



"ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES"

Spoke 'n Wheel

The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club

VETERAN'S DAY MEETING

by President Bryan Thomas

Even on Zoom, the excitement of another Winter Park Rotary Club crackled and popped. It even snapped a little. Electric energy reflected anticipation as the clock counted down to that moment when Head Ringer Jeffrey drew back and applied his signature forehead blow to the brass bell. What clearer indication the magic moment had finally arrived?

Pastor in Training David Johnston invoked using a prayer tailored to Veteran's Day.

President-Elect Anne, aided by a script all could read, single-handedly recited the Pledge without flaw or hiccup.

Band Leader Jeffrey conducted the U-Tube chorus in a ditty also appropriate to Veteran's Day.



MARK KESSLER: FUTURE OF HOTEL INDUSTRY



Immediately leaping into the program, Mark Kessler put the facts facing the hotel industry on the table and those facts were not pretty.

Different properties rely on different segments of the travel experience. Obviously up and down International Drive hoteliers survive and thrive on conventions. Other properties depend on the attractions.

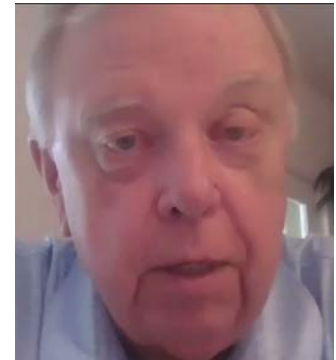
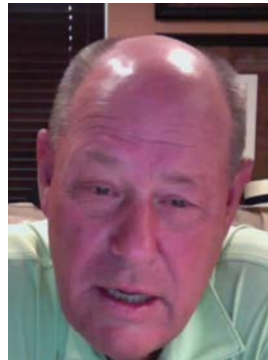
His particular company with its eleven properties, the flagship on the fleet being the Grand Bohemian in downtown Orlando, depends more on leisure travel. Even his company with the most secure customer base of all is experiencing drastic losses in occupancy and some erosion in room rate.

Mark predicts life in the hotel sector will not likely return to a semblance of normal until 2022 - if then. This is significant for our community. When the hotel catches cold, all manner of related suppliers suffer pneumonia. And all local governments start looking for alternate sources of revenue or areas to cut expenditures. Don't we all wish this never happened! The old normal suited me just fine.

ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK: *Bell Ringing Dates* **JIM HARDY** 12/11, 12/12, 12/18, 12/19



Jim Hardy became Rotarian of the Week by unanimous vote of the Committee of One, the identical committee examining prospects for Rotarian of the Year. Jim arranged for district funds of almost \$5K previously designated for a project that Covid collapsed to be diverted to sweeten the Killarney pot.



It's almost that time of year again where Rotarians help ring the bell for a holiday tradition like no other. This year we will be ringing the bell in one hour shifts. Contact Clyde King or Len Habas, who are both spearheading our efforts this year, to volunteer just an hour of your day to this cause. We will be ringing the bell on the following dates: December 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th, which are the two Fridays and Saturdays before Christmas.

SIXTY SECOND COMMERCIAL: **JODY LAZAR**



Jody Lazar spoke about volunteering for a vaccine trial Nobody solves the Covid crisis until citizens step up to take a risk in the hopes all of us will benefit. What a great example of "service above self". Next up: Jennifer Bloodworth unless she advises of unavailability in which case a pinch hitter will be designated.

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

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

BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 16TH

ugly holiday sweaters

Ugly sweaters worn by El Presidente, El Secretario, etc. showed how total abandon of good taste can appear in the best of clubs. Least likely to serve as the centerfold to Gentleman's Quarterly:

The Winner is Frank Salerno for his ??? Sweater and his on-air Expletive!

Curly didn't win because his sweater was just too good looking!



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR 'DRESS TO THEME' COMPETITION BY WEARING OR BRINGING AN ITEM THAT FITS THE THEME OF OUR ZOOM MEETING! THIS WEEK'S THEME IS "EYE PROTECTION"! WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING GLASSES, WE MEAN GOGGLES AND OTHER GEAR TO AVOID BEING BLINDED. BE SURE TO SHOW OFF YOUR 20/20 VISION ON THE 50/50 RAFFLE, BECAUSE THE WINNER OF OUR DRESS TO THEME COMPETITION RECEIVES AN ENTRY INTO OUR OWN 50/50 RAFFLE!

Don't want to be in the kitchen this Thanksgiving?

