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Rotary Club of Winter Park FL



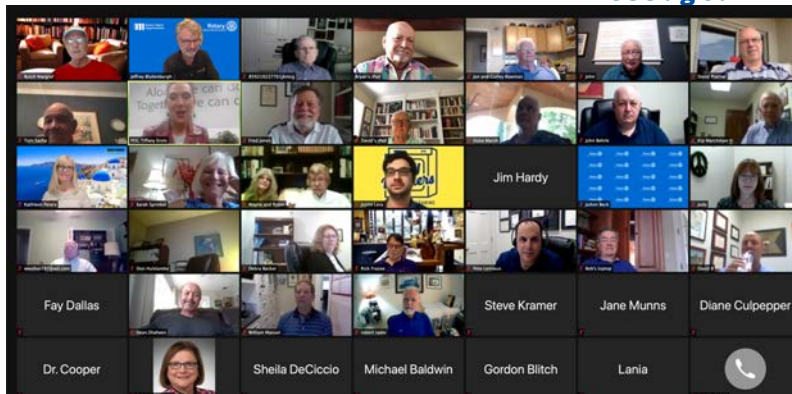
# Spoke 'n Wheel

The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club



## Tiffany Ervin: Your passion is your purpose

*Once again those of your on the wrong side of the Zoom fence missed a speaker worth lending an ear. Tiffany Ervin demonstrated for us the power of a single person to make a difference. Her membership in Rotary gives direction to her life. She cheerleads the Rotary brand enthusiastically while entertaining her audience and remaining cute as a bug's ear. She calls herself the "Rotary Geek" for her tireless commitment to spreading the message.*



**You Don't Have To Be Great To Start, But You Have To Start To Be Great.**

- ZIG ZIGLAR



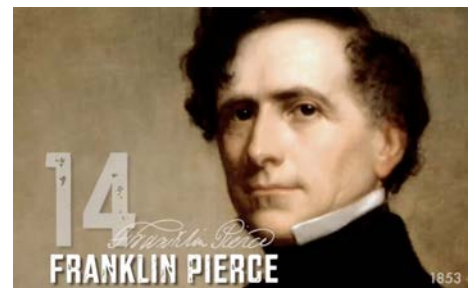
# PRESIDENT'S DAY AT WINTER PARK ROTARY

Writing about art never renders it full justice. A detailed description of the Mona Lisa is a pale substitute for gazing upon the real thing. And so it is with the auditory masterpiece by which a weekly meeting of the Winter Park Rotary Club is called to order.

Reference is, of course, made to the work of percussionist extraordinaire, Jeffrey Blydenburgh, whose tireless efforts to provide a suitable sound assure unfolding of events with dignity and purpose. The clang of a trolley has little to do with the clang of the Rotary bell but you will have to take my word for it unless you have heard it for yourself. Words alone fail.

Jim Hardy rendered the invocation and followed that with a flawless recitation of the Pledge.

The musical portion of the program selected by the choirmaster was not the sort of thing a chap might croon in the shower. "The President's Song" recites the names of all American presidents in chronological order without a specific melodic order. Nonetheless the membership morale benefited materially by mere mention of the names of Franklin Pierce and Millard Fillmore.



## ROTARIANS OF THE WEEK: PETE LEMIEUX AND MARLENE LENDERS

Rotarian of the Week: you know I prefer recognizing myself but, alas, two others jumped the line. Pete Lemieux answered the call to man a street corner with his precious daughters and his ingenious home-made robot on short notice with good cheer. And Marlene Linders, member in waiting for a Fireside Chat, earned a tip of the cap for her initiative in recruiting Dr. Tanton to provide the hottest scoop on Covid last week. Good job, both of you.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 22nd: Peace and Conflict Resolution - Rev. Dr. Weaver Blondin

