



Spoke 'n Wheel

The Weekly Newsletter of the Winter Park Rotary Club

August 31 Zoom Meeting

by President Bryan Thomas

The duly scheduled and Zoom-facilitated assembly for noon of August 31, 2020 occurred on the dot more or less when some 40 stout hearts signed on for such business as might come before the Club. Gary Brewer invoked appropriately while your President silently prayed along, petitioning for relief from prohibition of in the flesh gatherings. The five names drawn for solitary pledge recitation duty by Justin's Magic Twanger produced, as we say in the oil and gas biz, a dry hole. Instead of searching for yet another "volunteer", the President hopped in and nailed it word for word despite absence of any text on the teleprompter. A polite round of applause followed.

MEETING LOCATION:

Online via Zoom

LOOKING AHEAD

September 14th:

District Updates – Mike Vernon

September 21st:

Words of Wisdom of Mr. Rogers during Covid 19 – The Rev. Katrina E. Jenkins

September 21st:

Board Meeting

\$5 A WEEK IS A GREAT INVESTMENT!

Raffle: ain't no sunshine until the pot reaches \$200. Now at \$125. Proceeds of the 50/50 flow directly to Killarney Food Pantry. The school is coming up short on its share of funding for this worthwhile enterprise. WP Rotary figures to be the ultimate source for feeding those kids who otherwise would go hungry. If anything, you need to double your raffle purchases if you have been in the habit of playing. For those of you without the habit, make a bad investment of \$5 for this good cause. Half of ticket proceeds go to supporting the Club's signature project.

The One Minute Commercial



John Hughes provided his one minute commercial by speaking to his gratitude for acceptance into the Winter Park Rotary fellowship. Next up: Tom Sacha.

ADA Compliance on the Internet

- As the use of the World Wide Web increased, it became obvious that the internet is a place of public accommodation that should be included.



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by Bryan Thomas

Program ably presented by President-Elect Ann. The Americans with Disability Act now reaches into cyberspace. If you are using the Internet for your business, consider ways to make your content available to handicapped parties. If you are ever found to be in violation, the insult is not a slap on the wrist: you could be exposed to attorney's fees for noncompliance. Ann offered great examples of techniques to allow blind consumers to access the web. Any time you can dodge a lawsuit, evasive action is recommended.

NEW FEATURE: ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK



Insofar as Rotarian of the Year is pretty much a foregone conclusion, our programs will provide a chance to recognize a member who has recently demonstrated Rotary values by word or deed. Current holder of the title: Jessica Parker who the President happened across at Panera's on a recent morning. She greeted him by observing, "What a handsome shirt you are wearing." She might also have added words to the effect, "A handsome chap like you brings the best out in threads", but perhaps that is a mere memory. All the same, a kind word works wonders. Who has done the same for you this week? Let El Jefe know of your nominee along with specific grounds to make your appreciation known. Be aware of chances either to tell the President he has a great looking shirt or to boost the morale of some other person deserving a pat on the back. You can set an example of how a little kindness goes a long way. If no nominations are received, the Rotarian of the Week and the Rotarian of the Year figure to be one and the same and we cannot have that, can we?

Who Was That Masked Man?

In this Covid covering contest, the face of the devil dominated the competition. Ann and Ali modeled the manner of mask allowing one's face to be seen. Bill Walker filed official protest from Vermont claiming the theme of his mask failed to receive proper attention. The compliance committee from the District, following careful examination of photographs, sworn statements and a panel of experts, denied his appeal. Ann and Ali receive a complimentary pluck in the raffle for their pains.



Theme for meeting of 9.14: shades.

Channel your inner Gloria Steinem, Blues Brother, Ray Charles or Snoop Dogg to earn a place on the Rotary Runway and a pluck in the 50/50.

Hello Hannah



Despite the handicap of virtual meeting via Zoom, guests continue to make cameo appearances. Hannah Frechette has answered Winter Park Rotary’s call, “Hey, look us over!” If you are reading this, you should need no reminding you are a prominent member of the Membership Committee. Our work does not get done without a robust census. “Many hands make for light work.” Together, miracles; separately, not so much.

Rotary Club of WP on LinkedIn

Have a LinkedIn account and want to connect with fellow Winter Park Rotarians? Join the new group ‘Rotary Club of Winter Park Members and Friends’ on LinkedIn to connect with fellow members and friends of the club! This is meant to be a resource during these digital times to support and connect with each other professionally, and is open to members, prospective members, and friends of the club.

Member News

Dean Shaheen’s youngest daughter, Amanda recently graduated summa cum laude from FSU! She holds a degree in Criminology, with a minor in Philosophy, and is now studying for the LSAT looking to enter law school next fall!

If you have news you would like to share with members, please send to justin.levy@edwardjones.com



New Member Proposal

Marlene Linder

Sponsored by Bryan Thomas,
Classification – Healthcare

Hope you will join our fellowship at noon next Monday. The Zoom counter needs to bump up to the 60’s and 70’s.

