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**Rotary**  
Club of Winter Park FL



# Spoke 'n Wheel

The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club



## Captain Bryan Launches first Live meeting of 2021!!

The butterflies that accompany any public performance were fluttering their little wings off when Jeffrey announced he would not be present for the launching of WPRC Hybrid, a joint production of the technical staff at the Women's Club, computer support by the team of President-elect Anne and "go to guy" Justin with running commentary provided by Sergeant-at-Arms Frank. As with football, the first good hit settles nerves but who could be relied on to strike the appropriate tone to initiate this experimental gathering?



The only person in the audience with any experience was Butch Margraf. His last effort resulted in unrelenting criticism. No successful meeting kicks off with a weak "clunk". Tradition requires a clarion call to session. A person comes to expect proper ceremony at a high-tone organization like WPRC. The choice was clear: allow a Butch a shot at redemption with its potential for restoration of a reputation for workmanlike discharge of duty or take a shot at finding previously untapped talent. The concept of redemption through second chances reverberates through Western philosophy and, insofar no club leader would be elected without sterling credentials in the philosophy department, the decision was made to call on Butch without prior notice to assure his performance would not suffer from his own set of butterflies. To his credit, he grabbed the mallet by the proper end, drew it back to full extension and pivoted to make solid contact consistent with the higher standards of percussion section of a world class orchestra. Thus deliberations took a proud and proper first step.

Dr. Jim Hardy invoked thoughtfully and then lead the pledge in a more or less united voice.

Music consisted of a combination of talents: humming and whistling "America the Beautiful". The vocal talents of WPRC having received years of warranted negative reviews were left on the sidelines as the assembly showed their stuff in this alternate form of making a joyful noise. Well done! The problem might be a limited repertoire. Perhaps the club can scrap the idea of a choirmaster and select a member with a history of "wetting the whistle" to assure progress continues to make this a feature of the weekly gathering that can be enjoyed rather than dreaded.

**YOU HAVE ALL RECEIVED AN EMAIL WITH LINK TO REGISTER AND ORDER LUNCH OR NO LUNCH FOR EACH WEEK'S MEETING PLEASE REGISTER UP NOW! THERE IS A BOX TO CHECK IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE MEETING BY ZOOM.**

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C4C: Lots already signed up. George’s Catering sold out. That was my first choice but I got closed out. Went with Arthur’s and surely will enjoy that dinner for six. Get registered. If you don’t know how, ask for support. Bob Hartnett joined me at Cigarz this afternoon to open his electronic account and score raffle tickets and chili dinners. If I can muddle through the process, chances are you can also. If you have a twelve year old in residence, you have no excuse. In order to reach our goals every member has to pull hard. \$100,000 funds miracles. Don’t flinch because that is the goal.

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**We are half way there!**  
**41 more to go!**  
**Thank you for signing up!**

- 1 Mr. Jeffrey Blydenburgh
- 2 Jody Lazar
- 3 Jan Bowman
- 4 JoAnn Beck
- 5 Ryan Dodds
- 6 John Hughes
- 7 John Strudwick
- 8 Debra Backer
- 9 Bryan Thomas
- 10 Sarah Sprinkel
- 11 Jim Hardy
- 12 Butch Margraf
- 13 Frederick Jones
- 14 Ann Clement
- 15 Kathleen Peters
- 16 Robert rader Rader
- 17 David Johnston
- 18 Jen & Reed Bloodworth
- 19 James McGann
- 20 John Behrle
- 21 Steven Leary
- 22 MR. Leonard Habas
- 23 Gary Brewer
- 24 Peg Cornwell
- 25 Rosemary Maisenholder
- 26 DUKE MARSH
- 27 Randy Knight
- 28 Bill Walker
- 29 Debbie Komanski
- 30 Susan Sackett
- 31 Kelleigh Klein
- 32 Ted Edwards
- 33 Richard Weinman
- 34 Steve Kramer
- 35 Fay Dallas
- 36 Tom Sacha
- 37 David PRATHER
- 38 David Collis
- 39 David Brenner
- 40 Larry Prill
- 41 Frank Salerno Jr
- 42 Kim Groves
- 43 Alex Sacharoff
- 44 Bobby Hartnett
- 45 Shiela DeCiccio
- 46 Peter Lemieux
- 47 Clyde King

## This Week's Speaker



Marshall Swanson, publisher, editor, columnist, editorial writer and ad salesman for Orlando Local News spoke to the challenges of boutique news covering local politics and other events of interest. With the average person casting a jaded eye at journalism, our speaker reminded us of the indispensable function of a free press reporting facts while taking pains to assure readers get a “heads up” when the printed word amounts to editorial opinion. Thomas Jefferson who suffered adverse coverage maintained he preferred the benefit of a free press to formal government.

## Rotarian of the Week: Kathleen Peters



If you have not noticed, C4C is heating up like four alarm jalapeno peppers. The entire committee stokes the fire with regular bulletins, reminders, encouragement and guidance. What WPRC does makes a difference in assuring our city’s “extraordinariness”. Kathleen Peters pours kerosene on the fire going above and beyond filling a seat of the committee. Hats off for a job well done! Are we looking at a potential write-in candidate for Rotarian of the Year?

