

Rotary
Club of Winter Park FL



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The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club

13TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE: A CROWDPLEASER!



WP ROTARY AWARD: HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS



PRESIDENTS AWARD: RAINBOW AND MERMAID



GOVERNOR'S AWARD: GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS



MAYORS WARD: PEACOCK



CURLEY BOWMAN: A BEARY MERRY CHRISTMAS



WINTER PARK ROTARY CLUB

As your President, it was my delight to travel Lake Virginia dressed as one of the wise men (how appropriate!) accompanied by nine wine swilling friends with all of us enjoying a perfect night to celebrate the season while navigating the perilous shoals of the Chain of Lakes. If you don't come out and play, others hog all the fun. Find a boat and a few strings of lights and paddle along with the armada in 2021. You don't have to win a prize to be a winner - although I would have felt better if, after all these years, a slice of celebrity came my way for the dramatic renditions of the sorts of things wise men say on the water.



This year's judges were DG Mike Vernon, I luv Winter Park Clyde Moore, City Commissioner Sheila Deciccio and Channel 2's David Ross.

A shout out to the Virginia heights Neighborhood association for use of College point as the location for the judges table.

Speaker Marissa Clark: WPRC Hits Home Run!



Salvation Army’s Marissa Clark brought us tidings of great joy: the club goal of \$5K is in the rear view mirror. Even without the home run donation by Robin and Wayne Roberts, WPRC would have exceeded its goal - between \$3,100 from the real kettles on Park Avenue and \$12,500 from the virtual kettle on the internet. Of course, the Roberts’ regal recognition of the reason Salvation Army is a worthy recipient of our fundraising efforts lifted us above the normal atmosphere of donations and deep into the far edge of the stratosphere.

Ringin on the Avenue supports more than coins in the kettle. It adds to the festive air of the holidays. If you have never taken a turn, don’t allow next year to lapse without experiencing the fun of tinkling your tiny red bell at passing shoppers.

Because the goal has been exceeded doesn’t mean we can ease off the pedal. The virtual kettle give.salvationarmyflorida.org/WinterParkRotary stays open for the foreseeable future. Salvation Army preforms miracles year round, not just during the holidays. If you have the ability to kick in, go ahead. Feeling good about your generosity is always a swell sensation.

Last Meeting of 2020: A Chorus of Bell Ringers

Bellmeister Blydenburgh has singlehandedly undertaken opening ceremonies for all the months of the current presidential term. He never complains, he never explains the symptoms of bursitis he suffers from overuse of the gonging device.

Nonetheless, in recognition of his service and his delicate constitution, fellow Rotarians assisted in initiating 2020’s final meeting of Winter Park Rotary Club by bringing their own chimes and bells to bear at the proper and exact ceremonial instant. What a sound and what an emotional outpouring for this collective concert. And so it was the show was on the road again.

Past President Kip invoked and pledged with appropriate dignity, accuracy and thoughtfulness.

Music by Choirmaster had a video of “The Boss” (Bruce Springsteen) hauling a tired carol from past centuries into the rhythm and energy of today. Not exactly Bing and Frank working over “White Christmas” but an apt recognition of the season by all cultures including those willing to lend an ear to the rock ‘n roll music that threatens the very underpinnings of western culture.



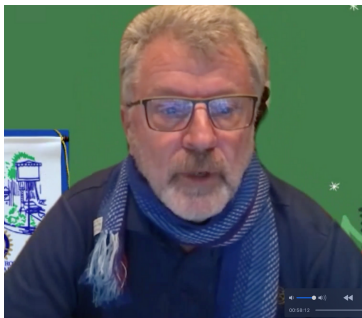
Bell Ringers: Rotarians of the Week

The one person selection committee named the bell ringers as the collective ROW. Interestingly enough, the current leader in Rotarian of the Year consideration appeared in this elite group. The name of the Rotary game: service!



WEEKLY THEME: Christmas Scarves

Christmas scarves. Plenty of entries with Curley receiving the free pluck in the 50/50 raffle - if that happens within his lifetime - for the field expedient of draping wrapping paper around his neck. The name of the Rotary game: fun!



CLUB NEWS

GUESTS:

Yes, once again we had no guests. Whassup with that? You are on the Membership Committee. Take your duties seriously. The Name of the Rotary Game: The Club is all about being involved.

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:

Sec Jeffrey: Thankful for Wayne and Robin Roberts for their wonderful generosity

Pres Bryan Thanks to The Roberts for doing the heavy lifting with Salvation Army.

SCHEDULE:

No Zoom meeting on December 28. The name of the Rotary game: take time for family!

60 SECOND COMMERCIAL: FRED JONES



Fred Jones provided an overview of the role of the District in Rotary. The District is the liaison between members and Rotary International. The District Foundation is the keeper of the funds that come back from RI to the clubs in the form of District Designated Funds (DDF). Out of every \$1 members contribute to RI, 80% comes back to the District and then to the clubs. The clubs use these funds rto support local projects, like Killarney, Dictionaries, RYE as well as international projects like the Cleft Palate program with Advent Health.

The district also provides leadership programs to our club's leaders to support their services to the club.



January
4th: Ali DeMaria
16th: PDG Jim McGann
17th: Curley Bowman
18th: David Collis
26th: PE Don Hulslander

Fund Raising

Exchequer: With our big dollar fund raiser - Chili for Charity - circling the drain, the only way to honor our past support levels for local 501c3 organizations is to dig a little deeper into our own pockets.

Opportunities: Prather matching grant where each \$100 gets a pluck at two tickets to the Valentine's Black Tie dinner at the Thomas Tepee. Want to nail down a seat for certain? \$5K will do the trick and put you in the running for documented certification as a Master of Love.

ADJOURNMENT

Music, Chapter Two: Jose Feliciano, chosen by Choirmaster Blydenburgh to recognize the international orientation of RI, belted out his Feliz Navidad as our program slowly eased to the finish line. The name of the Rotary game: harmony across borders.

Closing Ceremony: A recitation of the WPRC four word, four way test - "true, fair, kind, useful" - preceded a stirring collective tintinnabulation by all our members volunteering to ring along to lighten the burden traditionally borne by Jeffrey.

The name of the Rotary game: looking forward to meeting again next year.

IS IT TRUE? FAIR? KIND? USEFUL?

CLUB MEMBERS

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
Keena, Tony	Woodall, Woody
	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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Lania Crouch	Lauren Cooper
Steve Kramer	Butch Margraf
Kristin LeFleur	Justin Levy
Richard Yount	Kim Groves

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