March 1st: Words from the DG of the Caribbean - Charles Sealy

March 8th: Hope and Healing Facility - Dr. Tucker, Director of Hope and Healing

March 15th: TBD

March 22nd: USTA National Campus - Brian Orminston

March 29th: Local News - Marshall Swanson



# Club Business

As a distinct counterpoint to the electricity of the speaker, I reported the Salvation Army initiative for Valentine's Day turned out a dreadful dud. The collections were disappointing and gave me insight into the need for a minimum wage. Were it not for R2D2 and the Lemieux team, receipts would have been the baseball equivalent of a shutout. Rain washed out Saturday and that was welcome. Nobody wants to stand on a street corner and be ignored. Conclusion: the kettle remains a Christmas only winner.

28 Rotarians or their guests get to enjoy Rogers and Hammerstein musical theater Friday night of the 19th at the Winter Park Playhouse. Not on the band wagon? Give me a call at 407.342.2203 to make arrangements. Please do not buy your ticket on the web site at this late since we are approaching the limit of seats available. Good news: only a five tickets remain unsold. The Covid considerations were distributed earlier and it is hard to imagine a safer performance venue.

Live meetings: if you have been vaccinated, chances are you will be invited to attend in person assembly in the near future. Arrangements grind on to restore old time procedures with a very cautious approach to assure no harm comes to anyone. Stand by for additional guidance. For those members who don't like Zoom, your voice has been heard. The club officers and board are moving in the right direction to allow safe reunion.



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# IDignity

[PHOTO 1] IDignity is one of the charities our Club supports through our foundation grants. I thought you might want to know IDignity is fairing since COVID has closed so many activities.

[PHOTO 1a] Without an ID, one is caught without the ability to bank, rent a place to stay, apply for assistance, obtain medical treatment and more. There is a rather large population that is unable to obtain the documents necessary to get a valid ID, either because they have no address to receive them, cannot afford to pay the fees or are mentally incapable of getting through the process. These are the people IDignity serves Before COVID, IDignity had one monthly event that involved nearly 100 volunteers and served 200-250 clients, all in a single location. Obviously this was not a workable situation as COVID changed our lives. Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Orlando now provides IDignity with a free-standing building to conduct its business.

[PHOTO 1b] The building was tailored to meet with clients' needs in such a way that is safe for both them and the volunteers and staff.

[PHOTO 2] Plastic partitions are between volunteers and clients, and many of the initial interviews are done by telephone.

[PHOTO 3] Once a client has all documents needed, they are given a voucher to take to the local tax office and obtain their ID.

[PHOTO 4] [PHOTO 5] Instead of having one event per month, IDignity now meets with clients 3 days each week.

[PHOTO 6] Pre-COVID IDignity saw 200 or more clients each month resulting in an average of 96 IDs issued, now they see 175-190 clients per month resulting in 72 IDs per month.

[PHOTO 7] IDignity staff and volunteers are still adjusting to the new business model as are their clients. It is hoped and expected that these numbers will increase in the near future.



Photo 1a



Photo 1b

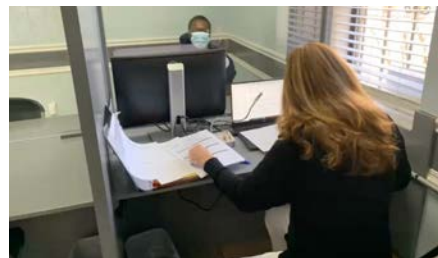


Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Curley Bowman Presents information to the club about IDignity, one of the organizations funded by our Charitable Foundation



Photo 7

	Pre-COVID	Post-COVID
CLIENTS PER MONTH	200-250	175-190
IDS OBTAINED PER MONTH	96	72

Photo 6



## CHILI FOR CHARITY:

the virtual event is taking shape quite nicely but there is always a need for more hands and ideas and contributions. If you know of a potential source for donation in support of this event and, consequently, our Foundation, speak up. There are members standing by to make a pitch or provide you ammunition for you to close a deal. Our 501c3 customers depend on Rotary and Rotary depends on each and every Rotarian to make this fundraiser successful.



