## **February 20, 2018**



Vindermere Rotary Club Weekly Roundabout

Quote of the Week: "When a man

becomes a fireman his greatest act of bravery has been accomplished. What he does after that is all in the line of work."

Edward F. Croker



Chief Richard LePere
Reedy Creek Improvement District
Fire and Rescue Department





- 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?

Chief Richard D. LePere, Jr. was appointed Fire Chief for Reedy Creek Emergency Services in April, 2013. He has an understanding of comprehensive emergency services and came prepared to lead the safety efforts for the millions of guests visiting Walt Disney World Resort.

He became a Florida state certified firefighter in 1980 and progressed through the ranks including firefighter, safety officer, lieutenant, fire inspector, captain and assistant chief before his new position. He has a bachelor's degree from Warner Southern College and is certified by the State of Florida as an EMT, Fire Officer II, Inspector II and Fire Service Instructor III.

"I like to lead by example." LePere said. "Leading with integrity is critical to me."

He said he is accountable for what he does and expects his employees to be accountable for what they do. "I don't want to forget where I came from," LePere added. "I'm not above doing anything I'd ask our personnel to do."

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fellow Rotarians,

So what a great trip so far for Byron & I. We were in Las Vegas (check out the pictures at the end) and now Deer Vally, Utah. We had about a foot of snow last night so the mountain should be good for our first day of skiing. As I mentioned last week, Don Hairston, our VP, will preside over the meeting in the morning. Thanks to Don

Greer for securing our speaker as well. Remember the dates, March 24, May 5 and June 9<sup>th</sup> on your calendar as we will need your assistance. Please look again at the Foundation information I am leaving in again this week. Also, big welcome to our newest upcoming member, Sofia. She is going to be an incredible member so let's get her involved in our projects right away. See you next week at the Board meeting, Wednesday night the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. Thanks.

Yours in Service through Rotary Norma

### ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION:



The only chance you have to win money <u>here</u> is to buy your

**50/50 Tickets!** 

\*Trying something new! Scan this QR Code and directly to <a href="https://www.WindermereRotary.org">www.WindermereRotary.org</a>



"Firefighters, police officers and state troopers place themselves in harm's way every day, every week, every year."

James McGreevey

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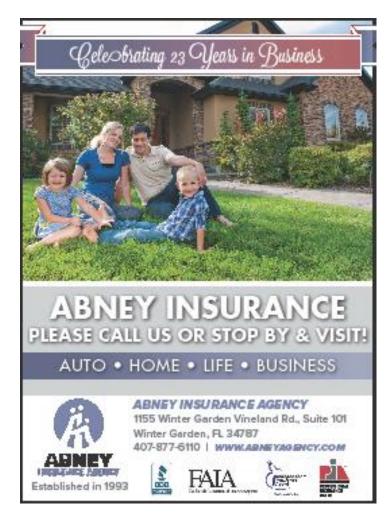
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## FEBRUARY •



| Sun  | Mon                             | Tues  | Wed                                      | Thurs | Fri   | Sat |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--|-------|---|-----|
|  |                                 |   |  | 1     | 2   | 3   |
|  |                                 |   |  |       | Farmers Market<br>Windermere                                      |     |
| 4  | 5                               | 6   | 7  | 8     | 9   | 10  |
|  |                                 | Guest Speaker: Dr. Steve Newton  Richard Irwin 21 yrs.  |  |       | Farmers<br>Market<br>Windermere<br>Don Greer8                     |     |
| 11   | 12                              | 13  | 14                                       | 15    | 16  | 17  |
|  |                                 | Guest Speaker<br>Alex Castaldi<br>Diamond Resorts       | Happy<br>Valentine's<br>Ash<br>Wednesday |       | Farmers Market<br>Windermere                                      |     |
| 18   | 19                              | 20  | 21                                       | 22    | 23  | 24  |
| Serving<br>Dinner at<br>Ocoee<br>Christian<br>Center |                                 | Guest Speaker<br>Chief Richard<br>LePere<br>Reedy Creek |  |       | Farmers Market Windermere Food Truck Night 5 PM Dan Fanelli 1 yrs |     |
| 25   | 26                              | 27  | 28                                       | MAR   | 2   | 3   |
|  | Open House<br>Town Hall<br>6 pm | No Meeting  | Board<br>Meeting<br>6 pm<br>Suttons      |       | Farmers Market<br>Windermere                                      |     |

**NOTE NOTE NOTE:** 

http://m.DACdb.com Mobile District

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

**District Governor: Jerry Mobley** Robert Washick **Assistance Governor:** 

www.rotarydistrict6980.org www.rotary.org



#### **CLUB OFFICERS**

President: Norma Sutton Pres. Elect: Don Hairston Treasurer: Frank Krens Secretary: Phil Leopold Past President: Todd Bednarek Sgt-at-Arms: Rich Carbone

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Lobster: Judy Black Jim Drayton Veterans Day: George Poelker

#### **ROTARY WEBSITES**

Windermere www.

District: <u>www.rotary</u> <u>district6980.org</u>

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RI President: Ian Riseley **District Governor:** 

> **Jerry Mobley Assistant Gov.: Robert Washick**

**Bulletin Norma Sutton** normasutton@ embarqmail.com

# **Dave's House Save the Date**



**Friday | March 16, 201** 

8 - 10 am

Rosen Centre | 9840 International Dr | Orlando, FL 32819

Registration | 7:30 am

# **RLI**

Saturday, March 24, 2018

### **Rosen Center on International Drive**

# **RI Convention**

Toronto June 23-27

Registration Fees

Until 31 Mar \$410 Until 27 Jun \$495

# Why Attend

- Learn best practices from successful projects
- Share unforgettable experiences at exhibits and events
- Immerse yourself in diverse cultures and develop rich relationships
  - Shop in the Friendship Hall

### **Edgewood Children's Ranch**

## Here are the latest opportunities to be a part of...



It's Picnic Time - Save the Date

**Saturday, March 10th Noon - 2p** Edgewood Ranch Playground Area

> <u>Sponsorship's Available</u> Reservations Required Please RSVP by March 5th



**Endowment Golf Tournament** 

Monday, March 5th Hosted at Isleworth Country Club Registration forms available online

> Sponsorship & Spots Still Available

Let's talk about how we can support the kids this spring!

## **FYI**

Anne Schuchat, MD, acting director of the CDC, confirmed that flu activity in the United States remains high, and figures to remain at that level for several more weeks.

Hospitalization rates for influenza are at their highest rate in at least 10 years.

*Morbidity and Mortality Weekly* Report reported that vaccinations against influenza A and B were showing a 36 percent effectiveness rate. However, 2018's dominant strain of flu, H3N2, came in far lower with only a 25 percent effectiveness rate.

The encouraging portion of the news, however, is that H3N2 is an A virus, which has led to this season's most severe cases. In recent weeks, the B and H1N1 viruses have been common—and vaccinations against H1N1 have shown a 67 percent rate of effectiveness.

It would stand to reason, therefore, that getting a flu shot is still a wise decision. The CDC reported 63 pediatric fatalities due to influenza this season. Schuchat reported that approximately 75 percent of fatal cases occurred in patients who had not received a flu shot.

# **OUR ROTARY FAMILY**



Grandaughters
Anneke (12) & Annalise
(11) from Alaska
compete in the National
Championship for
JAMZ Cheerleading &
Dance in Las Vegas.

And, they came in First Runner Up!



