



"ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES"

# Spoke 'n Wheel

The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club

## A BIGGER BELL

by President Bryan Thomas

A number of Rotarians already requested an audition for the bell ringer slot. Incumbent Jeffrey probably discouraged pretenders to this high office by rolling out the Big Gun to start the meeting of November 2, 2020: the Liberty Bell! Admittedly this was not a live performance because of pandemic restrictions but he did serve notice: if you want to take over this ceremony to initiate a Winter Park Rotary assembly, you better be prepared to strike a chord - in addition to a bell - at the highest level.

Our invocation came via a graduate of the University of Duke, David Johnson. The record is unclear as to his qualification since his academic transcript was mysteriously lost but there is some suggestion he routinely audited classes at the Divinity School

The pledge was pledged, proof positive the pandemic cannot change everything.



## Julie Anderson, Sentinel Editor in Chief Speaks to Club



Bobby Hartnett introduced our speaker, Julie Anderson, editor of the Orlando Sentinel and the South Florida Sun-Sentinel. She discussed the state of the newspaper industry. In her own words, daily papers can still turn a profit and that assures survival even if our daily "mullet wrappers" no longer resemble print from the past in size and content. Local news provides a needed window into community affairs that other media are hard-pressed to equal. One would be inclined to offer comment in greater detail but the sound quality was so unsatisfactory that her comments were difficult to decipher.

Zoom meetings require lots of adjustments. With any kind of luck, return to gathering in the flesh will return before the year ends. Plans are afoot, committees established, surveys conducted and prayers offered

**Be sure to answer  
the Club Survey!!**

## Rotarian of the Week

### THE PRATHER CHALLENGE



**PRATHER MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE:** Send in a check for \$100 or more to WPRCF, Inc. designated for the Prather Challenge to get a draw for two seats at the black tie Valentine’s Day dinner and David will match your donation up to \$2500 - representing \$100 per year when he has been a Rotarian. For committing to this challenge, David is Rotarian of the Week. If his offer is met with support up to the maximum, he will surely draw support for Rotarian of the Year. Those malicious rumors the selection has already been made in favor of a person in a position of authority might have some basis in fact but until the official announcement, it does not hurt to pray and hope the election is not rigged.

## King and Habas head up Bell Ringing



Clyde King and Len Habas will coordinate volunteers for the Salvation Army kettle project between one and seven on two Fridays and two Saturdays close to Christmas. One hour shifts.

Make your intentions known as soon as schedules and rosters are posted.

## Welcome Again to Kelley and Andrew

Guests: Another Kelly sighting. Keep the pipeline filled by inviting potential members or supporters to attend a meeting. George Stuart and one other College Park Rotarian appeared to hear what our speaker had to offer.

Hats off to Program Chairperson, Lauren Cooper, for lining up a series of speakers sufficiently timely and interesting to induce members to participate weekly via Zoom.

## KILLARNEY UPDATE

Ann Clement reported on our signature project: Killarney Food Pantry. Praise for the new principal who coordinates our efforts to best advantage. Pandemic considerations changed the needs and the numbers but Rotary stands by to assure no Killarney kid goes hungry despite challenging family circumstances.

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

November 9th: Pandemic Impact on Business – Mark Kessler, President and COO of Kessler Collection Design & Development

November 16th: Investing in Unstable Times – Joe LaFleur, Multifamily Investment Advisor

November 23rd: The REP Orlando – Olivia DeMarco Senior Director of Marketin

## Cheers Wins the T-Shirt Contest

T-shirts advertising a restaurant or bar.  
 Winner: Fred Jones for his message on behalf of a gin mill where everybody knows his name, to wit: Cheers in Boston. Runners up nods without a free pass to the 50/50: Gordon Blitch with a slice of Park Avenue history - namely the late and lamented Park Plaza Gardens eatery - and El Presidente with dancing pigs on behalf of Bubbalou's Bodacious Barbecue, a venture in which he has a small financial interest.



***THIS WEEK'S THEME IS "COLORFUL UGLY SWEATERS"! SHOW SOME HOLIDAY SPIRIT AND REMEMBER, BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE SWEATER WEARER, BECAUSE THE WINNER OF OUR DRESS TO THEME COMPETITION RECEIVES AN ENTRY INTO OUR 50/50 RAFFLE!***

## SIXTY SECOND COMMERCIAL: YOU NEED TO SHOW UP!

Next week: 60 second commercial by Jody Lazar. No appearance by the current designee, Jennifer Bloodworth, who can claim her slot by making her wishes known. A chance to talk to the members on whatever you please for a full minute is nothing to sneeze at - especially during the pandemic when sneezing is vigorously discouraged.

## Letter of Appreciation from DG Mike

DG Mike Vernon's letter thanking WPRC for its contribution to Rotary Youth and Peace in Action received a dramatic reading by El Presidente.

Our club reliably answers the call to support projects outside our own community although, make no mistake, our focus remains on supporting good works within our own geographic boundaries.

## Amazon Smile Helps

Designate WPRCF, Inc. as recipient of the small slice of your purchases Amazon remits to customers' favorite charities. If you cannot figure out how to do that, bring your computer when next we meet in person.

## In Conclusion

No other business remaining on the agenda, a dignified departure ceremony concluded our deliberations: the recitation of our signature 4 Way Test, "true, fair, kind, useful", followed by an artistic strike on the brass bell by incumbent ringer Jeffrey signaled another task discharged by your presiding officer.

