



"ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES"

SPOKE 'N WHEEL

The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club

The Week's Go Zooming By

by President Bryan Thomas

A profound silence proceeds the first note of any symphony performance. The conductor typically taps the lectern with his baton to hush the audience and prepare it for serious listening. Insofar as budgetary concerns preclude hiring a WPRC orchestra, the task of initiating a weekly performance falls to a one-man brass band. When sole musician Jeffrey signals his readiness to strike the gong, Zoom conversations shut down quicker than a chap can change a channel. Stillness and anticipation rule. And then he draws back his gonging device with quiet dignity as all hold their breath and then strikes more quickly than a cobra. "CLANG!!" Another weekly meeting of WPRC is off and running.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Dave Johnston whose performance of these functions during the month of November invite our appreciation and admiration started the meeting on the right note. It ain't for nothing a fellow goes to the University of Duke to prepare for this manner of weighty responsibility. If you have never rendered the invocation, consider that task does as much and probably more for the person preparing appropriate thoughts as it does for the cast of listeners. Consider it a gift when you are invited to perform in this role.

December features a short month of meetings and long invocations by Kip Marchman.

MUSICAL SELECTION: Conductor Blydenburgh arranged for a chorus of R-O-T-A-R-Y, always a crowd pleaser even when heard away from its normal slot on the program. One chorus sufficed although he appeared prepared to go as deep as five.

R-O-T-A-R-Y
That spells Rotary

Program Speaker Randy Haveson on Service



Randy Haveson of Horizon West Rotary – a new club that came out of the chute with over 70 members – spoke to matters that would have improved your life by at least 30% if you have been on the Zoomer to hear him.

Randy merits a quick Google search for you to learn more about his service to mankind. He has starred on Ted Talks and will answer the call if you have a need for a professional speaker. He kept the ratings of our Zoom meeting high enough to attract new advertisers. Awareness of how you serve your fellow man offers a gift of improved self-esteem. You always have enough in the tank to take care of your primary responsibilities with something left over for taking care of others.

Once again Lauren Cooper and her committee provided a sterling reason to attend virtually. Last week's census: 40. That number should be higher.

Block out the time. Sign in early for shallow, undirected chitchat with fellow members.

Rotary



Rotary 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

Rotary
Zones 33-34 

Sign Up for Bellringing

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; Lululemon and Luma Corner. We are asking everyone who is able to take a turn at the bell, pick a slot 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.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

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

December 14th: Central Florida Expressway
Authority- Emily Brown, Manager of Public Affairs

KILLARNEY UPDATE

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

Gloves of All Kinds

Gloves: Muhammed Ali could have geared up with gloves brought by our guest speaker and Fred Jones. Other participants covered their mitts and grasped for a free raffle pluck. Fred gets the free pluck in the raffle out of respect for the havoc he could create were he to strap on the boxing gloves and then do his worst.



FRED: TICKLE MONSTER



BRYAN: CHARITY



KATHLEEN: AUDDREY HEPBURN



TERRY: COVID



GARY: GOLF



SARAH: DRESS UP



TOM: SENIOR



JEFFREY: BOXING



ANNE: CHRISTMAS

CLUB NEWS:

GUESTS:

Zippadee. If you are having trouble sleeping through the night, could be it you are racked with guilt over the way you have failed to do your part for the Membership Committee, a committee containing every member of WPRC? Your ability to rest depends on a clear conscience.

BOARD ELECTIONS:

Coming up fast, election of a new board. Make your interest known and get placed on the ballot. The Board makes the policies that govern operations. Your officers merely put those policies into action.

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:

Katherine Peters: for leftover 22 pound turkey and a daughter in town.

Ann: Happy to see my grandchildren.

Bryan: I'm happy because I got to officiate at a wedding..third in the same family!

Gordon: Our tree is up and decorated.

This Week's Theme: Colorful and exotic Zoom backgrounds.

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 "ZOOM BACKGROUNDS"! SHOW OFF YOUR MASTERY OF ZOOM TECHNOLOGY, AND TAKE US ON A JOURNEY THROUGH YOUR DIGITAL ZOOM BACKGROUND! REMEMBER, THE WINNER OF OUR DRESS TO THEME COMPETITION RECEIVES AN ENTRY INTO OUR OWN 50/50 RAFFLE!

Tom Sacha: Rotarian of the Week



Tom Sacha

Tom Sacha could be ROW most any week. He answers any call to service immediately. If you ever attend a district conference, chances are you will bump into Tom. He handles his Rotary membership diligently without begging for the sort of fanfare others expect whenever they break a sweat in the "service above self" department.

Speaking of fanfare, approaching the half way mark of the current Rotary year commenced July 1, 2020 the clear cut favorite for ROY could use a pat on the back and an "atta boy". The selection committee placed no other candidates on the ballots already sent to the printer. Only a last minute write-in could snatch this distinction away from a person who has lobbied mightily and labored lightly for decades. In any event, the one man committee will likely decide to disqualify write in candidates.

60 SECOND COMMERCIAL: PRESIDENT BRYAN



The President delivered a short homily in the short time allowed focusing on the notion of kindness as the preferred default setting. If it were up to him the rule would be, "If you act unkind, you will incur a fine". WPRC could use the \$.

Justin stands and delivers on December 7, a day that will live in infamy for those of you too young to recall the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Fundraising

Exchequer: With our big dollar fund raiser - Chili for Charity - circling the drain, the only way to honor our past support levels for local 501c3 organizations is to dig a little deeper into our own pockets.

Opportunities: Prather matching grant where each \$100 gets a pluck at two tickets to the Valentine's Black Tie dinner at the Thomas Tepee. Want to nail down a seat for certain? \$5K will do the trick and put you in the running for documented certification as a Master of Love.

Our foundation works wonders with what it collects but no collections means no wonders. If you are looking for a gift for a person who already has everything, how about a donation in their name? I will be happy to write a note to that person acknowledging the gift and celebrating what it will be used for right here in Winter Park. I might even mention what a swell person the donor is.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other stones to turn, the President adjourned the meeting with recitation of the four word four way test: "true, fair, kind, useful". Conductor Blydenburgh whacked the bell and that was that for another week.



IS IT TRUE? FAIR? KIND? USEFUL?



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)



December:

- 1st: Larry Prill**
- 4th: Andrea Morgan**
- 7th: Frank Salerno**
- 11th: Woody Woodall**
- 16th: Sarah Sprinkel**
- 20th: Wayne Roberts**
- 21st: Tom Sacha**
- 23rd: Jennifer Bloodworth**
- 27th: Holly Pohlig**
- 27th: Kirk Mackey**
- 30th: Anne Sallee**



Thank you for your continued Rotary service!

- Frank Salerno: 29 years**
- Randy Knight: 12 years**
- Ann Clement: 10 years**
- Bill Manuel: 10 years**
- Steve Leary: 4 years**
- Steve Kramer: 4 years**
- Kristin LaFleur: 4 years**
- Shannon Baidenmann: 2 yrs**
- Anne Sallee: 2 years**
- Mark Gattozzi: 1 year**



Rotary Club of Winter Park

Salvation Army - Bell Ringing

The Salvation Army is counting on us 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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