

Rotary



Club of Orange County East-Winter Park

Birthdays

Geraldine A. Evans
February 20th
Lisa Fiumara
March 8th

Years of Service

Scott W. McAbee Sr.
03-01-1991
34 Years
John A Gehrig
03-15-2006
19 Years
Andria Clark
03-01-2014
11 Years
Brad D Necrason
03-02-2023
2 Years

Club Contact Info

Rotary Club of
Orange County East - Winter Park
Meeting at 7:30am every
Thursday
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- PP Bob Munn led us in the prayer & pledge.
- Metro Cup 45 is on Saturday, March 1st this year. Winter Park High School men & women's crew will take on Pine Crest School from Fort Lauderdale. This Rotary Club sponsored youth service project is in its 45th year. Stay tuned for more details.
- Civics Bowl 13 will be held on Thursday, February 27th. 8th graders from Glenridge and Lakemont Elementary schools will compete for who knows the most about civics, government, citizenship, civil rights & duties, and political science. This Rotary Club sponsored youth service project is in its 13th year. Stay tuned for more details.
- PP Geri Evans is recovering well from her surgery.
- Dr Seuss' book readings at the day care centers we support will be the week of March 1-7. Volunteers are needed.
- Kathleen Peters is a visiting Rotarian from the Winter Park Club. She is also one of our speakers today.
- Marti Majersky is here as a guest of the club, soon to be a member.
- PP Lee Wright has won the 50-50 again ... two weeks in a row.
- PP Bob Harvey is cleaning out a storage unit and will be bringing some old Tip-Off Classic t-shirts and coolers to give away in a couple of weeks.
- Cindy Smith of the One More Child organization was our first speaker today. Last year, they had the privilege of serving 250K children through their Foster Care, Anti-Trafficking, Child Hunger, Single Moms and Family Support programs. An additional 143K individuals were impacted through advocacy, training, awareness, and volunteering. Over 20 million meals were served. Cindy focused on the anti-trafficking part of the mission. They have a website, <https://onemorechild.org>, which details this complex subject. Know the signs of human trafficking (HT). Host or attend an anti-HT group gathering. Join the fight against HT. See it, say it, stop it when it comes to HT. There is a mobile team with a 24/7 crisis line. Know how you can prevent HT. Know how you can be protected from HT. One More Child organization needs volunteers and donations.
- Kathleen Peters, owner & operator of Cruise Planners, was our second speaker today. Major changes occurred in the travel industry when the airlines stopped paying commissions on airline tickets. COVID stopped the cruise line industry for 2 years, which also disrupted the travel industry. People can book their own flights and cruises now, but travel agents who keep up with all the changes and deals can still provide a valuable service. In 1981, a typical cruise ship had 500 passengers, 8 decks and 65K tonnage. In 2024, a typical cruise ship will have 4300 passengers, 21 decks and 178K tonnage. The newest bigger ships have 3600 to 6800 passengers. Prices are up 25% for airfare and cruises. Some destinations will not let you enter if your passport expiration date is within 6 months. Many destinations are restricting how many passengers can disembark from cruise ships, so be sure to reserve excursions ahead of time and be prepared to pay extra fees. Kathleen had a graphic showing the brands of ocean cruises, hotels and river cruises by contemporary (3*), premium (4*), premium plus (4*) and luxury (5*). There are travel opportunities for every budget.