Happy Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 26, 2020

Classic Turkey Dinner
Whole Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Cornbread Stuffing, Fresh Vegetable & Cranberry Sauce
\$16.95 per person

Beef Tenderloin \$32.95 per person	Cornish Hen \$21.95 per person
Prime Rib \$27.95 per person	Glazed Ham \$16.95 per person

Choice of 2 Sides
Roasted Baby Vegetable, Southern Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Pecan Yams, Wild Rice

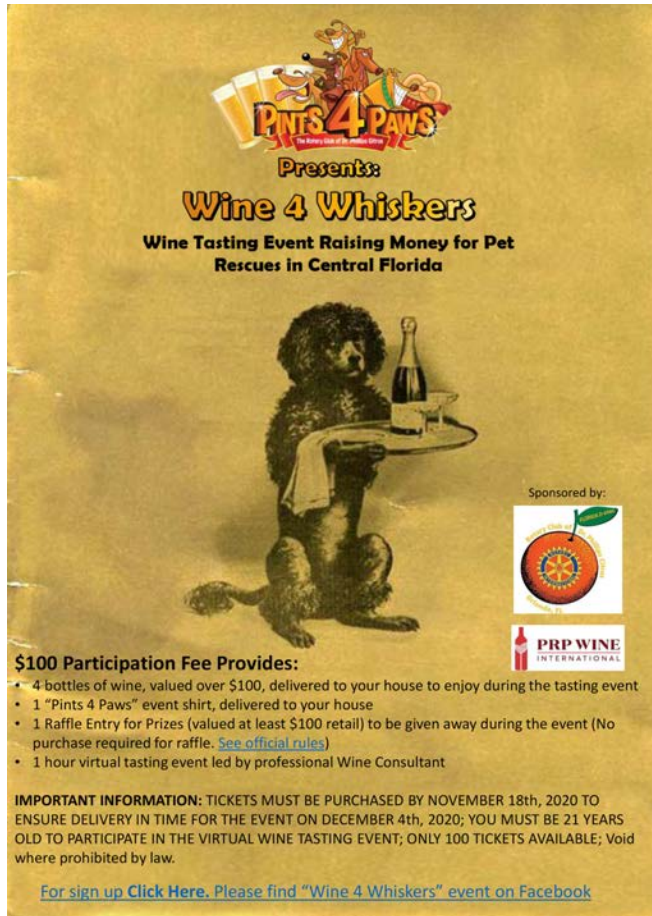
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- 4 bottles of wine, valued over \$100, delivered to your house to enjoy during the tasting event
- 1 "Pints 4 Paws" event shirt, delivered to your house
- 1 Raffle Entry for Prizes (valued at least \$100 retail) to be given away during the event (No purchase required for raffle. [See official rules](#))
- 1 hour virtual tasting event led by professional Wine Consultant

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY NOVEMBER 18th, 2020 TO ENSURE DELIVERY IN TIME FOR THE EVENT ON DECEMBER 4th, 2020; YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRTUAL WINE TASTING EVENT; ONLY 100 TICKETS AVAILABLE; Void where prohibited by law.

[For sign up Click Here.](#) Please find "Wine 4 Whiskers" event on Facebook

New Member Proposals: Kelleigh Klein – Executive Director of Allegro Senior Living



John is giving us a good look



Hybrid Meetings on the Horizon

MEETINGS: Steps are underway to meet in person under strict conditions starting the first week of December. Social distancing, temperature checks at the gate, limited attendance, box lunch: every precaution the committee can think of to assure no harm comes of an assembly in the flesh.

IN CONCLUSION

The agenda having been fully ticked off, item by item, the President summarily invited adjournment by recitation of the abridged 4 Way Test and another signature strike of the gong by a right handed hitter with a smooth stroke and a high average for connecting on his first swing.



**31st Annual
USCGFR
National
Championships**
October 2 - 6, 2021
Niagara-On-The-Lake,
Ontario, Canada

It's not too early to begin planning to attend the 2021 USCGFR National Championships. Complications from COVID-19 forced postponement of the 2020 events, but the Rotary Club of Niagara Falls Sunrise and the Rotary Club of Niagara-On-The-Lake, Ontario, have prepared a fabulous experience for the participants at the 2021 tournament. Three great courses will provide a beautiful and challenging test of your golfing skills. Information about one of these courses is shared below.

Save the dates of October 2 - 6, 2021 on your calendar. Registration info and full event details will be distributed soon.

Grand Niagara Golf Club

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*Benefiting Killarney Elementary School
Food Pantry*

**WINTER PARK
ROTARY CLUB**

HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

**DECEMBER 19, 2020
6:30 TO 8:00PM**

**LIVE VIEWING AT
DINKY DOCK ON LAKE VIRGINIA**

LIVE STREAMED AT [FACEBOOK.COM/WINTERPARKROTARYCLUB](https://www.facebook.com/winterparkrotaryclub)

BOAT ENTRIES MUST SIGN UP ONLINE - [WINTERPARKBOATPARADE.COM](https://www.winterparkboatparade.com)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR ROTARIANS!

**NOVEMBER 2ND: DEBBIE
KOMANSKI**

NOVEMBER 6TH: MIKE BALDWIN

NOVEMBER 10TH: ANN CLEMENT

NOVEMBER 22ND: BILL MANUEL

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

*Thank you for your continued
Rotary service!*

- ALAN PRICE: 48 YEARS
- GARY BREWER: 39 YEARS
- DIANE CULPEPPER: 29 YEARS
- DAVID PRATHER: 25 YEARS
- ANDREA MORGAN: 6 YEARS
- BOB HARTNETT: 2 YEARS
- DEBBIE KOMANSKI: 16 YEARS
- DAVID BRENNER: 4 YEARS
- PEG CORNWELL: 4 YEARS
- TRIS FILLIEZ: 4 YEARS

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