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**March 29: USTA National Campus - Joanne Walleen**

**April 5: Stephanie Bowman, One Heart for Women and Children**

## RAFFLE

*Not enough coin of the realm to justify a pluck. Kick in with a PayPal donation on the website to experience the giddy anticipation that one day Justin will call your name and your finances will take a turn for the better.*

## GUESTS

Michael Broadus graced us with another appearance. Membership is a constant opportunity to serve a newbie and the community. Strength in numbers. Who are you planning to encourage to join our merry band?

## LAKE CLEANUP

Untrained and untested volunteers await an adult Rotarian to take charge of this hands-on project. What is stopping you from making this your personal project? If you wonder if you will get more out of it than you put in, ask Ann Clement how she feels about Killarney.

## HYBRID MEETINGS

**HYBRID MEETINGS:** Now that the initial effort came off without misadventure, look for this to continue. Social distancing, masks when appropriate, careful behavior. If you are sitting on the fence, ask a member who attended to see if you get comfortable about showing your face while powering down an excellent lunch from our star caterer.

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**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2021-22. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Mehta acknowledges that current membership trends are a challenge and says that membership development should be Rotary's highest priority. He believes that focusing on regional plans, successfully transitioning Rotaractors into Rotary clubs, and increasing diversity and female members could yield a 5 percent net growth in membership each year.

"A major brainstorming is needed to find effective solutions suited to different areas of the world," says Mehta. He adds that regional ethos and culture have to be taken into account to find localized solutions, as "one size does not fit all." He believes Rotary can extend to new geographical areas and countries.

As a strong proponent of Rotary's strategic plan, Mehta says he will encourage clubs to use action plans and reinforce the core values of Rotary.

Mehta says Rotary needs to become more contemporary and adaptable by focusing on partnerships with governments and corporations, expanding partnerships with organizations that specialize in Rotary's areas of focus, and investing in technology.

Mehta, an accountant, is chair of the Skyline Group, a real estate development company he founded. He is also a director of Operation Eyesight Universal (India), a Canada-based organization.

Mehta has been actively involved in disaster response and is a trustee of ShelterBox, UK. After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, he helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the disaster.

Mehta pioneered a program that has performed more than 1,500 life-changing heart surgeries in South Asia. He is also the architect of the TEACH Program, which promotes literacy throughout India and has reached thousands of schools.

A Rotary member since 1984, Mehta has served Rotary as director, member or chair of several committees, zone coordinator, training leader, member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district governor. He is also the chair of Rotary Foundation (India).

# 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:**

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

**• April 30, 2021 - Celebrate Diversity, 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!

Agenda items ticked off, time for our unique four word “four way test” and a clang of conclusion. Butch having made a good showing, it seemed only fair for training to commence on his backup. A woman stepping up to handle a Rotary task comes as no surprise. With no known coaching, Jan Bowman struck a note on the brass bell that summoned cessation while bringing tears to the eyes of all on hand.



- APRIL**
- 2nd: Rick Frazee**
  - 4th: Terry Bangs**
  - 6th: Robert Rader**
  - 11th: David Johnston**
  - 11th: Richard Yount**
  - 19th: Diane Culpepper**
  - 26th: Tris Filliez**

# Zoom Chat

John Behrle: mute or muzzle?

David B: This will be on YouTube as a comedy clip

Justin Levy: Thank you everyone for bearing with us

David B: It's a Bryan/Frank battle for the mike

Ryan Dodds: The owner of the zoom meeting can mute anyone.

Ted Edwards: Frank, you need to put your mike on mute.

clyde king: frank, mute your phone

David B: If Frank cannot turn off his mike, do you really think he can read a chat?

Fay: Is there a moderator who can mute us all?

Terry: Can someone call Frank and tell him to mute?

Pete Lemieux: Frank, you turned off your camera successfully. Just click the button to the left to MUTE.

Pete Lemieux: ...and then turn off your camera.

Debra Backer: FINALLY!!!

David B: Can someone post his website that we can look at?

Justin Levy: The question asked was if it is a weekly publication.

Jean Marie Fuhrman: What is the name of the publication?

Debra Backer: Thanks Justin - we can't hear the questions :)

Pete Lemieux: I didn't catch the name of his publication...

Justin Levy: How do you decide which way to slant the news? - was the question asked

Justin Levy: The publication is the "The Orlando Local News".

Jean Marie Fuhrman: Thank you

Ryan Dodds: <http://orlandolocalnews.com/>

Jody: Hi Michael!

David B: Congrats Larry!

Jeffrey Blydenburgh: How many in person guests at the Womans club.

Jeffrey Blydenburgh: Will someone please take pictures at the woman's club

Justin Levy: 21

John Behrle: good turnout!

David B: 54 total. I think that is our best turnout in a year.

Kathleen Peters: If you need help registering on the Event website, ordering dinners call me, I'll walk you through it Kathleen 407-399-9354

Jeffrey Blydenburgh: There are 36 in zoom; how many in room?

Jeffrey Blydenburgh: It will really help with our sponsors if 100% of our club is participating.

## 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
Fuhrman, Jean Marie	Roberts, Wayne P.
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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<b>Rosemary Maisenholder</b>	<b>Butch Margraf</b>
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