



"ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD"

Spoke 'n Wheel

The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club

"The Terrible Thomas Term"

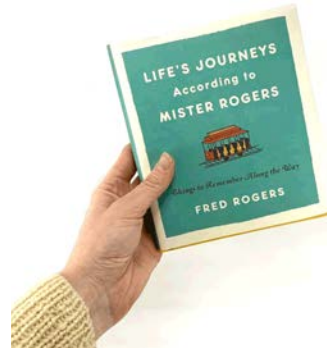
by President Bryan Thomas

When historians review archives from Winter Park Rotary Club, one particular year will have them scratching their heads. What will surely become known as that "Terrible Thomas Term" will be notable for poor attendance at weekly meetings, no caterer, slender contributions to the Happy Box, months to achieve tipping point on the 50/50 and a general absence of "business as usual". The blame should fall on the shoulders of **the President** but, in keeping with a current fashion of unwillingness to accept responsibility no matter the outcome, it is my position none of this is my fault.

The Zoomer took an ugly turn when my mic went dead. By relaying messages through Jeffrey, bell ringer extraordinaire, item by item the agenda unfolded. What lacked in "smooth" was compensated by "effective".

Brother **Jim Hardy** invoked in a properly respectful and thoughtful tone.

Jeffrey teed up the "Star Spangled Banner". Our YouTube music issues seem to travel the elevated highway to competency week over week. Better but still not perfect.



Then "Let Me Be Your Neighbor" performed by the famous Rollins graduate set the stage for our guest speaker (without any idle chit chat from El Presidente insofar as his chit chat required relay through unreliable technology):

Rollins Rev Katrina Jenkins gave it another shot after technical issues canceled a previous engagement.

Using Mr. Rogers as a model, she invited us to look at things differently during these challenging times. Fresh facts call for fresh solutions. Don't get stuck applying yesterday's solutions to today's problems. See through eyes not limited to past experience.



Rotarian of the Week Fred Jones



In a stark departure from the recent practice of naming myself, **Fred Jones** became Rotarian for this Week and This Week Only.

RI sent a box of awards without a shipping list capable of discovery through normal investigation. Fred took on the assignment and drilled right down into the bedrock of resolution. Now those members deserving of recognition for multiple Paul Harris contributions and such will, in due course, receive their just deserts. Fred can be relied on to put his shoulder to the Rotary wheel whenever there is work to be done.

He sets a great example of “service above self” for all of us especially those of you any fair-minded person would consider to be common slackers.

Please submit nominations for whatever reason you find fit. Otherwise, you can count on El Jefe to expound on the many reasons to celebrate his many behaviors consistent with the 4-way test. Get in the game and all of us will have more fun.

Hope you will join our fellowship at noon next Monday. The Zoom counter needs to bump up to the 60's and 70's.



Classification talk by newbie Len Habas hit all the right notes. And he did not exceed the time limit. Good job and welcome to our fellowship!

Raffle: still not enough water in the well to dip \$100 for the 50/50 winner. For US\$5 you have a shot plus you fund the missing magic for maintenance of Killarney's Food Pantry. At a current balance of \$175, there might be enough for the drawing next week. Time to kick in since the odds will never be better

MEETING LOCATION:

Online via Zoom

September 28:

*TMJ Diagnosis and Treatment
Peter Lemieux*

September 28th:

Board Meeting

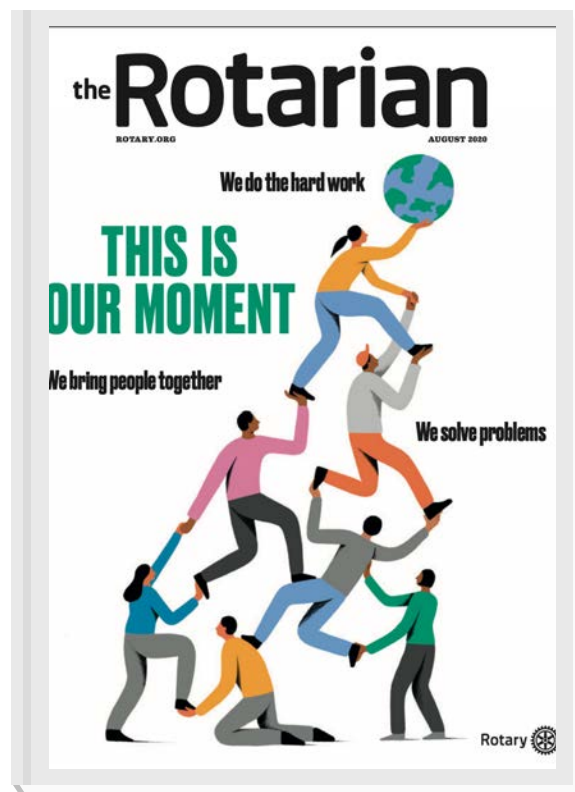
October 5: *Fred Stokes Foods – Fred Stokes: Super Bowl Champion, Speaker, Author, Entrepreneur*

Give Nestor a call!



