



November 6, 2018

Meeting every Tuesday @ 6:54AM
Open House 4th Monday Night 6 pm
Windermere Town Hall



Windermere Rotary Club

Weekly Roundabout

Quote of the Week: “Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.”

Abraham Lincoln



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:

ELECTION DAY



There are consequences if you don't vote!

From Wikipedia:

The question of who may vote is a central issue in elections. The electorate does not generally include the entire population; for example, many countries prohibit those who are under the age of majority from voting, all jurisdictions require a minimum age for voting.

In Australia Aboriginal people were not given the right to vote until 1962 and in 2010 the federal government removed the rights of prisoners to vote (a large proportion of which are Aboriginal Australians).

Suffrage is typically only for citizens of the country, though further limits may be imposed.

However, in the European Union, one can vote in municipal elections if one lives in the municipality and is an EU citizen; the nationality of the country of residence is not required.

In some countries, voting is required by law; if an eligible voter does not cast a vote, he or she may be subject to punitive measures such as a fine

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fellow Rotarians,

Thanks, Lenora Spence, for the great program last week. The Department of Agriculture is pretty amazing.

This week is the mid term election so I took the liberty to put a summary of the amendments on the ballot plus the candidates for those of you (like me) who are struggling to understand them while wondering why on earth they have bundled some seemingly non-related items together. Seems if you are oppose to one and in favor of another, you will just have to prioritize and compromise. Anyway, don't bother with it if you have already done your homework or already voted! Don't forget, **no meeting on election morning this Tuesday** but do go to the Town Hall to vote!

This Saturday is our **Veteran's Day Celebration** and it is coming together nicely. I have summarized best I can of were we are and what still need so please take a look further down to see if you can help.

The **Rotary Means Business** is in Winter Garden this month on Nov 13th so try to attend. It is a great social event plus an opportunity to see what other Rotarians are doing in business – in case you might need something!

Yours in Service Norma (for Don)



ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION
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The only chance you have to win money here is to buy your

50/50 Tickets!

*Trying something new! Scan this QR Code and directly to www.WindermereRotary.org



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Judd Gregg

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NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Judy Black 25 yrs.	2 Farmers Market Windermere	3 Jeff Whirley
4	5 Frank Krens 5 yrs. John Rodgers	6 No Meeting	7	8	9 Farmers Market Windermere	10 Veteran's Day Celebration 11 to 4 pm
11 Veteran's Day	12	13 Guest Speaker: Tracy Benton Sterling Hall 2 yrs.	14	15	16 Farmers Market Windermere	17
18 Serving Dinner at Ocoee Christian Center Byron Sutton	19	20 Guest Speaker: Charlie Rodgers	21	22 	23 Farmers Market Food Truck Rodrique Heron	24
25	26 Open House Town Hall 6 pm	27 No Meeting Today Rich Smith 6 yrs.	28	29	30 Farmers Market Windermere	DEC Deadline for RYLA Apps

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

District Governor: Ron Janssen Assistance Governor: Larry Lynch

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Lobster: Judy Black
 Golf: Mike Magill
 Veterans Day: George Poelker
 Cinco de Mayo: Byron Sutton

ROTARY WEBSITES

Windermere : www.windermerrerotary.org

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[Rotary Club of Windermere](#)

The Rotary Club of Windermere has created an online registry for our Military heroes (active, retired, deceased) who are either from the local area or who are family and/or friends of area residents. Our goal is to create a respectable list of our Military service men and women online then to record these names and dates into a quality book to be put on public display in the Windermere Library. The site is ready now, although we will continue to enhance and improve it as we see entries generated. The link is <http://windermereveterans.com>. The cost is \$50 per entry. If you have a loved one who served or is currently serving, please consider honoring them by adding them to this registry as a record of our local military history. Thank you.

<http://windermereveterans.com>
[Windermere Veterans Registry](#)



Please bear with us as we work through the kinks with the new website!

“Duty, Honor, Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. “

Douglas MacArthur

Rotary Club of Windermere

Scheduled Events for our Club to Add to your Calendar

Saturday, **November 10** **THIS SATURDAY!!**

Veteran's Celebration-Windermere Town Square

Saturday, **January 19**

Arbor Day Celebration-Windermere Town Square

Saturday, **February 16**

Lobster Event & Dinner (Location TBD)

Saturday, **May 4**

Cinco de Mayo – Windermere Town Square

“The U.S. Military is us. There is no truer representation of a country than the people that it sends into the field to fight for it. The people who wear our uniform and carry our rifles into combat are our kids, and our job is to support them, because they're protecting us.”

