

"ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES"

**Rotary**  
Club of Winter Park FL



# Spoke 'n Wheel

The Weekly Broadsheet of the Winter Park Rotary Club

## **PRES. BRYAN BEGINS SECOND HALF OF TERM**

Cal Ripken, Lou Gehrig and, now, Jeffrey Blydenburgh: three great hitters with noteworthy consecutive streaks. Bell batters suffer all manner of impact injuries. Torn muscles are so common physician don't even take calls on that complaint. Tinnitus from standing close to the gong is practically a certainty. Most acolytes at the Quasimodo School of Percussion flunk out within days. But, not our Jeffrey. When the show must go on, an absolute prerequisite is striking the ritual gong. And so it was again on January 11 that he tossed aside occupational hazard, drew back, unleashed the might of the right (arm) and created that unmistakable sound signaling WPRC would be conducting a weekly assembly.

Pitt Warner invoked in depth and backed it up with pledging his heart out.

The Choirmaster's weekly selection of "America the Beautiful" elevated spirits and knowledge - this song has more verses than the one with which our club is sufficiently familiar to croak without support of a song book.

If you had heeded the lyrics, you would have been impressed with the aptness of the selection in these challenging days.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

**January 18th:** Rotary Foundation Update - **John Hewko**

**January 25th:** My Experience as a Rotary Exchange Student - **Mark Lampan**, MBA, Combat Veteran

**February 1st:** Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center Update - **Lisa Warren**

**February 8th:** USTA National Champions - **Brian Orminston**

**February 15th:** Adventure in Service - **Tiffany Ervin**

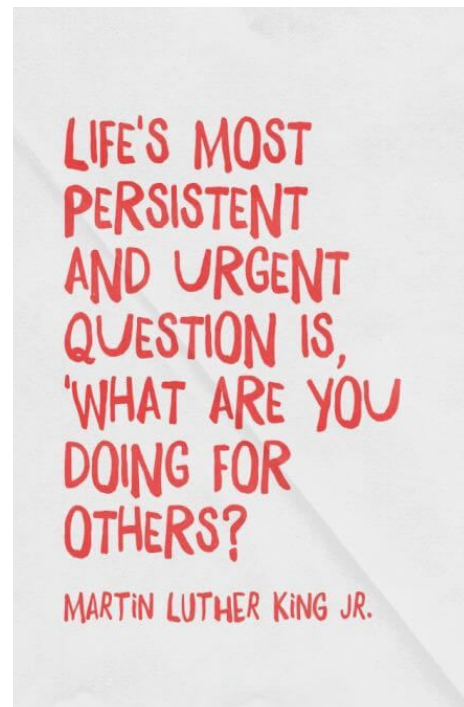
**February 22nd:** Peace and Conflict Resolution - **Rev. Dr. Weaver Blondin**

## **Today is MLK Day. How it came to be.**

*The concept of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a holiday was promoted by labor unions. After King's death, US representative John Conyers and US Senator Edward Brooke introduced a bill in Congress to make King's birthday a national holiday. The bill first came to a vote in the US House of Representatives in 1979; however, it fell five votes short of the number needed for passage. Two of the main arguments mentioned by opponents were that a paid holiday for federal employees would be too expensive and that a holiday to honor a private citizen would be contrary to longstanding tradition, as King never held public office. At the time, only two other figures had national holidays honoring them: George Washington and Christopher Columbus.*

*Soon after, the King Center looked for support from the corporate community and the general public. The success of this strategy was cemented when musician Stevie Wonder released the single "Happy Birthday" to popularize the campaign in 1980 and hosted the Rally for Peace Press Conference in 1981. Six million signatures were collected for a petition for Congress to pass the law, and is considered the largest petition in favor of an issue in US history.*

*President Reagan originally opposed the holiday, citing cost concerns. But on November 2, 1983, Reagan signed a bill, proposed by Representative Katie Hall, to create a federal holiday honoring King. The bill had passed the Senate by a count of 78 to 22, and the House of Representatives by 338 to 90. The holiday was observed for the first time on January 20, 1986. It's observed on the third Monday of January rather than directly on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday because it follows the guidelines of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.*



# Winter Park Loses a True Friend



Absent an outsider, the Speakers Committee combed the membership to locate a suitable candidate. Last week Jeffrey carried the mail with a Greek travelogue. This week your President grabbed Zoom's center stage to share reflections on friendship in the context of the recent death of Sam Meiner, Mr. Bubbalou's Barbecue.

