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Rotary
Club of Winter Park FL



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The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT



LOTS OF SANTA'S! ALI WINS WITH MICKEY'S EARS

Theme of Santa Hats: Ali DeMaria earned a pluck in the 50/50 for her entry, a traditional bit of headgear supplemented by classic Mickey Mouse ears. Everyone else was runner up which, alas, gets nothing despite some interesting entries: Tom Sacha with the official bonnet of the Russian ski patrol, President Bryan ably representing the Grinch Society, Sarah Sprinkel with a head mounted Christmas tree replica and on and on. Thanks for your participation. Zoom ain't as much fun as personal appearance but you are making the best of it.

Ray Allen Trovillion



Bill Walker spoke in tribute of Allen Trovillion who recently passed away. Mayor, legislator, Rotarian – Allen was a man who reflexively embraced the concept of “service above self” in all phases of his life. No kinder summary can be given than to say “the world is a better place for him having lived”. So it was with Allen.

Allen Trovillion was a good and decent man, who loved this community and its institutions. Allen died Tuesday, having been ravaged by cancer and dementia, at the age of 94. It is fitting that we bid him “farewell.” Allen grew up in downtown Winter Park, the son of Ray and Pearl Trovillion. He gained his education in building construction at the University of Florida. Allen had eight children, the product of two marriages, and left Vicki as his widow. He had the title of being the longest serving member of the Audubon Park Elementary School PTA. Endorsed by his fellow citizens, Allen served our city as Commissioner and Mayor and our state as a legislator from our area. He was invited to be a member of our Rotary Club in late 1961 and served as our president nine years later. Allen was active until his health decline prohibited his attending. Throughout his life Allen modeled with excellence the values we endorse as Rotarians. Allen was a builder, not only buildings such as the Winter Park Towers (now part of Westminster Winter Park) and numerous churches and public buildings, but of our community and its institutions. Among his favorite construction projects was for his church, the sanctuary of First United Methodist on Interlachen at Morse, under the guidance of Gamble Rogers as architect. Allen was a devoted Christian, and generously and passionately promoted the faith. So, it is fitting to close with these words from Matthew 25: “His master said unto him: Well done good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

Zooming through the snow!

by President Bryan Thomas

A certain amount of discontent regarding the opening bell has been expressed. Many members feel the club is wasting Jeffrey's talents by providing him a single instrument to clang as a signal the show is on the road. For years NBC had its signature three bell tone. That seems a stretch even for a natural striker. Rotary would not want to be responsible for overloading an artistic mind by going straight from one to three bells.

A secret committee has been tasked with finding a second bell of complimentary tone to allow Jeffrey to expand his repertoire. More on this when the final report hits my desk. Until then, the Zoom meetings will commence with him whacking just one. And so it was the meeting of December 14 commenced.

Past President Kip invoked and pledged, performing those duties flawlessly

Choirmaster Blydenburgh introduced two faded stars: Bing and Frank who, with hands grasping a little something to settle their nerves, cooperated to render “White Christmas” as Irving Berlin would have wanted.





This week's speaker: Emily Brown, Central Florida Expressway Authority

Bob Hartnett introduced speaker Emily Brown from the Central Florida Expressway Authority, a regional network of Brevard, Lake, Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties with the mission of road building. The current five year plan has a budget of \$2.7 Billion. In response to a question she admitted "once a toll road, always a toll road". Just because construction bonds get retired, the ongoing needs eat up all the coins thrown into the basket or electronic payments made by toll tag.



CLUB NEWS

GUESTS:

No guests again. Tsk, Tsk! Look for coal and switches in your Christmas stockings.

BOARD ELECTIONS:

Coming up fast, election of a new board. Make your interest known and get placed on the ballot. The Board makes the policies that govern operations. Your officers merely put those policies into action.

RAFFLE:

Not enough in the well to dip the bucket. Keep popping in a few bucks week after week to help us reach the \$200 minimum for a 50/50 drawing.

Proceeds feed hungry kids. The raffle is a bad financial investment but the return on feeding Killarney kids makes it a winner all the same.

HAPPY BOX:

Happy Box offering focused on gratitude for vaccine prospects. Business won't return to normal any time soon but until it does be safe and do what you can to assure local businesses survive to retail another day. Shop on the Avenue!

President Bryan is happy that we will shoot way past our goal for Salvation Army.

