



"ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES"

Spoke 'n Wheel

The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club

Gobble, Gobble!



by President Bryan Thomas

Your best shot at becoming a legend in the world of soccer is to score lots of goals. Pele, Rolando, Messi: none became famous because of defensive skills. They all played the position called "striker". And so it is with the world of Rotary. You want a great club? Get yourself a first rate striker to rap the bell that signals business is underway. Fortunately, Winter Park Rotary's striker, Jeffrey Blydenburgh, possesses a skill set that will propel him to the Striker Hall of Fame on the first ballot. The literature alternately calls him "the Pele of Ping" or the "Rolando of Ring" or the "Messi of Metallic Mayhem".

Despite audio difficulties, he banged the bell with brio enough times to assure anyone overhearing our deliberations that the meeting of November 23 was something special, certainly no garden variety tea party lacking a dramatic opening ceremony.

Dave Johnston invoked and backed it up with a dramatic rendition of the Pledge. While laboring under the handicap of a University of Duke diploma, he still manages to show the way to start the day.

Maestro Jeffrey drilled the U-Tube choir until its rendition of "Gobble Gobble" rang out with Broadway brass. Loud, seasonally appropriate, choreographed to a "T" as in turkey, subtitled and a good shot to replace "America the Beautiful" in the WPRC song book.

Orlando Rep: Florida's Only Full time theater for young audiences



Olivia Demarco, Senior Director of Marketing at the Orlando Repertory Theater, presented a program particularly useful to parents and grandparents. The REP offers live entertainment with adequate Covid cautions to allow you to take a child to a performance over the holidays. She is a lucky person: she gets to perform and earn a living at the same venue. Our community hangs together during hard times because of troopers like Olivia. If you can, take in a show at Orlando REP.



WPRCCF Grantee: Christian Service Center



Dean Shaheen introduced Eric Gray of Christian Service Center who provided a quick tour of its facilities where essential services of feeding, clothing, comforting and showering homeless folks occur. With the economy quite so fragile for hourly workers during the pandemic, it often takes just a small nudge to upset stable households. Every Rotarian can feel pride in supporting this remarkable operation that provides a safety net for the unfortunate.

Sign Up for Bellringing

Salvation Army Bell Ringers The Winter Park Rotary Club will be Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army once again this year. They need assistance more than ever due to the issues that 2020 has brought. The dates are December 11 & 12, and December 18 & 19, from 1pm to 7pm. We have two locations; the Panera corner and the Tuni's corner. We are asking everyone who is able to take a turn at the bell, pick a slop and and invite your friends to visit you on Park Avenue when you are there!

We've set up a quick and easy only volunteer sign-up for you to reserve your time and place.

KILLARNEY UPDATE



Ann reports a substantial dollop of support from Park Maitland School. Yippee!!

Also, stand by for bulletins inviting you to join the crew that will paint the vegetable bins outside the pantry in Killarney colors.



60 SECOND COMMERCIAL: BUTCH MARGRAF



Butch reported that his son and daughter in law have just moved back from China. She only speaks Chinese, so Butch has downloaded DuoLingo to learn Chinese!

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

November 30th: The Many Facets of Service, Randy Haveson

December 7th: Navigating UCF during COVID, Professor William Steiger

Lots of cooks in the kitchen!

The zoom audience favorite was Fred Jones in his Gator Apron with Football Oven Mitt. Lots of great aprons. President Bryan's may have been a winner, but a zoom malfunction prevented him from making a proper showing.



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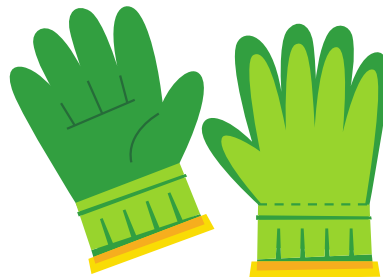
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CLUB NEWS:

GUESTS:

We had "plenty of nothin'" as the song goes but nothin' is not plenty for recruitment. Your duty while on the Membership Committee (and everyone is on that committee) is to insure the continuity of WPRC's community service by vigilance for opportunity to enhance our numbers and build our forces.

BOARD ELECTIONS:

You want to have a meaningful say in the operation of your club? Best way: put your name up to become a member of the Board. Election day is coming up fast. If you don't know what is expected of directors, ask someone who already served a term. You will learn the benefits exceed the burden of time and attention.

RAFFLE:

Not enough in the well to dip the bucket. Keep popping in a few bucks week after week to help us reach the \$200 minimum for a 50/50 drawing. Proceeds feed hungry kids. The raffle is a bad financial investment but the return on feeding Killarney kids makes it a winner all the same.

HAPPY BOX:

Tom Sacha announced grandchild #five. Babies entering the world upstage almost all other good news.

Justin is happy because Penelope Cruise is on the mend.

Carolyn Selyard was happy to attend a meeting with Kelley. So glad to see your happy face!!

THIS WEEK'S THEME IS "GLOVES"!