Past President Nestor DeArmas continues on the upward arc to overcome devastating injuries suffered in a car wreck. He sends regards and would appreciate a call from his many pals to wish him steady progress in recovery.

RI Magazine: you receive it and if you pitch without a perusal you are missing great information. Two current issue highlights: 1. Rotary pledges to restore monarch butterfly migration route habitats to insure their survival. 2. Rotary approved grants for hiring over 19,000 vehicles for Polio Plus frontline workers in Afghanistan. There is a whole lot more content that reinforces faith in RI making a difference. Check it out!



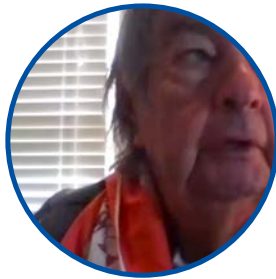
KILLARNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOOD PACKING STARTS

School started August 12th and Club members are encouraged to assist with the packing of food for Killarney.

If you want to volunteer at Killarney, please sign up through OCPS.net (volunteers must renew your volunteer form every year. Please join the fun!

Ann Clement's email address is: gardenajc@aol.com

Contest of the Week: Scarves



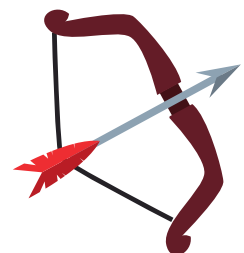
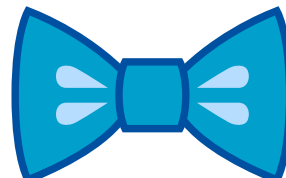
After sketchy participation, scarves brought out the troops in huge numbers. Clearly **Justin won with his living scarf**, a breathing and living beast of indeterminate species wrapped around his neck but insofar as he controls the device by which the 50/50 winner is chosen, the Contest Committee officially declared him ineligible. Likewise, it would not be unfair to select me for my tasteful cold weather “over the head, over the ears” rendition but with so many prior victories it seems prudent to invite fresh blood. **Bob Hartnett receives the nod** and a free pluck for a Joan Mondale scarf, a fabric of historic significance no longer stocked by most 7-11 stores. Runners-up: **Fred for his alpaca** scored in the wilds of Peru, **Rosemary’s Empire State** memorabilia and several others who requested anonymity in light of not finishing in the money. Thanks for getting in the game.



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Next Week: Bows

Take advantage of our ‘Dress to Theme’ competition by wearing an item that fits the theme of our zoom meeting! Next week: bows. Bow ties or hair bows or violin bows or whatever bow and arrow you might use to spear an apple on the President’s head. The bigger the bow, the better because the winner of our Dress to Theme competition receives an entry into our 50/50 raffle!



24 OCTOBER IS WORLD POLIO DAY!

“THE POLIO MILES” VIRTUAL MARATHON September 1 - October 22, 2020

POWERED BY DISTRICT 6980 FOUNDATION
DISTRICT 6980 POLIO PLUS VIRTUAL
MARATHON FUNDRAISER

Get ready to sweat, walk, run & get FIT for Polio. from wherever you are in the district—this year District 6980 is going completely virtual. “THE POLIO MILES” is a collaborative fundraiser designed to have fun at your club or family pace, for a great cause. And with different distances for you to choose from (marathon 26.2/ half marathon 13.1, & 10K), there’s a run that’s perfect for where you’re at. Dress in fashionable running gear, track and post your mileage using the Run - keeper app on your smart phones. If not tech savvy, just email your mileage and photos in.

Registration starts September 1 - 5, 2020.

NO ENTRY FEE TO PARTICIPATE

FREE MARATHON HEADBANDS

EVENT GOAL: \$5000.00

For more information, email District Polio plus chair Michael Franklin at strataceo@yahoo.com

<https://raise.rotary.org/strataceo4/challenge>



WE ARE ROTARIANS

WE BRIDGE CONTINENTS

WE BUILD COMMUNITIES

WE SERVE ABOVE SELF

WE CURE DISEASE

WE BUILD MINDS

WE BUILD PEACE

WE BRING HOPE

WE SAVE LIVES



Recruit, Recruit, Recruit

Always be recruiting. It is not a hostile act to invite another to join our fellowship. Replacement of those fallen by time and turbulence is a must to keep our mission moving forward.



Life is for service.

–Fred Rogers, Life's Journeys According to Mister Rogers: Things to Remember Along the Way

www.quoteslyfe.com

September Birthdays:

- 3rd: Bob Hartnett
- 4th: Dean Shaheen
- 5th: Tom Infantino
- 8th: Bill Walker
- 11th: Karen Gourlay
- 12th: Alan Price
- 17th: Jim Hardy
- 22nd: Steve Kramer
- 28th: Debra Backer

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