next Week's Speaker
Sherriff Tom Knight!**

PREVIOUS MEETING (2/1/17) by Ron Rayevich

Who knew that nearly half of the world's species lived in the tree tops of the world? **Dr. Meg Lowman**, author of several books on canopy ecology and head of the **Tree Foundation**, gave us a whirlwind tour of why trees are so important to our ecology. Best known for her design and implementation of the canopy walk at Myakka State Park, Dr. Lowman spent her entire professional career demonstrating that forests and trees are the key to our survival. She has helped with the design and installation of canopy walks in Australia, Africa, Peru, and China. Our very own Myakka canopy walk was the first and is the model for those built around the world. Thanks, Dr. Lowman for this great tour of the forest that we sometimes forget is right here just off Clark Rd.

Stoves Save Lives For \$155! Stop the Smoke!
Please contact Paul Mlotok at paul@janaka.org for more details
Give to the Guatemala Stove Project!

Every Saturday Morning for Coffee!
Saturday Mornings at 9:00am - Panera Bread at Bahia Vista
Rotarians and significant others welcome at this informal Rotary social gathering.

Every Monday Night for Snacks and Drinks!
Monday Evenings at 5:30 pm - Social Eatery and Bar -1219 First St.
Bring a Friend!!!

Dining For Women – Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30pm
Bill Jotham's House, 7157 Hawk's Harbor Circle, Bradenton
Gate Number is 2576

This Month's Project Location – Bolivia : targeting health, sanitation and clean water

Open to all Rotarians, Friends and Guests
Bring a dish to pass and beverage of your choice!
RSVP to Lois Schaper 941-388-8492 or loisschaper@yahoo.com

From Rick Hughes.....

The John Jakes Writing Scholarship Fund at New College is gaining speed and it looks like we are on track to reach our matching goal if we can keep up the momentum. If you've pledged, please make your contribution this week. The scholarship will honor fellow Rotarian John for his tremendous body of historical fiction and will fund scholarships for two students, annually.

The new link is <https://www.ncf.edu/jakes> share at will!

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