



"ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD"

Spoke 'n Wheel

The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club

Dispatches from the Zoom Room

by President Bryan Thomas

With the pandemic showing no signs of relinquishing its iron grasp, weekly meeting continues to rely on technology. Other clubs have instituted "hybrid" gatherings and that possibility continues to attract our consideration. For now, the consensus directs WPRC to remain virtual until a better, really safe alternative presents itself. Our membership is greater in number and generally older than other outposts on Rotary Road. Patience. When the time is right, trust your officers and board members to pull the trigger on going live.

Following a robust overhead smash of the opening gong by experienced bell ringer, **J. Blydenburgh**. **Gary Brewer** provided an invocation to initiate the proceedings. The Pledge then appeared on all screens with the recitation falling on the broad and capable shoulders of the **President**. Musical selection appropriate to the Florida football eleven whuppin' up on South Carolina. Go Gators!

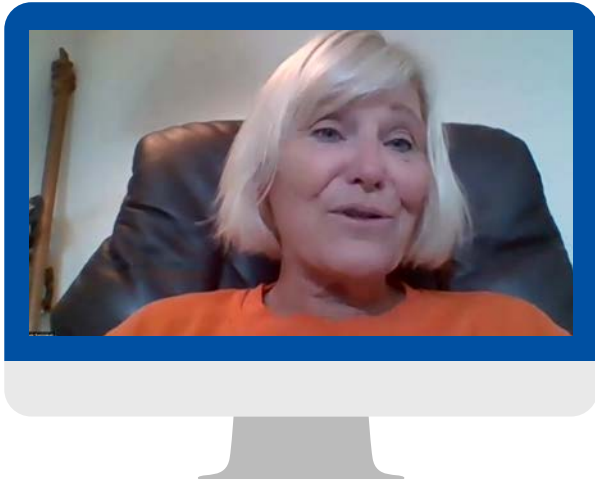


Guest Speaker: Fred Stokes

Speaker: Fred "Big Play" Stokes was introduced by Bryan "Big Mouth" Thomas. Fred shared reflections on the lessons of competing at the highest levels, namely the Washington Footballers formerly known as the Native Americans for whom he played on the defensive line in its 1991 Super Bowl victory over the Bills of Buffalo. Fred now lives in Central Florida with kids following in the athletic tradition of the family.

OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

A New Red-Badger



Sarah Sprinkel classified her little heart out with details of a career in the pedagogical line. Lots of jobs from kindergarten teacher to administrator to lobbyist and three terms on the local City Commission.

Husband George rode the judicial bench for a distinguished career of public service.

Welcome, **Sarah**. The club will be enhanced by your energy, enthusiasm, leadership and unshakable commitment for Winter Park to sparkle.

HELPING HANDS: Our Club has raised \$1,250 for Hurricane Sally relief. The foundation matched \$725 of members' donations and the members shot past the minimum such that a check for is on its way to relieve suffering of fellow citizens. A tip of the hat to **Fred Jones** for being the straw that stirred this drink. Without his leadership, maybe we send nothing and that would not be in keeping with the history of WPRC doing more than most any other club in the District.

50/50 DRAWING. At long last Justin's AI program could be applied to a sufficiency in the kitty. Congrats to Fred Jones who, based on past performance, will arrange for much - if not all - of this windfall to circulate through RI coffers.

60 SECOND COMMERCIAL.

They are stacked up waiting for conditions to allow landing. JoAnn lacked gear; Karen Gourlay failed to appear. No more draws until these three get their minute at the podium.

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

MEETING LOCATION:

Online via Zoom

October 12th: City of Orlando - Douglas Metzger

October 19th: Board Meeting

October 26th: Orange County Preparatory Academy - Melody Gomez: Director of Student Services



ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK:

Lauren Cooper works tirelessly to recruit programs calculated to entertain and inform. Great job week in and week out. She earned herself a free entry in the next 50/50 drawing and my sincere gratitude for never leaving a hole in the agenda.