**Rotary Club of Winter Park**  
 Help us to support Winter Park Organizations!  
**CHILI FOR CHARITY**  
*At Home*  
**MARCH 26, 2021 6 TO 9 PM**  
**CHILI DINNER for Four or Six**  
**RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION & ENTERTAINMENT**

Join us for our 10th year of raising funds for our local nonprofits through our celebrated Chili For Charity. Some of Winter Park finest restaurants will create their own special chili and bring for chili parties in the comfort of your home. It's easy, everything will be on our website, you buy dinner and we'll deliver! We have an exciting virtual evening lined up for you, entertainment by local performers, virtual auction complete with trips you will have till March of 2024 to take your trip!! and there's more - you might have the lucky raffle ticket that wins a trip!

Join us on Zoom on March 26 at 6-9pm. It's a win win! We're celebrating 10 years and you can help us raise \$100,000 - help us help our Winter Park not for profits.



Dinners for Four \$150 Six \$200  
 Dinner Includes Chili, 2 sides and Dessert



Dinner, Raffle tickets, Silent Auction at [chiliforcharity.org](http://chiliforcharity.org)

A FEW OF OUR SPONSORS...



**THEY NEED YOUR HELP...  
 NOW MORE THAN EVER.**

Thousands of peoples' lives in Winter Park and Central Florida will be changed every day thanks to individuals, Foundations and local businesses who sponsor the Rotary Club of Winter Park's major event: The Tenth Annual Chili for Charity on March 26, 2021.

Since 1990 the Rotary Club of Winter Park Charitable Foundation has distributed \$850,000 to over 40 different local non-profit organizations. These are a few examples of the impact this year's recipients will bring to the community.

A Gift for Teaching can obtain critical supplies for their programs at Winter Park public schools; the Alzheimer's & Dementia Care Center will continue to be a lifeline for caregivers; Boys and Girls Club will provide leadership development opportunities in Eatonville; the Center for Independent Living will build wheelchair ramps in Winter Park; Central Care Mission will maintain vehicles to transport residents; Creative School of Art will provide scholarships for Art Camp; IDignity will assist clients to obtain legal identification; Winter Park Day Nursery will provide scholarships to WP families; Food pantries at the Winter Park High School and Killarney Elementary will serve students who lack access to adequate nourishment.



These organizations have one thing in common: They are or have been a grant recipient of the Rotary Club of Winter Park Charitable Foundation, which is made possible by sponsors like you. This year more than ever the families they serve are in need.

To sign up as a sponsor, please contact [JeffreyBlydenburgh@mac.com](mailto:JeffreyBlydenburgh@mac.com) or at 321-441-0755

### 2020 GRANT RECIPIENTS



Winter Park Rotary Club Charitable Foundation

## Zoom Chat

Fred Jones: Tiffany, great presentation! Thank you for bringing your energy to our club.

Jeffrey Blydenburgh: Thank you so much Tiffany

DG Tiffany Ervin: [tiffany@tiffanyervin.com](mailto:tiffany@tiffanyervin.com)  
 Sarah Sprinkel: great spirit

PDG Tiffany Ervin: [www.cartfund.org](http://www.cartfund.org) for more info on Coins for Alzheimers Research Trust

JoAnn Beck: Great job Tiffany. Thank you!

## RAFFLE:

Raffle: not enough in the pot to run a 50/50. You aren't buying an expensive lunch every week during Covid days; use some of the savings to kick into the kitty to assure Killarney Food Pantry continues to save kids from hunger.

## MEMBERSHIP:

MARLENE LINDERS, lacking only Firesiding before full membership, was introduced by her sponsor (that would be the PRESIDENT) and

BOB HARTNETT introduced RAMAN NADJAFI, a prime prospect. All other members of the Recruiting Team took the week off (that would be any member not mentioned in this paragraph).