Sec. Jeffrey is happy that the 13th Annual Boat Parade is this Saturday



GIVE TO SALVATION ARMY ONLINE

The Salvation Army report by Len Habas and Clyde King was coupled with naming the Rotarian of the Week, an honor they shared for their work on the kettles. They decided to abandon the traditional locations on the west side of Park Avenue in favor of spots on the more heavily-traveled east. The schedule was shortened with a starting time moved up to one PM. Handle on the Avenue: ~\$850 on Friday and ~\$650 Saturday.

These amounts represent big upticks from past performances! One more weekend to go with all slots spoken for but you can always double up to avoid being left out. Rotarians who ring the bell have more fun than Rotarians who don't. PE Anne's brilliant tool of online "Sign Up Genius" makes it a snap to enlist.

Clyde and Len learned a lot this year to apply to next year. WPRC has one highly-skilled bell ringer in Jeffrey and the rest of us can force ourselves into making a credible tinkle with the little red Salvation Army bell while serving kettle duty on the Avenue.

No red badger has, to the extent records exist, been named Rotarian of the Year. Len or Clyde might receive a vote from the one man selection committee as Rookie of the Year but are advised to abandon any pretension to higher distinction. The committee already has someone in mind.

Len Habas and Clyde King: Rotarians of the Week



#RESCUE CHRISTMAS
Enlist in Love's Army at SalvationArmyOrlando.org

Team Page Captain Brian Smith

Share

The Winter Park Rotary Club

The Virtual Red Kettle Campaign raises awareness of year round programs supported by The Salvation Army in Orange and Osceola County, spread Christmas joy, and raises critical funds to serve those in need within our community. Help us Rescue Christmas!

JOIN TEAM

DONATE

\$12,190 Raised \$5,000



Check out the virtual kettle at give.salvationarmyflorida.org/WinterParkRotary. WPRC will make its goal of \$5000 three times over. Now that our club is a fund raising superstar, don't let down on finding ways to kick into the kettle! More on results at Monday's Zoomer. For all that has been done, desperate unmet needs remain.

THE WINTER PARK ROTARY CLUB BELL RINGERS + SANTA'S HELPERS



FRED



KIP, KIRK AND FRED



EUGENE & JENNIFER



ROSEMARY



SANTA HELPER 1



SANTA HELPER 2



SANTA HELPER 3 & 4



ROSEMARY'S HELPER



JEFFREY & SARAH



BUTCH & DELSIA



BILL



PRES. BRYAN



ALI & ANNE



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 "Christmas Scarves"! The weather outside may be frightful, so make sure your scarves are so delightful! Remember, the winner of our Dress to Theme competition receives an entry into our own 50/50 raffle!

Fund Raising

Other fundraising: Prather matching challenge: he will match donations up to \$2500. \$100 becomes \$200 like magic plus you earn a chance with other donors to win two seats at the President's Valentine's Day Dinner - maybe not on the traditional date but sometime after the "all clear" horn sounds.

Also, President's Challenge: \$5K assures you of his lasting gratitude and two seats at the Love Fest. With no traditional fund raising activity until Covid waves the white flag of surrender, alternate arrangements must be made if we are to fund our client 501c3 organizations in a year when there needs are spiking.

ADJOURNMENT



Thank you for your continued Rotary service!

- Frank Salerno: 29 years
- Randy Knight: 12 years
- Ann Clement: 10 years
- Bill Manuel: 10 years
- Steve Leary: 4 years
- Steve Kramer: 4 years
- Kristin LaFleur: 4 years
- Shannon Baidenmann: 2 yrs
- Anne Sallee: 2 years
- Mark Gattozzi: 1 year

That being the complete story, the President intoned the WPRC four word four way: "true, fair, kind, useful". A quiet swept over the internet as aficionados of gongs and bells waited for the artistic sign off strike. Jeffrey gave a boyish - but devilish all the same - grin before undertaking the one note symphony on the Club's brass bell. Thus, there was no mistaking that class had been officially dismissed until next Monday.



- December:
- 1st: Larry Prill
 - 4th: Andrea Morgan
 - 7th: Frank Salerno
 - 11th: Woody Woodall
 - 16th: Sarah Sprinkel
 - 20th: Wayne Roberts
 - 21st: Tom Sacha
 - 23rd: Jennifer Bloodworth
 - 27th: Holly Pohlig
 - 27th: Kirk Mackey
 - 30th: Anne Sallee

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

December 21st:
Salvation Army Updates -
Marissa Clark, Donor
Relations Special Events
Manager

CLUB MEMBERS

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

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

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