**No Guests!
Not Good!**

No guests The double secret disciplinary committee awarded every member two demerits for failure to recruit. Don't ever let this happen again! The consequences could be severe.

Sabrina Bernat Gives Update on New Library



Dean Shaheen invites grant recipients to report in from time to time. This week Sabrina Bernat brought the club current on activities at the WPPL. You should take a look at the library website and see if programs right up your alley are being offered. You might be surprised. Our donation allowed augmentation of inventory of young adult literature to meet the demand for students to read a certain number of books during the summer and fall. Once again, WPRC makes a difference.

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED ROTARY SERVICE!

**DAVID JOHNSTON: 15 YEARS.
HOLLY POHLIG: 10 YEARS**

**JOHN BEHRLE: 19 YEARS
MIKE BALDWIN: 13 YEARS**

Theme for the coming weeks: Bring Your Pet to Zoom

A cameo appearance by your gecko, Gila monster, greyhound or gopher could earn you a pass to our lottery. Even a common cat or dog might qualify for this abundant prize pool reaching as high as three digits.

Theme Winners: Team Jerseys

THEME OF THE WEEK: Team jerseys. I personally thought my Welsh National Rugby Team shirt deserved more acclaim insofar as it advertises "Brains Beer" in prominent lettering. JB: please add others. Kathleen Peters flew a Georgetown banner which was in the spirit but since it was not displayed as an item of clothing she failed to qualify for a free pluck in the 50/50. Observation: it is more fun to be in the game than to watch from the sidelines.



That being the entirety of the agenda, the meeting was unilaterally adjourned by the President reciting the WPRC 4 Way Test: true, fair, kind, useful. Over and out at 12:34, still time to grab a bite and return to station by one o'clock.

DISTRICT EVENTS

At the invitation of Sean Donnelly, the Villages club President, you are invited to visit The Villages Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center on Saturday, October 17 at 2:00 PM. The center is decorated with over 1,500 items and memorabilia of military veterans from the Civil War through the Iraqi War.

If you are interested in joining the tour, please RSVP to Stephanie Fernung not later than Sunday, October 11.
 Email: Smfernung@gmail.com
 Mobile: 305-484-2370



BIRTHDAYS:

OCTOBER 3RD:
 DAVID PRATHER

OCTOBER 11TH:
 KRISTIN LAFLEUR

OCTOBER 21ST:
 JOANN BECK

CLUB LEADERSHIP

Officers

President: Bryan Thomas
Vice President: Don K. Hulslander
President - Elect: Anne Sallee
Treasurer: Debra Backer
Secretary: Jeffrey Blydenburgh
Frank Salerno: Sergeant at Arms

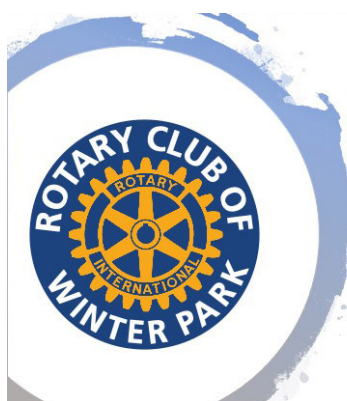
Directors

Mike Baldwin	Jody Lazar
Lania Crouch	Lauren Cooper
Steve Kramer	Butch Margraf
Kristin LeFleur	Justin Levy
Richard Yount	Kim Groves

Special Advisor: JoAnn Beck

Spoke 'n Wheel

Editor: Jeffrey Blydenburgh
 Phone: 321-441-0755
 e-mail: jeffreyblydenburgh@mac.com
Club Administrator:
 Shannon Baidenmann
 shannonbaidenmann@gmail.com



*The Four Way Test
 (updated)*

- Is it**
- **TRUE?**
 - **FAIR?**
 - **KIND?**
 - **USEFUL?**



PO Box 1416 Winter Park FL 32790
 Club Number 4428
 District 6980, Zone 34
winterparkrotary.com