The meeting adjourned upon rendition of the Winter Park Reade’s Digest version of the 4 Way Test: true, fair, kind, useful.

PEOPLE OF ACTION: JAN AND CURLEY BOWMAN

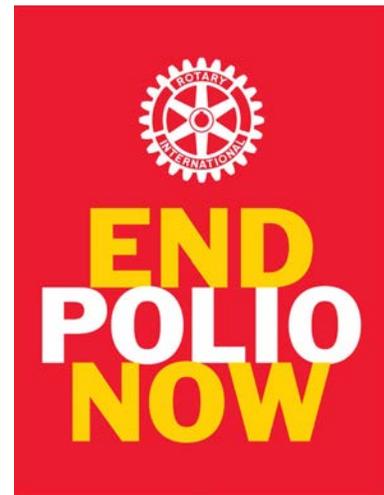
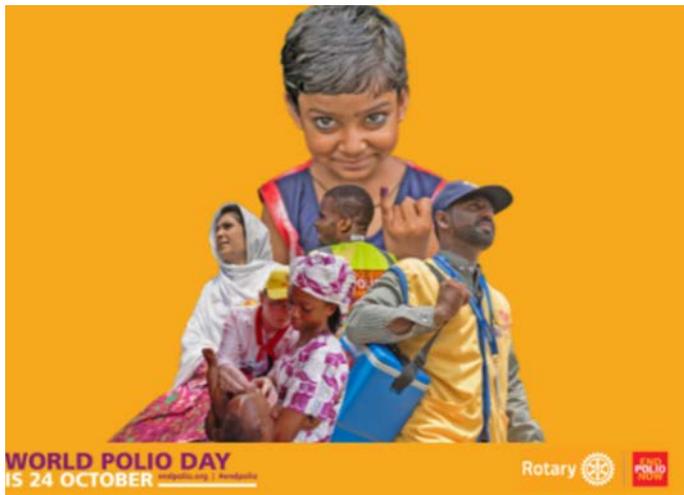


Last Monday in a private ceremony at the Presidential Palace featuring a champagne reception for the four attendees, Jan and Curley Bowman received their crystal medal – the big one - from Rotary International for having made a significant financial commitment to its mission.

In a separate interview conducted by Associated Press reporters, Curley observed: "Jan and I, through Rotary, wish to be part of the spark that changes the world. While walking the floors in Fellowship Hall during several Rotary conventions we have seen innumerable service programs for people around the world that have truly amazed us. They included water projects, health clinics, building schools and countless more. There are so many worthy and essential needs, Rotary touches far more than we can hope to support otherwise. We are also excited that much of what we share returns to our club, that we may serve our local needs as well."

That is a really big and good example of Rotary values in action. Since the Bowman's already got the crystal, they get no free pluck in the 50/50 pool. They will have to get by with our respect. Find a way to get involved. If you are available for lending a hand - tutoring or packing or other club project – make it known. Until "Service above Self", you are not fully Rotarian.

24 October is World Polio Day!



World Polio Day is a time for Rotarians and Rotaractors across the globe to raise awareness about our work to eradicate polio for good. If we stay committed to making progress, polio will be the second human disease ever to be eradicated.

In our fight to end polio, we've used our collective strength to defeat this devastating disease in almost every part of the world. This year, the World Health Organization's African region was certified free of wild poliovirus – showing that eradication is possible even in very difficult circumstances. Wild poliovirus still paralyzes children in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and as long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere.

Let's Take Action

A polio-free world is possible, but we can achieve it only by taking action together. With the challenges to vaccination programs posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, it's even more crucial that Rotary continues to build awareness and raise funds for polio eradication.

Join the effort to vaccinate children and end polio by organizing a World Polio Day event for your community. In 2019, Rotary members held more than 5,900 events in 136 countries. This year, online events and activities will allow us to expand our reach even more and inspire others to join us.

Not sure how to take action for World Polio Day? From virtual event ideas to social media posts and photos, the World Polio Day Toolkit can help you start planning and promoting your activities now.

Go to this link: www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day

Club Announcements

Our Zoom Raffle is changing! We're now doing a 50/50 raffle that pays out to the raffle winner when the cash prize totals \$100. You still participate in the same way as the previous raffle, with one entry for \$5 and six entries for \$25!

Support George! Our former star caterer is offering a staggering 25% off discount to Winter Park Rotarians! Just mention your membership to the cashier and enjoy some great food at a great price.

Valentine's Day: does it seem to you it is rushing up with little time to prepare adequate plans for its observance? The President's invitation remains open for black tie soiree for the first ten members of fund the magic number in the Charitable Foundation. Three stepped up with room for seven more. Where are you going to get a worse financial return coupled with a better boost to your altruistic spirit?

September Birthdays:

- 3rd: Bob Hartnett
- 4th: Dean Shaheen
- 5th: Tom Infantino
- 8th: Bill Walker
- 11th: Karen Gourlay
- 12th: Alan Price
- 17th: Jim Hardy
- 22nd: Steve Kramer
- 28th: Debra Backer



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