"ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES"



Spoke 'n Wheel

The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club

MEETING AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB STARTING ON MARCH 22!

At a meeting immediately following the general session, the board gave its green light to going live next week, March 22. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to assure attendance in the flesh will not cause Covid to come calling. Some younger members will surely notice their attendance subject to restrictions not expected of the over 65 and vaccinated crowd. I assure you diligent attention to the complications of going live considered "fairness to all concerned". The board has done its best to accommodate conflicting interests. The meeting will also be on Zoom. Stand by for bulletins instructing you how to reserve a seat, buy your lunch or file objections with the President.

Steve Leary: State of the City



As has become the custom during Covid days, straight to the introduction of the program. Bob Hartnett did the honors of setting the stage for our fellow Rotarian notable both for his membership in absentia and pending retirement as Mayor of our fair burg. Steve Leary stepped up to the screen to acquaint the 53-person audience of remarkable progress made during the years in which he held the mantle of leadership. Finances could not be healthier with some \$35M of county, state and federal funds acquired to support major projects; property values reflect a robust community; public responsibilities firing on all cylinders by virtue of skilled leadership. Look around, fellow Rotarians, and tell me if you see a city better run than Winter Park. When citizens voluntarily expose themselves to the slings and arrows of political office, the payoff is often bitter. Steve, best of my knowledge, kept himself above common quarreling or hint of impropriety and leaves office to general acclaim for a job well done. You would be hard-pressed to find more widespread affection for leadership unless, of course, you were to look for it at the local Rotary Club.

Clarion Call Kicks off March 15 Zoomer

Many Rotarians do not pay adequate attention to the equipment needed to signal commencement of a meeting. The opening ceremony requires preparations very similar to those that initiate the Olympics only with fewer active participants. In point of fact, the dramatis personae number only two: the President who calls for silence and the percussionist who then bangs the bell.

From a distance the mallet looks like a common hammer but you would be mistaken to believe that the case. With the passage of time a metal hammer would render the bell as beat up as the Orlando Magic over the most recent stretch of games. Actually the striking mechanism is a special tool fashioned from a wooden handle with a hard plastic appliance attached to one end. Any other striker produces sounds not conducive to dignified undertaking of Rotary business. The bell itself comes from RI's exclusive supplier. No ordinary bell, it is of solid brass and capable of generating a clarion call to session especially when struck by the proper tool in the hands of a trained musician.

And so it was on Monday March 15, Jeffrey Blydenburgh having been properly instructed and the equipment certified as ideal for the task, the collision of the mallet/bell combination kicked off another Zoomer.

Gary Brewer, invoker in chief for the month of March, handled his assignment impeccably before leading recitation of the Pledge.

MEETING SIGN UP AND LUNCH ORDERING PROCESS IN YOUR EMAIL BY THURSDAY.

BOX LUNCHES FROM GEORGES WITH TURKEY OR ROAST BEEF SANDWICH OR SALAD.

Order Dinners Now!



Jeffrey spent time delivering valuable guidance on the mechanics of registering and participating in C4C. This is it, folks. Over the next month, raffle tickets need to be peddled; chili dinner purchased; trips and other auction items bid up. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NOT OPTIONAL. WPRCCF cannot distribute critical support to its target 501c3 clients if it "don't have none". Our service shows up in checks. Rotary doesn't just invite you to participate, it insists. Unless you are engaged in making C4C sizzle, you are not really a club member. It does not take \$ to play a part. Spread the word. Sell a couple of raffle tickets. Volunteer to deliver chili dinners. The goal is \$100K. Already there is over \$60K in the coffers. If every member figures out how to contribute \$500 of value one way or another, you can expect "happy dancing" from many organizations essential for Winter Park to be Winter Park.



ROTARIANS OF THE WEEK: C4C REGISTRANTS

THOSE 25 CLUB MEMBERS
ALREADY REGISTERED ON THE
WEBSITE FOR C4C RECEIVED A
GENUINE "WAYTAGO" FROM
THE PRESIDENT WHO HAPPENS
TO BE ONE OF THOSE 25 AND
QUALIFIES FOR WEEKLY POINTS
IN THE ANNUAL ROTARIAN OF
THE YEAR CONTEST. ARE YOU
RACKING UP YOUR POINTS
TOO?