Takeaways to consider:

How do you tell who your friends really are?

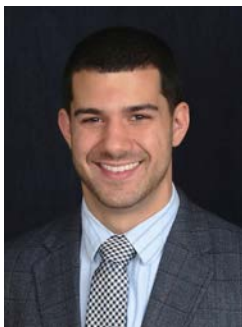
Can you make your default setting "yes"?

Can you treat every meeting with a friend as if you knew it was the last time you would see each other?

Are you willing to tell family and friends you love them?

Sam and wife Eleanor initiated Easter Bunny to bring a moment of delight to hospitalized kids who would rather be home searching for eggs. WPRC supported this cause and each year it now delivers something like 50,00 stuffed animals with a message like, "Someone loves you". He was a character who did not look outside himself to figure out what to do. He lived large and left everyone who knew him with stories worth retelling.

## Outgoing Directors: Say Thanks as their Terms End



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## WEEKLY THEME: "Shirt with a name not your own"

Theme of the Week went to Butch and Rick. Butch wore a Magic jersey backwards so all could read the name "Carter" – presumably recognizing Daytona's Vince with that surname who once upon a time patrolled AmWay on behalf of our home professional hoopsters.

Rick Frazee wore a T-shirt memorializing the only driver to do the entire 24 hours at Daytona. Both get a free 50/50 pluck for imagination, participation and appreciation for playing along.

The Theme of the Week might have run its course. Unless someone can suggest a new item, the President's well of ideas looks mighty dry. Thanks for all of you who joined in over the past six months.



## The Board Needs You: Time to Say Yes!

Winter Park Rotary Club solicits potential Board members to serve for the period commencing July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2023.

Club By-laws permit individuals either to volunteer or be nominated by another club member. If you plan to submit a name other than your own, make sure you receive agreement from that person.

The Board is elected by ballot of members. Directors set the agenda and provide oversight of all club activities to assure Club officers stay on track to achieve the missions of Rotary International both in our own community and in the world. Typically the time commitment for board meetings is less than two hours per month. Current Board members are Mike Baldwin, Lania Crouch, Steve Kramer, Kristin LeFleur and Richard Yount for the term ending June 30, 2021. Lauren Cooper, Jody Lazar, Kim Groves, Justin Levy, and Butch Margraf are the Board members whose terms end on June 30, 2022.

If you feel the Club would benefit from your involvement in its management, make your interest known. New faces bring new ideas. Your membership on the Board could provide the material that shapes our future.

## CLUB NEWS

### GUESTS:

Guests: If there had been six more, the club would have hosted half a dozen. Membership Committee, of which everyone is a member, should stay on red alert for recruitment possibilities

### MEMBERSHIP:

Marlene Linders, riding the rapid railroad to membership, joined us on her cell phone. Inviting a guests is the first step you take to fulfilling your Membership Committee assignment. It is tough during Covid days but you don't know what will happen unless you make the ask. Be bold in recruitment!!

### RAFFLE:

Not enough \$ in the well for the 50/50 insofar as the minimum win is \$100. Stop by the club website before the meeting and PayPal a fiver to put you in the mix and support Killarney Food Pantry. Takes seconds and changes lives.



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### 60 SECOND COMMERCIAL: BUTCH MARGRAF



**ROTARY SERVICE**  
**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**  
 SERVICE PROJECTS

Killarney School Flower Bed Painting  
 Center Street Litter Cleanup  
 Glenridge Way Litter Cleanup  
 Lakes Self Directed Cleanup

Butch rendered the 60-second commercial with a report on “hands on” volunteer opportunities: painting the Killarney vegetable boxes over two weekends, lake shore de-trashing, Center Street and Glenridge litter patrol. Get some of your personal hide in the game by contacting him and volunteering to join a team.

Rotarians flourish when they are the boots on the ground improving our community. Don't believe that? The only way to know is to conduct your own test run. You might become one of those stalwarts who always shows up – because it is fun!

### ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK: PE ANNE



President-elect Anne became a worthy recipient of Rotarian of the Week recognition. The President, a skilled buck passer, often requests another member to come over the top rope, tag in and pin the shoulders of a meeting dealing with District issues to the canvas. Notice of a Zoomer on Tuesday night arrived.

Not recognizing the host. it struck me how Anne is equal to any challenge coming her way. Turns out the subject had nothing to do with Rotary but was related to my work in teaching re-entry skills to long term prisoners. She stuck it out for a full hour without expressing any annoyance at having been shanghaied.

