



"ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES"

Spoke 'n Wheel

The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club

Happy Thanksgiving!

by President Bryan Thomas

Wikipedia offers this: "In Germanic mythology, Thor is a hammer-wielding god associated with lightning, thunder, storms, sacred groves and trees, strength, the protection of mankind and also hallowing and fertility". A couple of years back an eponymous movie starred Chris Hemsworth but, unfortunately, Chris is unlikely to come to town to star in a stage production based on similar material at the Winter Park Playhouse. Heather Alexander manages to recruit suitable talent from the community to play the part when SAG members are unavailable. If the question ever comes up, I intend to nominate Jeffrey Blydenburgh.

Not only does he offer matinee idol appearance, who else can you think of to swing the hammer in pursuit of all good things bright and beautiful? What luck our club has that level of star power at striking the opening gong. And so the meeting of November 16, 2020 was called to order on a positive note by a resounding whack against the side of the traditional opening bell.

David Johnston, no doubt polishing credentials for a potential honorary degree from University of Duke Divinity School, INVOKED.

PLEDGE of allegiance got thoroughly and accurately pledged.

MUSIC: Our internet conductor, Jeffrey Blydenburgh, applied his virtual baton in leadership of an imaginary orchestra to produce some manner of sound that suggested melody with lyrics in an obscure foreign language. Oh! for the day when we can assemble in the flesh and raise voices in tasteful tune.

Live Meetings on Hold

The Board voted to table any departure from current protocol. Everyone wants to go live but until it can be done without threatening lives let's keep treading water in the Zoom pool. A prospective safety valve: the Social Committee is working on a fellowship event in plein air. Date, venue and format: TBA.

Guest Speaker: Joe LaFleur



Investing in Uncertain Times



To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.

William Shakespeare



Joe LaFleur, 100Units.com, addressed fundamentals of investing. Diversification, risk and active/passive distinction. Got a fund for an emergency? Will you invest and still be able to sleep through the night? His expertise in multi-family properties suggests the category might be safer than others – commercial, retail or hotel - in that everyone has to have a place to live. In the Sunbelt of America – with the notable exception of Orlando hammered by Covid-19's impact on its core economic activity – enjoys rising rents, high occupancy and rosy future.

ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK: DUKE MARSH



Duke Marsh continues to liaise between Rotary and One Blood and is laboring mightily to initiate a practice that allows Rotarians to donate in order for One Blood to kick up \$25 per unit to the District. By the way, One Blood is actively uninterested in the proposition at this point but, knowing Duke and his determination, this point is not the end point. Stand by for updates. He called El Presidente to inquire about procedure for participating in the Prather Matching Grant and almost certainly would prefer nothing be mentioned of his donation to the Foundation. However, the PMG needs to have its drum pounded until the full match is achieved. Are you going to kick in and get yourself a 25-1 shot at two seats at the black tie Valentine's Dinner? If you want to increase your odds to the level of certainty for acquiring two seats at the main table during the high season of romance, \$5K to the foundation works a charm. Three members already hustled down that high road and there is room for seven more. Don't forget: hard times escalate needs for Rotary support within our city limits.

Membership

If there were any in attendance, they weren't made known to the presiding officer. Are you on top of your duties as one of the foot soldiers on the Membership Committee? Do a favor for a friend: get him/her involved with serving the community through membership in Rotary.

SIXTY SECOND COMMERCIAL: ANNE SALLEE



Little Miss Sunshine aka President-elect Ann reflected on gifts from Covid. Not all change is terrible. In the variation from "same old, same old" you just might find incredible blessings. She did.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

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

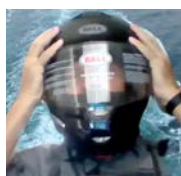


Apparel contest

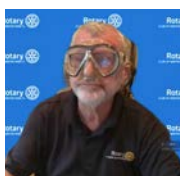
Anne Sallee earned herself a pluck in the 50/50 by scaling the top of the weekly apparel contest mountain: protection for eyes. In addition to many other entries in the skills section of her resume, she welds in a warm and wonderful way with peeper protection provided by gear suitable for Transformers. Runners-up: Don with Gator goggles, Tom with swim goggles, Jeffrey with scuba mask and El Jefe with a polo helmet augmented by a metal cage to preclude losing an eye or suffering other disfiguration.



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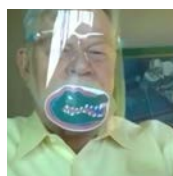
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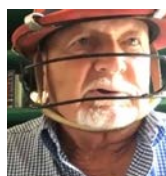
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CLUB BUSINESS

Salvation Army ringing of the Christmas bell.

Sign up or find yourself cursing your misfortune in being left out of the fun. The Winter Park Rotary Club will be Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army once again this year. They need assistance more than ever due to the issues that 2020 has brought. The dates are December 11 & 12, and December 18 & 19, from 1pm to 7pm. We have two locations; the Panera corner and the Tuni's corner. We are asking everyone who is able to take a turn at the bell, pick a spot and and invite your friends to visit you on Park Avenue when you are there! We've set up a quick and easy only volunteer sign-up for you to reserve your time and place.

Christmas Boat Parade

Hook your sternwheeler to an extension cord and light up the holiday as the flotilla circumnavigates the shores of Lake Virginia. Questions about who, what, when and where? I got an answer and the answer is, "See JoAnn Beck".

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 "Aprons"! Let everyone know who's the master in the kitchen with your best apron-attire, and remember, the winner of our Dress to Theme competition receives an entry into our own 50/50 raffle!



WHO'S HAPPY?

JEFFREY BLYDENBURGH: Glad thanksgiving is on the way. Come by and see our turkey.

Duke Marsh: Wife Laura is Happy to have ordered Thanksgiving Dinner from George!

Len Habas: Whatever Bryan says makes me happy!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR ROTARIANS!

NOVEMBER 2ND: DEBBIE KOMANSKI

NOVEMBER 6TH: MIKE BALDWIN

NOVEMBER 10TH: ANN CLEMENT

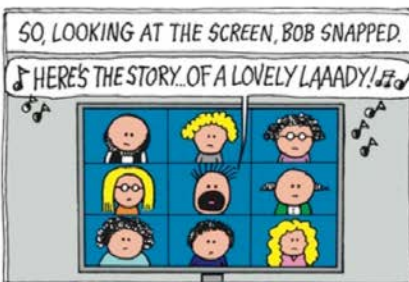
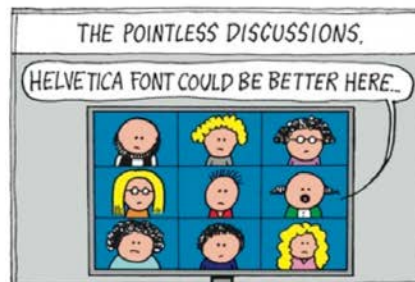
NOVEMBER 22ND: BILL MANUEL

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

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



BY STEPHAN PASTIS



KILLARNEY UPDATE

KILLARNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THANKSGIVING FOOD PACKING Club members are encouraged to assist with the packing of food for Killarney for the coming Thanksgiving Holiday. 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! Please contact Ann Clement's via email if you'd like to help: gardenajc@aol.com

Remembering Thanksgiving 2019



IN CONCLUSION

With the clock counting down and nothing left unattended (except Kathleen Peters' classification talk which was lost in the shuffle but will occur almost certainly next week), the meeting was adjourned by fiat. No motion, no second. Just a demonstration of raw power.

Departure ceremony consisting of the abridged four way test - true, fair, kind, useful - and a reprise of chiming by the sacramental bell signaled "all clear" until next Monday at noon.



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	
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