



January 17, 2017

Meeting every Tuesday @ 6:54AM
Windermere Town Hall




Windermere Rotary Club

Weekly Roundabout

Quote for the Week: "When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it."

Henry Ford



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK:

George Poelker His Flying Career



George Poelker was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Seabrook, MD, about half-way between Washington and Annapolis. After graduating from Duke University he entered the US Navy as a Naval Aviator. After two tours of duty, he became a commercial pilot and continued his Naval career in the Reserves.

Along the way he became way too educated, gaining Masters degrees in both business management and environmental management.

He now flies the Airbus 330 aircraft for Delta airlines.

And, Happy Birthday George!

Celebrating Vocation Month

Thanks, George!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fellow Rotarians,

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Bill Curdts. Bill was a great Rotarian and just an overall amazing man. He was a great inspiration to me when I joined Rotary. As we continue to move our club forward, please join me in striving to serve up to Bill's standards and those of the other great Rotarians we have lost.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Todd

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION:



**The only chance you have to win money here is to buy your
50/50 Tickets!**

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**“If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger;
if you pull the stick back, they get smaller.”**

Observation of an Unknown Pilot!

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Bill Gates, CEO, Microsoft Corporation.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Gator Game!	Guest Speaker Lobster Event Planning Dale Cox		Brad Busbin 7 yrs.		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Jim Drayton 3 yrs.		Guest Speaker: Bob Matheison Career at Disney	Gene Spears 22 yrs.	Gene Spears		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Guest Speaker: George Poelker Career Flying George Poelker	Board Meeting Sutton's 6:30 pm		Kurt Hinkle	Windermere Treebute
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Serving Dinner at Ocoee Christian Center		Guest Speaker	Frank Blanco		 Food Truck Night 5-9:30	Pre Pets
29	30	31	February 1	2	3	4
		Guest Speaker Gem Munro Amarok Society Bob Matheison				

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You can get all the members #'s from this site!

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Lobster: Judy Black
Golf: Jim Drayton
Festival: Gregg Plouff

ROTARY WEBSITES

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Int'l: www.rotary.org

RI President: John Germ
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Bulletin

Norma Sutton
normasutton@embarqmail.com

In Loving Memory

Bill Curdts April 4, 1924 - January 3, 2016



William Theodore Curdts, III departed this life on January 3, 2017. His body could no longer keep pace with his mind. Born April 4, 1924 in Craddock, Virginia, he was the only child of William T. Curdts, Jr. and Elizabeth Palmer. A graduate of Wilson High School in Portsmouth, Virginia, he completed two years at VMI (class of 1945) before interrupting his studies to serve his country as a P-47 pilot in the Army Air Corps during the Second World War. When the war ended, he was in California waiting to ship out and never saw combat. After the war he earned a degree in aeronautical engineering from Purdue University.

He worked in Richmond, Virginia as an aeronautical engineer for Texaco Experiment Incorporated and was later president of the Richmond firm of Flight Research Incorporated. In 1967, he moved with his family to Lake Butler, Windermere, Florida, to pursue business and investment opportunities.

He was a trustee of the University of the South (Sewanee) and was a founding member of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Windermere, where he served on the vestry. He was a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International and a founding member of the Windermere Rotary Club, where he served as president, treasurer and in various other leadership roles. He also served on the board of directors of the West Orange County chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and with his friend Bill Criswell, co-founded Home at Last, a charitable organization providing "disability-friendly," mortgage-free homes to disabled combat veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Mildred "Tatty" Fleming Curdts; and by his daughter, Courtney Curdts Stratton. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Mary Pease Fleming; three sons, William Rives Curdts and his wife, Blair of Hartfield, Virginia; Heath Palmer Curdts and his wife, Nancy of Santa Rosa, California; and Lewis Thomas Curdts and his wife, Ivy Sigel of Denver, Colorado; by his son-in-law, William A. Stratton; and by nine granddaughters, two great-grandsons and a host of friends and admirers. He leaves behind a legacy of honor, integrity, service and good humor, of which we are all beneficiaries.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VMI Foundation, 304 Letcher Ave., Lexington, Va. 24450, to Home at Last Project, Inc., P.O. Box 38, Oakland, Fla. 34760 or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made at www.woodyfuneralhome.com.