In fact, she was generous in her complements for efforts to keep released inmates from returning to the Cell Block Motel. She gets a pluck in the 50/50, an apology from the President and another feather in a cap that already resembles a great chief's ceremonial headdress.



### ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to address, the time had come to call in the closing ceremony crew.

The President recited the WPRC four word four way test – true, fair, kind, useful – before Jeffrey summoned the last reserves of his considerable striking power to reverberate the audio calling it off for another week.



- January
- 4th: Ali DeMaria
- 16th: PDG Jim McGann
- 17th: Curley Bowman
- 18th: David Collis
- 26th: PP Don Hulslander



Thank you for your continued Rotary service!

- Robert Rader- 50 years
- Mike Marlowe- 41 years
- Tom Infantino- 39 years
- Terry Bangs- 30 years
- Eugene Sullivan- 25 years
- Joe Terranova- 24 years
- Nestor De Armas- 24 years
- Alex Gourlay- 11 years
- Ali DeMaria- 7 years
- Jim Hardy- 7 years
- Jane T. Munns- 4 years

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## CLUB MEMBERS

Backer, Debra	Knight, Randy B.
Baidenmann, Shannon	Komanski, Deborah Jones
Baldwin, Mike	Kramer, Steve
Bangs, Terry W.	LaFleur, Kristin
Bartolomei, Matt	Lazar, Jody M.
Beck, JoAnn	Leary, Steve
Behrle, John R.	Lemieux, Emily
Blitch, Gordon H.	Lemieux, Peter
Bloodworth, Jennifer	Levy, Justin
Blydenburgh, Jeffrey	Mackey, Kirk
Bowman, Carter (Curley) Ren	Maisenholder, Rosemary
Bowman, Jan M.	Manuel, William H.
Brenner, David	Marchman, Kenneth R
Brewer, Gary A.	Margraf, Wayne
Clement, Ann	Marlowe, Michael L.
Collis, David	Marsh, Duke
Cooper, Lauren	McGann, James K.
Cornwell, Marguerite	Morgan, Andrea
Crouch, Lania Jane	Munns, Jane T.
Culpepper, Diane B.	Neill, Rob
Dallas, Fay	Parker, Jessica
De Armas, Nestor M.	Peters, Kathleen
Deal, Mike	Pohlig, Holly
DeCiccio, Shelia Gupta	Prather, David D.
DeMaria, Ali	Price, Alan D.
Edwards, Ted	Prill, Larry
Filliez, Tris	Rader, Robert Lee
Frazee, Richard C	Roberts, Wayne P.
Fuhrman, Jean Marie	Roesch, Clay
Gattozzi, Mark	Sacha, Thomas C.
Gilliean-Crump, Lisa	Salerno, Frank A.
Gourlay, Alex B.	Sallee, Anne E.
Gourlay, Karen	Salyerds, Carolyn
Groves, Kim	Sanghrajka, Natwarlal
Habas, Leonard	Shaheen, Dean
Hardy, James M.	Sprinkel, Sarah
Hartnett, Bob	Sullivan, Eugene
Hughes, John I.	Tabor, Christopher
Hulslander, Donald Kurt	Terranova, Joe
Hurlburt, John C.	Thomas, Bryan M.
Infantino, Thomas V.	Trovillion, Allen
Jallad, Johnny	Walker, William A. II
Johnston, David A.	Warner, Pitt
Jones, Frederick W.	Weinman, Richard
Keena, Tony	Woodall, Woody
King, Clyde	Yount, Richard
Klein, Kelleigh	

## CLUB LEADERSHIP Officers

**President: Bryan Thomas**  
**Vice President: Don K. Hulslander**  
**President - Elect: Anne Sallee**  
**Treasurer: Debra Backer**  
**Secretary: Jeffrey Blydenburgh**  
**Frank Salerno: Sergeant at Arms**

## Directors

<b>2019-2021</b>	<b>2020-2022</b>
<b>Mike Baldwin</b>	<b>Jody Lazar</b>
<b>Lania Crouch</b>	<b>Lauren Cooper</b>
<b>Steve Kramer</b>	<b>Butch Margraf</b>
<b>Kristin LeFleur</b>	<b>Justin Levy</b>
<b>Richard Yount</b>	<b>Kim Groves</b>

**Special Advisor: JoAnn Beck**

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