JEFFREY BLYDENBURGH **JODY LAZAR** IAN BOWMAN JOANN BECK **IOHN HUGHES DEBRA BACKER BRYAN THOMAS** SARAH SPRINKEL DR. JIM HARDY **BUTCH MARGRAF** FREDERICK JONES **ANN CLEMENT** KATHLEEN PETERS ROBERT RADER RADER **DAVID JOHNSTON** JEN & REED BLOODWORTH **JAMES MCGANN JOHN BEHRLE** STEVEN LEARY **LEONARD HABAS GARY BREWER PEG CORNWELL** ROSEMARY MAISENHOLDER **DUKE MARSH RANDY KNIGHT BILL WALKER DEBBIE KOMANSKI**











UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 22nd: USTA National Campus -Brian Orminston

March 29th: Local News -Marshall Swanson

RAFFLE

Mike Baldwin won the raffle for US\$100. Could turn his life around! Did you notice the pool of potential winners contained a mere 9 names? Those are the only Rotarians who bought tickets to the raffle. Once you figure out how to add your weekly contribution on the club website, it is a snap and you probably won't miss the \$. On the other hand, Killarney Food Pantry damned sure needs it.

GUESTS

Chris Jacobs and Michael Broadus were welcomed.

Deborah Roberts of Amfund was in attendance. Amfund is our partner for Chili for Charity responsible for auction, market assistance and the websiet for ordering



Our purpose is our passion

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

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 & Demenitia 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 resident Crealde 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 or at 321-441-0755



















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District Business

District 6960 is launching Infinite Possibilities Series 2: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. This four part webinar series offers vision, encouragement, enthusiasm and motivation to grow your membership.

You can register for the remaining two parts which are:

• <u>March 26, 2021 - Investing in Equity</u>, hosted by District 6960 Governor Darryl Keys, with featured speaker Xavier Ramey, fellow Rotarian from Chicago.

Register NOW for Infinite Possibilities - Investing in Equity, 1:00 pm EDT March 26, 2021

• <u>April 30, 2021 - Celebrate Diversity</u>, with special guest speakers Rotary International President Holger Knack, Rotary International Director Peter Kyle and Anna Ekbäck.

Register NOW for Infinite Possibilities - Celebrate Diversity, 1:00 pm EDT April 30, 2021

MEETING ADJOURNED!

There being no additional concerns demanding action by the fabulous fifty or so on screen, the President intoned WPRC's own four word, four way test, "True, fair, kind, useful", after which Jeffrey enthusiastically beat the bell alerting the world and those members awakened by the clamor that the meeting had reached a dignified and fitting conclusion. Adjournment most excellent.



Zoom Chat

Ted Edwards: Great job on the tennis center!!

Jim Hardy: What's the status of the under grounding of electric lines? When will it be completed?

Jeffrey Blydenburgh: Mayor Leary has every reason to be proud of his accomplishments. The City is better off because of your commitment to the city.

Butch Margraf: Thank you Steve.

Jeffrey Blydenburgh:Here Here!!

Dean.Shaheen: Great presentation Jeffrey!

Steve Leary: George's Chili for 4 purchased! Thank you for all the hard work making this happen again this year...

Sarah Sprinkel: thanks Steve- as always- you did a great job

Kathleen Peters: Can unvaccinated order a lunch to go?

John Behrle: If you do the live meeting on 3/22, you need to send out notice as soon as possible

bthomas:Expect tomorrow.

Volunteer Leader Needed for Lake Cleanup

Volunteers without management amounts to no volunteers. Nothing has happened to move this potential project forward. Anyone want to assume leadership and make it happen? Contact me and let's get this underway.

CLUB MEMBERS

Backer, Debra

Baidenmann, Shannon

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Bowman, Jan M.

Brenner, David

Brewer, Gary A.

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Collis, David

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Deal, Mike

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Gourlay, Karen

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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

Lazar, Jody M.

Leary, Steve

Lemieux, Emily

Lemieux, Peter

Levy, Justin

Mackey, Kirk

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Marsh, Duke

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Morgan, Andrea

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Neill, Rob

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Peters, Kathleen Pohlig, Holly

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Prill, Larry

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Roesch, Clay

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Salerno, Frank A.

Sallee, Anne E.

Sanghrajka, Natwarlal

Shaheen, Dean

Sprinkel, Sarah

Sullivan, Eugene

Tabor, Christopher

Terranova, Joe

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Warner, Pitt

Weinman, Richard

Woodall, Woody

Yount, Richard

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