Rotary Club of Winter Garden

Evening at the Pops

Orlando Philharmonic Symphony

Saturday, March 25 6 pm – 9 pm

Bring your picnic basket, blanket, chairs

\$10 per person

Or, purchase a VIP ticket for complementary food and beverages and reserved seating on the veranda of Tanner Hall.

29 Garden Avenue Winter Garden

www.facebook.com/EveningAtThePops

District Conference 2017

The District conference will be at [The Doubletree Hotel](#) on the beach in [Cocoa Beach](#) from **May 5th to May 7th**.

We will be showing off the great projects your clubs have been involved in this year. Marc Harris, the District Service Projects Chair will be handling the project displays and presentations. We will also have presentations from some of the interact clubs as well as representatives from the new Interconnect Program started at Celebration High School.

Saturday night, May 6th, we will have the Foundation Banquet with the lighting of our seven foot high Birthday cake recognizing the **100 years** of our Foundation “Doing good in the World.” We have some of the candles for the cake sold already. PDG Jo Weber, the District Foundation Chair and DGD Cindi Cioci will direct this celebration.

More information about registering and other events at the conference will follow as the planning moves ahead.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6980 DISTRICT GOVERNOR CUP

AT THE 2016-2017 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Friday, May 5, 2017
"Cinco de Mayo"

Eagle Creek Golf Club
10350 Emerson Lake Blvd
Orlando, FL 32832

SHOTGUN START 8:00AM

WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary International's main objective is service-- in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world. Our members provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace and eradicate polio under the motto Service Above Self.

The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Eagle Creek Golf Club is a unique course collaboration that blends the best of traditional European design with state-of-the-art American technological innovation, all under Orlando, Florida's trademark sunny skies.



COSTS

\$100

Golf; Breakfast; Hotdog, Chips & Drink during play; Lunch

\$25

Lunch only

Free

Range balls before tournament

CONTESTS

Prizes for First, Second and Last Place

Putting Contest 50/50

\$10 for 3 putts
(play as many times as you'd like)

Longest Drive

Men's and Women's

Closest to the Pin

Men's and Women's

\$20 Mulligan/Cheat

1 Mulligan Player, 1 String, 1 Glove

Mulligan: Each player who purchases this will get an extra shot.

String: Each bag will come with a string. The strings are all different lengths so you could get a short one or a long one. You can use the string to move the ball the length of the string; so if you hit the ball 6 inches from the hole and you have a 6 inch string, you can move the ball into the hole. *Can only use the string once.

Glove: Each bag will come with a glove. One time during play the player can put the glove on and throw or toss the ball.

REGISTRATION
7:00 TO 7:45AM

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Entry Fee: \$100 per player

\$400 per foursome

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Rotary International Convention 2017

Atlanta, Georgia

June 10 – 14

Important Information To Look At Now

Pre Registration for the 2017 RI Convention is happening right now. Discounts are available based on the dates you register as shown below. We want to amass a great group from our District 6980 and the organizers are looking at booking hotels and even bus transportation. If you can attend, you need to register now. Refunds can be made up to a certain date if you discover a conflict. Please take a look at the schedule below and make a decision! Norma & Byron are in and Darrell will find out who else is planning to attend at tomorrow's meeting and to rally it up. These conventions are an incredible opportunity to learn how Rotary is changing the world and changing the organization to stay vibrant and current.

From December 16 to March 31, 2017	\$415
After April 1, 2017	\$490

Register online at www.riconvention.org

Let's Have A Show of Hands!



Come on! Road Trip! Let's have a bus full to Atlanta!

Bus Idea didn't float so transportation is on your own!

To All Zone 34 Rotarians Registered for the 2017 Convention!

The 2017 100th Anniversary of our Rotary Foundation will be one of the greatest experiences you will ever have in your Rotary lifetime. This is your time to see and understand what you have accomplished while experiencing the friendship of tens of thousands of Rotarians from around the world. There are currently over **31,000 Rotarians registered** and another **8,000 waiting for visa clearances**.