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR 'DRESS TO THEME' COMPETITION BY WEARING OR BRINGING AN ITEM THAT FITS THE THEME OF OUR ZOOM MEETING! THIS WEEK'S THEME IS "GLOVES"! SHOW SOME LOVE BY WEARING YOUR BEST GLOVES, AND REMEMBER, THE WINNER OF OUR DRESS TO THEME COMPETITION RECEIVES AN ENTRY INTO OUR OWN 50/50 RAFFLE!

Kathleen Peters: Travel, Hospitality, Entertainment



Kathleen Peters delivered her classification talk. She has an undergraduate degree in Performing Arts and an MBA from Georgetown. Disney recruited her to Florida to do new product launches. She has been in Orlando since 1995 and been in Rotary for eight years. She began her Rotary life in Baldwin Park, but decided she wanted to be in a larger club where she looks forward to helping at Killarney, serving Beer at the Art Festival, and generally being a worker bee. Welcome to the Club, Kathleen!

Fundraising

David Prather provided a challenge grant up to \$2500. Each \$100 donated to the WPRC Foundation as part of David's challenge to you purchases a pluck in the Valentine's Black Tie Extravaganza. If you want certainty of a place for two at the table, pop \$5K into the Foundation asap.

Since our traditional "Chili for Charity" looks to be a non-starter, the funds to meet our commitments to our 501c3 clients have to come from somewhere.

What can you do to allow our club to fund Orlando REP or Christian Service Center?

Winter Park is where we live and we choose to live here because it is a community that cares for its citizens.

rotarian of the week


The Committee of One had a member in mind for weekly recognition but lost his mind long enough to forget. Assuming the mind in question can be reclaimed at the psychic lost and found department, that announcement will necessarily wait until next we meet. Don't get any wise ideas these weekly winners qualify for consideration as Rotarian of the Year. The Committee of One already cast the deciding ballot for that designation and waits only for the Canvassing Board to certify his election before official announcement of results.

CLOSING CEREMONY:

Recitation of the abridged 4 Way Test - true, fair, kind, useful - preceded Jeffrey striking the sacramental chime with a glancing blow to elicit a mournful note suggesting the sadness that it will be a full week until we meet again. Man alive, the things Jeffrey can do with a mallet and a bell.



Rotary
INTERNATIONAL




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WORKS

Hello family of Rotary! As Rotary International Director of Zones 33-34, I am pleased to announce a very special vocational service project, "Rotary Works".

"Rotary Works" is an initiative to benefit Rotarians and Rotaractors within our Zones who are experiencing career transition. Three distinct programs will provide education, networking, and/or financial resources for participants.


Our first "Rotary Works" program will be a "Career Development Series", offered monthly via Zoom beginning at Noon on December 9th, 2020, and at Noon Eastern Time on the second Wednesday of each month thereafter. In our first program we will outline exactly how "Rotary Works" works and how it will support our members.

 **Register NOW for Rotary Works - Rotary Opens Career Opportunities -- Noon, December 9, 2020** or send your regrets that you cannot attend by [clicking here](#).


Monthly topics will vary from direct, self-help conversations to hands-on skill development processes. Each month our professionals will be available to discuss specific topics with you. The topics will be outlined each month in our Rotary Works Newsletter, as well as on the DACdb calendar where you can register for each event.

In the Spring of 2021, we will launch our second phase, the "Zone Job Board" -- a resource to search for or post employment opportunities.

And finally, the third phase is our Impact Fund, designed to offer a one-time grant of \$500 for individuals in our Zones who have experienced financial stress due to career transition. Criteria are being established so eligible Rotarians and Rotaractors can to apply for these grants. We will direct our members to the Zone Website for more information on that process and want to stress that these personal grants are a "hand-up" opportunity, not a "hand-out".

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Stephanie Urchick
Rotary International Director 2019-21



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Zones 33-34

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**Benefiting Killarney Elementary School
Food Pantry**

**WINTER PARK
ROTARY CLUB**

HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

**DECEMBER 19, 2020
6:30 TO 8:00PM**

**LIVE VIEWING AT
DINKY DOCK ON LAKE VIRGINIA**

LIVE STREAMED AT [FACEBOOK.COM/WINTERPARKROTARYCLUB](https://www.facebook.com/WINTERPARKROTARYCLUB)

DONATE TO FOOD PANTRY AT [WINTERPARKROTARY.COM](https://www.winterparkrotary.com)

BOAT ENTRIES MUST SIGN UP ONLINE - [WINTERPARKBOATPARADE.COM](https://www.winterparkboatparade.com)



Rotary Club of Winter Park

Salvation Army - Bell Ringing

The Salvation Army is counting on you once again. The need for our support is even more critical this year, in this challenging time! We'll be ringing the bell for donations at two locations, from 1 pm to 7 pm, the two weekends before the Christmas Holiday.

Please select your slot and invite your friends and neighbors to visit you on Park Avenue. All you need to do is review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

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