Tom Clancy

Veteran's Day Celebration Update

Town Administration Meeting:

Attending : Byron, Robert, Dave, Gary, Town Staff

- Event 11-4pm Nov. 10 Saturday
- Banners up – thanks Mike!
- Town staff will set up bunting, podium, speakers outside, trash cans, chairs
- Porta Pots ordered from United by ?
- We will set up band on back porch
- We will cook on grass north of town hall.
- We will set up two bounce houses (\$300) if no objections
- Police will cover with roving police.
- We will block off dirt main in front of town hall from Finders Keepers to library
- General Garner will speak at 12 noon (Mayor will introduce)
- WO ROTC a no- so asking Olympia for color guard – other ideas?
- Food and beverage stations manned by Rotarians with Cash & CC process
- Flags for the memorial park will be picked up at St. Luke's by Byron
- Chalk for children will be on the basketball court.
- Bring your lawn chairs to sit and listen to the band.
- Frank responsible for set up of tents or tables & assure chairs set up
- Have one grill – is enough or does anyone have another?
- Karen secured volunteers from Interact Clubs
- Byron & Norma will bring popcorn & cotton candy
- What else?
- Need to meet Monday or Tuesday to finalize – Byron will schedule

BTW: Also addressed with the Town:

Town planning to remodel the kitchen and would welcome donation of ice maker

Not necessary to remove items from Rotary refrigerator as previously requested

Discussed Rotary 50th anniversary project of gazebo/band stand with concession stand

Project In motion: Will have meeting with town admin in next 30 days and Town council before the end of the year. All excited at the prospect.

ELECTION 2018 BALLOT ITEMS

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS ON BALLOT

Amendment 1

This amendment raises the homestead property tax exemption by \$25,000 for homes worth more than \$100,000. That would exempt the value between \$100,000 and \$125,000 of a home that serves as the owner's primary residence.

Currently, there are two other homestead exemptions: for the first \$25,000 of the assessed property value and for the value between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Amendment 2

This proposal permanently places a 10-percent cap on the annual increase of non-homestead property tax assessments. This amendment wouldn't change current law, but it puts protections in place so exorbitant increases don't impact renters, business owners and consumers.

What owners of non-homestead properties face, should the amendment fail, is paying taxes on the full value of properties, beginning in January 2019. This could translate into higher costs for renters, financial burdens for those on fixed incomes, increased costs for consumers who shop at businesses and more costs for those who own undeveloped land. Projections show a potential tax increase of about \$700 million each year.

Amendment 3

This amendment gives voters the exclusive right to decide whether a new casino can open in the state. It takes that right away from the Florida Legislature, which has failed in recent years to reach an agreement on the issue.

The amendment would categorize card games, casino games and slot machines as casino gambling, and require anyone who wanted to build a casino to get hundreds of thousands of signatures to get it on the ballot and then hope for voter approval. This would make it more difficult for any dog track or horse track wishing to expand its gaming to do so.

Currently, the Seminole tribal compact, agreed to in 2015 with the state, gives casinos exclusive rights to operate craps, roulette, black jack at its five properties.

The amendment was placed on the ballot after the anti-gambling expansion group Voters in Charge collected more than 766,000 validated voters' signatures.

Amendment 4

The amendment restores voting rights to former felons who served their sentence, including parole and probation, with the exception of those convicted of murder and sexual offenses. Currently, former felons must wait at least 5 years after completing their sentences to ask the Florida Clemency Board, made up by the governor and the Cabinet, to restore their rights.

A U.S. district judge found Florida's current system arbitrary and unconstitutional in March, and the case is under appeal. If passed, Amendment 4 would impact 1.5 million Floridians. Florida is one of four states that disenfranchises former felons permanently.

Amendment 5

This amendment would require a two-thirds vote in the Florida House and Senate — instead of a simple majority — to raise taxes. It was placed on the ballot by the Legislature with the intent to make it more difficult for lawmakers to raise taxes.

This amendment does not apply to local taxes that might be raised in specific counties, cities or other taxing districts, such as school or fire districts. The amendment also stops a typical legislative technique of adding tax and fee increases onto other legislative bills.

Amendment 6

This bundled amendment includes three separate proposals:

- Expands the scope of victims' rights under the Florida Constitution, including victims' rights to due process, under what's known as Marsy's Law;
- Raises the mandatory retirement age of Florida judges from 70 to 75;
- Prohibits state courts from deferring to an administrative agency's interpretation of a state statute or rule.