The Host Organizing Committee (HOC) is dedicated to delivering to you the best of Rotary and the best fun in Rotary, but... **WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!**

There are almost **4,400 Zone 34 Rotarians registered for the Convention**, and only approximately 3% of you have signed up to be volunteers at the convention. The host areas usually have up to 50% of their registered Rotarians signed up as volunteers. The success of the convention will be determined by many factors. One of the most important will be the volunteer support. The volunteer effort is designed to make sure that Rotarians from all over the world have an enjoyable experience during their stay in Atlanta. As such, the volunteers have several responsibilities.

These are...

1. Welcome traveling Rotarians at the airport. Greet them with true **SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY**.
2. Direct them to the luggage areas and then to the taxis or MARTA areas.
3. Support the House of Friendship as greeters.
4. Provide Rotary visibility and ticket taking at HOC events.
5. Staff the HOC ticket booth (HOC events).
6. Stuff "goodie" bags.

Volunteers are expected to serve **one four hour** commitment. You can serve more if you choose to do so. Also, some group leaders will have six hour sessions to ensure a smooth transition between volunteer groups. Most of these commitments will not interfere with any Convention plenary sessions. Each volunteer will be provided with a commemorative vest and hat, and a special volunteer pin that you can keep. You will also have a training session provided during the late 1st quarter of 2017 and then repeated prior to the Convention. You will be provided with a MARTA pass. In order to volunteer you must take the following steps:

1. Visit www.rotaryconvention2017.org/volunteer.
2. Click on the [Volunteer Registration Form](#) link.
3. Fill out the form completely.
4. Click on the Send Volunteer Registration

“Ask the Arborists” Kim Paulson and Mary Edwards at Windermere Treebute Festival
Enjoy food trucks, artists, craft vendors and great music with Down Brothers Band while you watch the “Geezers

2017 Annual Windermere Treebute-A Florida Arbor Day Festival

Children Can Experience the Beauty of Champion Trees Up High

By Theresa Schretzmann-Myers

Get your family engaged outdoors in nature and experience the beauty of champion trees up high! Come to the 13th Windermere Treebute, a Florida Arbor Day Festival and celebrate with a Tree City USA, Saturday, January 21st from 10am-4pm at 512 Main Street. Windermere Tree Board, Green Leaf Safety Training, Windermere Garden Club and Windermere Rotary sponsor the festival with proceeds supporting Windermere's Urban Forestry program. Children can experience the beauty of champion trees up high and see nature from another view at the kids tree climb supervised by ISA Certified Arborists using safety gear. There are trees and plants for sale, an "Ask the Arborist" booth, Eco Activities for families, Enchanted Walk-Abouts to explore nature, food trucks, arts, crafts, live music, an international tree climbing competition, IFAS Master Gardener Plant Clinic and more. There is no admission charge for the festival. For more info contact Windermere Tree Board at 407-579-4621 or theresamyers@earthlink.net

Windermere Treebute Florida Arbor Day Festival proceeds support Windermere's Urban Forestry program with purchase of hundreds of trees each year for planting by Windermere Tree Board volunteers and local residents, Saturday, January 21st from 10am-4pm. For those who have mature trees, understory and flowering trees are offered such as Tabebuia, Redbud, Fringe Tree, Flatwoods Plum, Simpson's Stopper and Dogwood.



Juliette & Ladan Foradi and Lesha Miller choose a tree at Windermere Treebute Florida Arbor Day Festival

For edible landscaping, blueberries, mulberry, loquat, citrus trees, apple, peach, pear and plum trees are also available. Florida Native trees such as Mahogany, Elm, Red Maple, Longleaf Pine, Magnolias, Turkey Oak, Red Oak, Live Oak, Cypress, Loblolly Bay, Cedar, Pignut Hickory, Blackgum, Simpson's Stopper, Red Bay and Cypress are offered for adoption and sale to diversify the Urban Forest. Windermere residents may adopt one tree per household. Additional trees and plants may also be purchased for anyone attending the festival.

