"ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES"



Spoke 'n Wheel

The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club



If any of you are interested in burnishing your resume, there is an opening for Backup Bell Banger. Jeffrey handled the task once again and with vigor at that to signal commencement of proceedings. However, the strain on his shoulder could produce a rotator cuff tear at any strike. Without a proper banging of the bell, how could Winter Park Rotary Club possible come to order for the conduct of its many functions?

This meeting marked the "turn for home" as the first half of my term as your President and Supreme Commander fell away as quickly as if it had taken a mere six months. Covid continues to vex us in pursuit of many of our traditions but congratulations to all for supporting such missions as can be safely addressed.

For example, the Salvation Army kettle caper ran up a surplus three times optimistic expectations. Stand by for bulletins regarding fresh volunteer projects. Until then, consider the Prather challenge and the President's Club. If you are in a charitable frame of mind coupled with a willingness to brush the dust off your check book, give me a call to find a suitable landing pad for any spare cash.

Pitt Warner invoked and pledged with the panache one expects of a person of his unique and cosmopolitan style. The Choir master launched his staff into a hearty rendition of Auld Lang Syne. Not a dry eye in the house by conclusion of the fifth verse!







Off the Beaten Track in Greece

Secretary Jeffrey guided us through "off the beaten track" Greece based on his travels a few years ago. He proved himself a traveler ready to handle such cards as the uncharted path dealt him. I find myself a simple tourist willing to handle such cards as the tour director wants to deal me.

Some of our best programs come from members and today's was a capital example. If you have an idea for a program, get in touch with Lauren Cooper. She does a brilliant job but, in these days of pestilence and erratic schedules, cancellations occur too routinely.

Filling in when the chips are on the line is a proper response to the invitation "Service Above Self".

Q & A re: leatherworks at Corinth failed to elicit a comprehensive response. Either Jeffrey skipped that attraction or Ricardo Montalban gave ordinary cow hide that name to make it sound special.

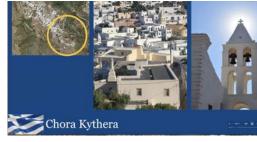
Just a few scenes from a wonderful country to visit





Itinerary





How could I forget to mention the great meals!!







WEEKLY THEME: Christmas gifts you can wear

Curley with new hat to go with new boat



Fred with Swamp Sox



Gordon and his new hard drive

President Bryan got a new magenta sweater (no picture, sorry)

CLUB NEWS

GUESTS:

Guests: If there had been six more, the club would have hosted half a dozen. Membership Committee, of which everyone is a member, should stay on red alert for recruitment possibilities

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:

A free pluck into the 50/50 to (pick one) although the day on which the pot reaches \$200 seems increasingly remote. Take a minute before you sign on to Zoom to visit the club website and strike the lottery tab with a fiver. Killarney will thank you and the ultimate winner will thank you also.

HAPPY BOX:

Dean Shaheen for Jeffrey's Greek Odyssey

Fred Jones for Jody and her husband doing the testing for vaccinations and for being able to get shots.

President Bryan for remaining solvent through the holidays

Kathleen Peters for booking - finally! - some new travel biz

Debbie Komanski: Happy for the birth of their third grandson!

60 SECOND COMMERCIAL: DAVID JOHNSTON ON "HOPE AND THANKS"



Dave Johnston, University of Duke graduate, delivered his thoughts on the topic of the pandemic: Thankful for Operation Warpspeed for the vaccine and Hopeful that it is distributed soon to get us back to a more normal life in 2021.



ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK: PRES. BRYAN

President Bryan by unanimous approval of the one man committee. Sometimes a chap needs a pat on the back and sometimes a chap needs to help to boost his own morale. Rest assured you will not see this name again in this context until later in the year, almost certainly no earlier than February.

ADJOURNMENT

Between the initial strike of the ceremonial gong and rendition of the program, a person would be justified in concern over Jeffrey's strength to conclude the meeting after recitation of our own four word, four way test: "true, fair, kind, useful".

But, to the relief of all he marshalled his remaining energy to send the "all done" clang. Otherwise we might still be in session.

Club Service



Butch Margraf took the lead in finding some "hands on" projects. Stand by for notifications.

The satisfaction of direct involvement in making our community a better place justifies the time spent - plus everyone seems to have a lot of fun.



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



Thank you for your continued Rotary service!

Robert Rader- 50 years
Mike Marlowe- 41 years
Tom Infantino- 39 years
Terry Bangs- 30 years
Eugene Sullivan- 25 years
Joe Terranova- 24 years
Nestor De Armas- 24 years
Alex Gourlay- 11 years
Ali DeMaria- 7 years
Jim Hardy- 7 years
Jane T. Munns- 4 years

IS IT TRUE? FAIR? KIND? USEFUL?

CLUB MEMBERS

Backer, Debra

Baidenmann, Shannon

Baldwin, Mike Bangs, Terry W. Bartolomei, Matt

Beck, JoAnn Behrle, John R. Blitch, Gordon H.

Bloodworth, Jennifer Blydenburgh, Jeffrey

Bowman, Carter (Curley) Ren Bowman, Jan M.

Brenner, David Brewer, Gary A. Clement, Ann Collis, David Cooper, Lauren

Cornwell, Marguerite Crouch, Lania Jane Culpepper, Diane B.

Dallas, Fay

De Armas, Nestor M.

Deal, Mike

DeCiccio, Shelia Gupta

DeMaria, Ali Edwards, Ted Filliez, Tris

Frazee, Richard C Fuhrman, Jean Marie Gattozzi, Mark

Gilliean-Crump, Lisa Gourlay, Alex B. Gourlay, Karen

Groves, Kim Habas, Leonard Hardy, James M. Hartnett, Bob

Hughes, John I. Hulslander, Donald Kurt Hurlburt, John C.

Infantino, Thomas V.
Jallad, Johnny

Johnston, David A. Jones, Frederick W. Keena, Tony

King , Clyde Klein, Kelleigh Knight, Randy B.

Komanski, Deborah Jones

Kramer, Steve LaFleur, Kristin Lazar, Jody M. Leary, Steve Lemieux, Emily Lemieux, Peter Levy, Justin

Mackey, Kirk

Maisenholder, Rosemary Manuel, William H.

Marchman, Kenneth R

Margraf, Wayne Marlowe, Michael L.

Marsh, Duke McGann, James K. Morgan, Andrea

Munns, Jane T. Neill, Rob Parker, Jessica Peters, Kathleen

Pohlig, Holly Prather, David D. Price, Alan D.

Prill, Larry

Rader, Robert Lee Roberts, Wayne P. Roesch, Clay Sacha, Thomas C. Salerno, Frank A.

Sallee, Anne E. Salyerds, Carolyn Sanghrajka, Natwarlal

Shaheen, Dean Sprinkel, Sarah Sullivan, Eugene Tabor , Christopher

Terranova, Joe Thomas, Bryan M. Trovillion, Allen Walker, William A. II Warner, Pitt Weinman, Richard

Woodall, Woody Yount, Richard

CLUB LEADERSHIP

Officers

President: Bryan Thomas

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Lania Crouch Lauren Cooper
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