



Spoke 'n Wheel

The Weekly Newsletter of the Winter Park Rotary Club



MEETING LOCATION:

Online via Zoom

August 31:

The ADA and how it changed the internet – Anne Sallee and Maureen McCleary

LOOKING AHEAD

September 7th:

NO MEETING – Enjoy Labor Day!

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

August 24 Zoom Meeting

by President Bryan Thomas

The meeting was officially put into gear by Jeffrey's dinging of the traditional bell. His enthusiasm failed to elevate his striking skill to the same league as Quasimodo but we all saw him apply the hammer and that sufficed.

Gary Brewer invoked; Ann Clement drew the assignment of solo performance of the pledge and executed flawlessly despite a blank prompter.

The orchestra was on hiatus probably because of social distancing considerations but music promises to calm our savage breasts during future meetings. The technical staff is all over it, laboring day and night to match YouTube to Zoom, no trivial challenge. Calm your mind knowing several of our top people promise to wrestle this issue to the ground and receive the count of three much like the denouement of a WWF match.



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Leslie Hartog & the K-Ready Community

By Bryan Thomas

Today's Speaker Leslie Hartog spoke to the challenge of getting kids ready for kindergarten. An investment in early childhood learning pays off in huge ways over a lifetime. Kids who hit school behind the curve have the Devils' own time ever catching up. When they fall chronically behind, no surprise: drop out, act out and fail to realize their potential to contribute to themselves and their community. Your fundraising efforts and donations go to fuel this sort of initiative.

Rotarian of the week: Robert Carrigan

Robert Carrigan, a truck driving kind of man whose service in running the perilous passage from Second Harvest to Killarney Food Pantry occurs regularly without fanfare or chest thumping. I am happy to consider myself the same kind of tireless servant, always preferring the shadow of anonymity to the glare of self-promotion. For his troubles he gets an "atta boy!" and nothing more but that is probably the way he wants it. You see a member carrying the torch, pass it along. The club has no shortage of good examples of "service above self".

The One Minute Commercial

Jan Bowman delivered this week's one minute commercial. "When 'in person' becomes inadvisable, find a virtual option for raising \$ for your favorite cause.

Next week: John Hughes owns the 60 second spotlight.

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



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El Presidente wins Sombrero Contest

by Bryan Thomas

It would seem immodest to elaborate on the sombrero competition insofar as El Presidente proved himself Senor Grande, Mexican hat-wise. It is a gift to express fashion flair across a wide range of cultures but, check it out.

WP Rotary is an outpost in the larger world of Rotary International. Fred Jones finished third with a head covering clearly from south of the border but nothing one would expect to wear to an audition for a mariachi band.

Guest Pierce Timko finished second but lacked the gold braid and sequins of the blue ribbon entrant.

Both dudes receive a pass into the 50/50 pool, a pool not getting deep enough quickly enough by most standards. Got a fiver to throw to the wind? Hit the magic button on the club website and feel the thrill of a twentyfold return possibility.

Africa is polio free

Brighten Up your week with some Positive news! Polio has been declared eradicated from Africa, the WHO said this past Tuesday. A large part of the eradication effort has been through the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), which was created in 1988 and led by national governments and five partners – Rotary International, WHO, UNICEF, US centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Wear Your Mask

Take advantage of our 'Dress to Theme' competition by wearing an item that fits the theme of our zoom meeting!

This week's theme is "Masks"! Show off how you're staying safe with a mask that has some personality.

Keep in mind who picks the winners and dress to impress because the winner of our Dress to Theme competition receives an entry into our 50/50 raffle!

Time was up at 12:34 and the recessional recited in the uniquely abbreviated fashion of Winter Park Rotary: "true, fair, kind, useful".

IT'S ROTARY MEMBERSHIP MONTH



It's Rotary Membership Month! Let's start connecting with our community and tell people about Rotary! Our club will be sharing videos about what being a Rotarian means. Record a 30 second selfie video and tell us what Rotary means to you.

Then, send it to winterparkrotaryclub@gmail.com And we will post it on our Facebook page. Have some fun with this, and help us share what being a Rotarian is all about!

Report from Membership Committee

Welcome to membership four new smiling faces: **Kathleen Peters, Sarah Sprinkel, Clyde King and Len Habas.** They touched all the bases required by the application process and were inducted in a ceremony lacking the customary formality of logo pinning by the sponsors and oration from the list of acceptable texts by the President but what they got will have to suffice until the Happy Trail allows us to meet again.

New Member Proposal

Marlene Linders: Sponsored by Bryan Thomas, Classification – Healthcare

A couple of friendly reminders

- You are on the membership committee. Are you looking to enhance your resume or are you going to produce results?
- Three of the 10 Valentine's Day seats are filled. In order to keep hope alive for all our client 501c3's, take a walk on the wild side for \$5K of the finest. Can't do it yourself? Maybe a sponsor?
- Pay your dues asap. If you need an invoice or mailing address, ask Shannon to help.

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.

Birthdays:

August 7th: Mike Marlowe

Aug. 11th: David Johnston

Aug. 12th: Jean Marie Fuhrman

Aug. 25th: Justin Levy

Aug. 29th: Jody Lazar

Club Leadership

Officers

President: Bryan Thomas

Vice President: Don K. Hulslander

President - Elect: Anne Sallee

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Jennifer Jones Nominated to be first RI Woman President



Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history.