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## Opportunity to Serve: Tuesday's at Salvation Army

All the same Rotary and Salvation Army continue to work together to serve the community. Fred Jones reported on a possible volunteer project to assist in distribution of food packages. He promised personal inspection of the situation on the ground to determine if WPRC can man the Salvation Army cannon, in a manner of speaking.



## KWPB VOLUNTEER watershed cleanups 2021

### lakes virginia, midget & rose

#### a socially distanced cleanup

volunteers needed to

pick up cleanup kit

share your cleanup

download the app

cleanup questions

clean-up litter in & around lakes listed above [including surrounding neighborhoods]

mon-fri | 8 a.m.-5 p.m. [thru March except January 18 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day] @ city hall | 401 s. park ave.

facebook | twitter | instagram #cleanYOURblock #KWPB #WinterParkFla

clean swell app record & share your cleanup collection

sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org 407.599.3364

cleanup kits include safety vest, gloves, trash bags, map, instructions and a reusable KWPB bottle & bag



## MEETING ADJOURNED!

There being on other agenda items to consider and the clock indicating a passage of more than the target 35 minutes, the President intoned the four word, four way test: "True, fair, kind, useful".

Jeffrey, as is true for all master musicians, recognized those words as his cue to bang away at the bell signaling a conclusion to yet another stimulating and informative Zoom gathering. In other words, meeting adjourned!

### FEBRUARY

- 5th: Shannon Baidenmann
- 7th: Fred Jones
- 18th: Jessica Parker
- 18th: David Collis
- 20th: Jane Munns
- 22nd: Jeffrey Blydenburgh
- 25th: Lania Crouch
- 26th: Nestor DeArmas



## CLUB MEMBERS

Backer, Debra	King , Clyde
Baidenmann, Shannon	Klein, Kelleigh
Baldwin, Mike	Knight, Randy B.
Bangs, Terry W.	Komanski, Deborah Jones
Bartolomei, Matt	Kramer, Steve
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)	Mackey, Kirk
Bowman, Jan M.	Maisenholder, Rosemary
Brenner, David	Manuel, William H.
Brewer, Gary A.	Marchman, Kenneth R
Clement, Ann	Margraf, Wayne
Collis, David	Marlowe, Michael L.
Cooper, Lauren	Marsh, Duke
Cornwell, Marguerite	McGann, James K.
Crouch, Lania Jane	Morgan, Andrea
Culpepper, Diane B.	Munns, Jane T.
Dallas, Fay	Neill, Rob
De Armas, Nestor M.	Parker, Jessica
Deal, Mike	Peters, Kathleen
DeCiccio, Shelia Gupta	Pohlig, Holly
DeMaria, Ali	Prather, David D.
Edwards, Ted	Price, Alan D.
Filliez, Tris	Prill, Larry
Fraze, Richard C	Rader, Robert Lee
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Gourlay, Alex B.	Roesch, Clay
Gourlay, Karen	Sacha, Thomas C.
Groves, Kim	Salerno, Frank A.
Habas, Leonard	Sallee, Anne E.
Hardy, James M.	Sanghrajka, Natwarlal
Hartnett, Bob	Shaheen, Dean
Hughes, John I.	Sprinkel, Sarah
Hulslander, Donald Kurt	Sullivan, Eugene
Hurlburt, John C.	Tabor , Christopher
Infantino, Thomas V.	Terranova, Joe
Jallad, Johnny	Thomas, Bryan M.
Johnston, David A.	Walker, William A. II
Jones, Frederick W.	Warner, Pitt
Keena, Tony	Weinman, Richard
	Woodall, Woody
	Yount, Richard

## CLUB LEADERSHIP

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**President: Bryan Thomas**  
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**Frank Salerno: Sergeant at Arms**

### Directors

<b>2019-2021</b>	<b>2020-2022</b>
<b>Mike Baldwin</b>	<b>Jody Lazar</b>
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