Amendment 7

Includes three separate proposals:

- Requires mandatory payment of death benefits and waives some educational expenses to qualifying survivors of first responders and military members who die performing official duties, which is already in state law (and adds paramedics and emergency medical technicians to the list);
- Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system boards of governors to raise or impose fees;
- Establishes the existing Florida College System as a constitutional entity.

Amendment 9

This is a Florida Constitution Revision Commission proposal that bundles two measures under the auspices of clean water and clean air.

- The waters most immediately adjacent to Florida's coastline are in state control, then become federal jurisdiction farther offshore. This amendment pertains just to state-controlled water, prohibiting oil and gas drilling for exploration or extraction in offshore areas. It doesn't block transport of oil or gas from federal territorial waters through state waters to Florida's ports.
- The second part of the amendment prohibits the indoor use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices. The amendment doesn't restrict use of these devices inside private residences (unless they're used for child or health care) nor in standalone bars or hotel rooms where smoking is allowed.

Amendment 10

This is a Constitution Revision Commission proposal that rolls four separate government regulatory proposals into one amendment that would:

- Require the Legislature to start its annual session in January instead of March during even-numbered years. That's because these are election years; an earlier start means lawmakers can finish before May.
- Create a counter-terrorism and security office within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
- Require the state to have a Department of Veterans Affairs, which already exists.
- Require that all 67 counties must elect their sheriff, tax collector, elections supervisor and clerk of courts. Several Florida counties now have at least one of these positions appointed based on home-rule charters, such as Miami-Dade County, whose top law enforcer is appointed, not elected.

This amendment was legally challenged but the Florida Supreme Court left it on the ballot in an early September ruling.

Amendment 11

This amendment has three parts:

- Florida's Constitution currently has language that allows the Legislature to prevent non-citizens from buying, selling, owning or inheriting property. Amendment 11 would delete this language.
- Florida's Constitution added the "Savings Clause" in 1885 and is one of only three states that enforces one. This clause forbids making changes to criminal sentencing laws retroactive. For example, if the Legislature changes a mandatory minimum sentence for an offense from 20 years to five years, anyone still being prosecuted for or already convicted of that offense would still have to serve 20 years. Amendment 11 repeals the Savings Clause.
- Deletes language approving a high-speed rail. Floridians voted down the high-speed rail project in 2004, but the language was never removed.

Amendment 12

It expands ethics rules for public officials — both elected officials and government employees, including judges.

The new rules are complex, but essentially they ban officials/employees from lobbying the state and federal government during their terms of office/employment and for 6 years after (currently the rule is 2 years).

Amendment 12 also prohibits these officials from using their position for private gain.

Amendment 13

The proposal ends commercial greyhound and other dog racing by 2020, but people in Florida would continue to wager on races occurring in other states.

Forty states ban the activity and Florida, West Virginia, Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa and Texas are the only ones where dog racing is legal and operational.

Racing has been dying, but Florida law requires tracks to race dogs in order to keep their license to offer more profitable card games and slot machines, which they still would be able to offer if Amendment 13 is approved.

CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION

Congress

Candidates for U.S. Senate Florida

Bill Nelson (D) (Incumbent)

Rick Scott (R)

Candidates for U.S. House Florida District 10

Val Demings (D) (Incumbent)

Statewide Offices

Candidates for Governor of Florida

Andrew Gillum (D)

Ron DeSantis (R)

Darcy Richardson

Bruce Stanley

Kyle Gibson

Ryan Foley

Candidates for Lieutenant Governor of Florida

Christopher King (D)

Jeanette Nuñez (R)

Nancy Argenziano

Ellen Wilds

John Tutton Jr.

Ryan McJury

Candidates for Attorney General of Florida

Sean Shaw (D) Ashley B. Moody (R) Jeffrey Siskind

Candidates for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Nikki Fried (D)

Matt Caldwell (R)

Candidates for Florida Chief Financial Officer

Jimmy Patronis (R) (Incumbent) Jeremy Ring (D)

Florida House of Representatives District 44

Candidates for Florida House of Representatives District 44

Bobby Olszewski (R) (Incumbent) Geraldine Thompson (D)

Candidates for Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District 4

Dawn Curtis

Derek Ryan

Candidates for Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District District 2

Daisy Morales (Incumbent)

Sean McQuade

Candidates for Orange County Sheriff Florida (Special)

Darryl Sheppard (D)

Joe Lopez

John Mina

Orange County School District

Candidates for Orange County Public Schools District 7 (Special)