At the Kids Tree Climb children are placed in child sized professional climbing gear harness, helmet and safety glasses by ISA Certified Arborists and given the experience of climbing majestic trees in Windermere's beautiful Urban Forest. For more nature education, Nehring Gardens and Windermere Garden Club have eco activities for kids and camellias for sale. "Enchanted Walk-Abouts" with naturalist John Springer are offered to teach children and adults how to see trees and nature with new eyes.



Kids Tree Climb at Windermere Treebute

Windermere Tree Board and arborists supply public tree education utilizing the "Ask the Arborist Booth" where residents get advice from ISA Certified Arborists and Duke Energy regarding the "Right Tree for the Right Place" in their yards. IFAS Master Gardener Mobile Plant Clinic is also available for horticultural and pest control questions.

“Geezers in the Treezers” Tree Climbing Competition where Certified Arborists over age 40 compete in 5 different tree climbing competitions stressing advanced tree arboriculture skills and emergency rescue techniques. Competitors come from the U.S., Canada and Britain to compete in Windermere's historic tree canopy.

Arbor Day Ceremony and Tree Planting

Can't make it to the festival Saturday? Open to the public is the pre-festival Arbor Day Ceremony and Tree Planting on Thursday, January 19, at 10 am, At Windermere Town Hall Square coordinated by Windermere Garden Club and Windermere Tree Board with a Mayoral proclamation, Police color guard, children singing tree songs, planting the Arbor Day tree, public tree care education by arborists and refreshments. It is perfect for families with toddlers and Pre-K children.

Arbor Day Tree Planting in Windermere

On this day Town Square trees, Central Park trees and Maguire Road Crepe Myrtles are also structurally pruned by volunteer arborists and Windermere Tree Board volunteers every year.

Tree Safety & Tree Health Training Seminars for Arborists, Tree Workers, Electrical Workers, EMT's, First Responders and Firemen is facilitated by Windermere Tree Board with Green Leaf Safety Training and ASTI (American Safety Training Institute) who conduct and teach the following courses at Windermere Town Hall Square:

EHAP-Electrical Hazards Awareness Program, Thurs. 1/19/2017- 8am-5pm, \$110, 7.5 ISA and CTSP CEU's.

ASTI Grant-Aerial Rescue

Friday 1/20/2017-8am-5pm. FREE.

PHC-Plant Health Care with Arbor Jet & Rainbow Tree & Single Rope Technique Climbing

Friday 1/20/2017-8am-5pm. FREE.

For more information contact Danae Jackson at 407-509-4805 or Email danaeljackson@gmail.com

Tree Safety Training Seminar



Windermere Arbor Day Program January 21, 2017

The purpose of "13th Annual Windermere Tribute Arbor Day Festival" and Tree Climbing Competition, "Geezers in the Treezers" is to have fun while educating town residents and visitors about proper tree care, tree planting, and tree safety. It also raises money to provide trees for the Town and residents. Kids especially enjoy the tree climb and the bounce house. Olympia Interact students usually do the heavy lifting.

Residents adopt and buy trees to plant in Windermere to keep our tree canopy diverse and healthy. The event showcases Windermere's Urban Forest, and hosts a family friendly, recreational tree climbing and safety event, while enjoying Windermere's natural outdoor environment during Arbor Day Weekend. Local businesses benefit through sales of food, beverages and goods to the participants.

Participants are introduced to the lush tree canopy, tree education and family-friendly atmosphere of Windermere, a "Tree City USA". The event also offers the opportunity for local volunteer groups to partner and give community service and teach environmental education while providing recreational tree climbing exercises.

**Our Rotary Club will have our beer tent at this event.
We will need volunteers to serve.**

OUR ROTARY FAMILY



Serving at Ocoee Christian Center in December. The boys are Eric's and the girls are Christina's along with Todd's son and his friend. It's coming up again this Sunday so please sign up to send food and or serve. 4:30p to 6 pm



Then Todd had to go to cold, cold Connecticut