One-third of the way through the term with no written motions to initiate impeachment inquiry. Who ever would have thought?

*In loving memory of  
Edward Bergman, Jr.  
November 05, 1930 -  
February 17, 2020*



**On February 17, 2020 Edward "Rocky" Bergman passed away. He was an active Rotary "Centurion" and was a member of several Rotary clubs. He finished his Rotary career in the Rotary Club of Winter Park.**

**Rocky's obituary was posted in the November 8, 2020 "Orlando Sentinel". He will surely be missed by all those who knew him.**

**Due to COVID, Rocky's Celebration of Life will be postponed indefinitely. His full life story may be seen at [www.baldwincremation.com/obituaries/Edward-Bergman-jr/](http://www.baldwincremation.com/obituaries/Edward-Bergman-jr/).**

## This Week's Invocation

### Prayer for Installation of DAVID JOHNSTON

*As Mayor of Winter Park, Florida in City Hall  
November 10, 1987*

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

#### **We bow mind and heart in this moment...**

To voice our feeble prayers:  
To thank Thee for the gift of this day  
One which the coming night will erase  
But one which Thou has given us  
To add to the days of our years!

#### **We come to thank Thee**

Who art the Author of Liberty  
For Freedom's Holy Light  
Which Thou hast splashed  
Upon this land of ours  
From days gone by until this hour...  
May we keep what Thou hast given us  
Both in the best of days  
And in the worst of times...  
So that more and more  
We may be a part of the answers...  
And less and less...  
A part of our problems.

#### **Now for those who assume**

The responsibilities of office this day  
And for those who continue in them, we pray:  
Keep them safe From the temptations of office...  
That theirs may be both  
A private and public integrity  
With which they serve us all...  
Influenced not by intentional wrong  
But by a strong sensitivity  
Towards what is right.

#### **Turn us all we pray...**

From grudges we bear...  
Unbrotherliness we have practiced...  
Selfishness we cling to...  
So that Thou might have  
More and more of the good that is in us  
For the good of all In this community  
We are privileged to live and work.

**Amen**

*The Reverend Dr. Oswald Delgado*





**DECORATED BOATS!!**



**HAVE A DOCK PARTY!!**



***Boat Parade: December 19. Get afloat. Restrictions preclude normal operations at Rollins but the public area on College Point on the south side of Laker Virginia will allow space for judging. Both activities - kettle and boats - keep holiday traditions alive while most other activities require outright furlough or major alteration. Who wants to live in a community that doesn't do these things? As a past participant in both events I can safely say, "Sitting on the sidelines doing nothing is not nearly as much fun as being in the game."***

## CLUB MEMBERS

Andreae, George	Keena, Tony
Backer, Debra	King, Clyde
Baidenmann, Shannon	Knight, Randy B.
Baldwin, Mike	Komanski, Deborah Jones
Bangs, Terry W.	Kramer, Steve
Bartolomei, Matt	LaFleur, Kristin
Beck, JoAnn	Lazar, Jody M.
Behrle, John R.	Leary, Steve
Blitch, Gordon H.	Lemieux, Emily
Bloodworth, Jennifer	Lemieux, Peter
Blydenburgh, Jeffrey	Levy, Justin
Bowman, Carter (Curley) Ren	Mackey, Kirk
Bowman, Jan M.	Maisenholder, Rosemary
Brenner, David	Manuel, William H.
Brewer, Gary A.	Marchman, Kenneth R.
Carrigan, Robert	Margraf, Wayne
Clement, Ann	Marlowe, Michael L.
Collis, David	Marsh, Duke
Cooper, Lauren	McGann, James K.
Cornwell, Marguerite	Morgan, Andrea
Crouch, Lania Jane	Munns, Jane T.
Culpepper, Diane B.	Neill, Rob
Dallas, Fay	Parker, Jessica
De Armas, Nestor M.	Peters, Kathleen
Deal, Mike	Pohlig, Holly
DeCiccio, Shelia Gupta	Prather, David D.
DeMaria, Ali	Price, Alan D.
Edwards, Ted	Prill, Larry
Filliez, Tris	Rader, Robert Lee
Frazee, Richard C	Roberts, Wayne P.
Fuhrman, Jean Marie	Roesch, Clay
Gattozzi, Mark	Sacha, Thomas C.
Gilliean-Crump, Lisa	Salerno, Frank A.
Gourlay, Alex B.	Sallee, Anne E.
Gourlay, Karen	Salyerds, Carolyn
Groves, Kim	Sanghrajka, Natwarlal
Habas, Leonard	Shaheen, Dean
Hardy, James M.	Sprinkel, Sarah
Hartnett, Bob	Sullivan, Eugene
Hughes, John I.	Tabor, Christopher
Hulslander, Donald Kurt	Terranova, Joe
Hurlburt, John C.	Thomas, Bryan M.
Infantino, Thomas V.	Trovillion, Allen
Jallad, Johnny	Walker, William A. II
Johnston, David A.	Warner, Pitt
Jones, Frederick W.	Weinman, Richard
	Woodall, Woody
	Yount, Richard

## CLUB LEADERSHIP Officers

**President: Bryan Thomas**  
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*The Four Way Test  
(updated)*

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

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