Eric Schwalbach Melissa Mitchell Byrd

Candidates for Orange County School Board District 2

David Grimm Johanna Lopez

Candidates for Orange County School Board District 1

Angie Gallo Heather Traynham

Florida 9th Circuit Court

Candidates for Florida 9th Circuit Court Group 7

Leticia Marques (Incumbent)

Candidates for Florida 9th Circuit Court Group 5

Jenifer Harris (Incumbent)

Candidates for Florida 9th Circuit Court Group 43

Bob LeBlanc (Incumbent)

Candidates for Florida 9th Circuit Court Group 42

Timothy Shea (Incumbent)

Candidates for Florida 9th Circuit Court Group 41

Dean Mosley Laura Shaffer

Candidates for Florida 9th Circuit Court Group 37

Tanya Davis Wilson (Incumbent)

Candidates for Florida 9th Circuit Court Group 28

Patricia A. Doherty (Incumbent)

Candidates for Florida 9th Circuit Court Group 27

Keith F. White (Incumbent)

Candidates for Florida 9th Circuit Court Group 20

Mark S. Blechman (Incumbent)

Candidates for Florida 9th Circuit Court Group 19

Michael Murphy (Incumbent)

Candidates for Florida 9th Circuit Court Group 11

Gail Adams (Incumbent)

Orange County Court, Florida

Candidates for Orange County Court Florida Group 6

Martha C. Adams (Incumbent)

Candidates for Orange County Court Florida Group 18

Steve Jewett (Incumbent)

Candidates for Orange County Court Florida Group 17

Maureen Bell (Incumbent)

Candidates for Orange County Court Florida Group 14

Amy Carter

Candidates for Orange County Court Florida Group 13

Andrew Cameron (Incumbent)

Retentions & Recalls

Candidates facing Retention or Recall (yes/no vote)

Florida Supreme Court

C. Alan Lawson

Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal

Eric Eisnaugle

District Event

You are invited to our next Rotary District 6980 initiative – **Rotary Means Business**. This initiative is in response to the request from Rotarians to be able to elevate their networking within their clubs and the District.

The event will be held at

**The Clubhouse
7709 Lake Hancock Boulevard
Winter Garden, Florida 34787**

November 13, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This will be an opportunity to share with your fellow Rotarians your vocation and to learn about theirs and how you can work together. Rotary Means Business helps business owners become more business savvy by hosting regular networking events, communicating with other business owners, and sharing trends and patterns related to emerging markets.

Rotary Means Business encourages Rotarians to support the success of their fellow Rotarians by doing business with them, and by referring others to them.

Please RSVP by clicking on the below evite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rotary-means-business-south-tickets-515490947307709>

Bring plenty of business cards and be prepared to tell us about your business, your ideal client and how other Rotarians can help contribute to your success. And be prepared to help others.

Yours in Rotary service,

Don

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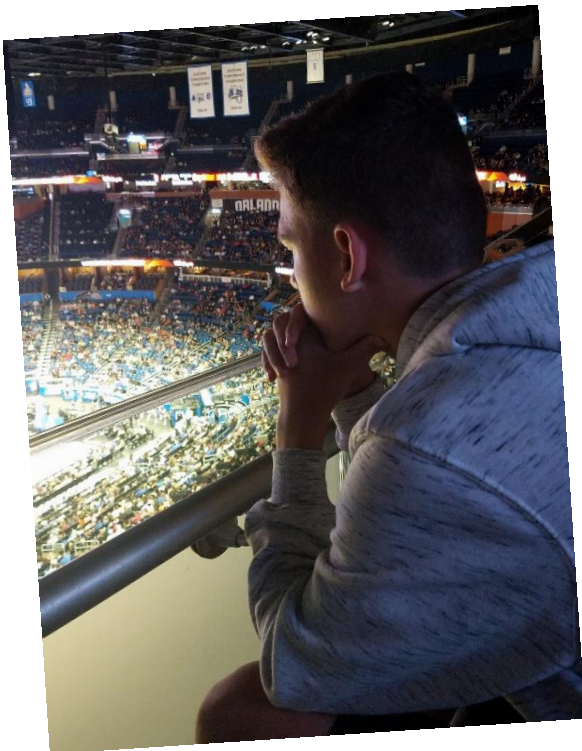
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Why not plan to attend – either to find out what Rotarians are selling or buying since it is right here in our neighborhood!

OUR ROTARY FAMILY



So, remember that little tornado warning Friday night? Well, while I am away, Byron moved my car to the front drive and look what happened! We seem to be in the middle of a “what else can happen to our property?” mode!



Thanks, Rich Carbone! Byron took him up on his offer and took our son Taylor and grandson Matthew to the Magic game Friday night. They all had a great time.