



February 19, 2019

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



Windermere Rotary Club

Weekly Roundabout

Quote of the Week: “Passwords are like underwear: don’t let people see it, change it very often, and you shouldn’t share it with strangers.”

Chris Pirillo



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 OF THE WEEK

Avani Desai
President
Schellman & Company



Avani Desai is the President at [Schellman & Company](#), the largest niche CPA firm in the world that focuses on technology and security assessments. She is also CEO and co-founder of [MyCryptoAlert](#), a push notification and portfolio app for cryptocurrency.

Avani started her career working at a Big 4 accounting firm for over 10 years, where she led a team and oversaw IT Risk Management and Privacy across national service-lines. In addition, Avani managed the development of internal and external privacy programs and related practices, leveraging her deep knowledge with healthcare and emerging technologies, such as blockchain, cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and virtualization. She has been featured in Forbes, CIO.com, and the Wall Street Journal, and is a sought after speaker as a voice on a variety of emerging topics, including security, privacy, information security, future technology trends, and the expansion of young women involved in technology. Avani sits on the board of Arnold Palmer Medical Center, the Central Florida Foundation, and is the co-chair of 100 Women Strong, a female-only venture capitalist based giving circle that focuses on solving community-based problems specific to women and children by using data analytics and big data. With all that being said, Avani still considers her greatest accomplishment to be personal rather than professional—she is the proud mother to her 8-year-old son, Sahil, and her 5-year-old daughter, Sareena.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Rotarians,



What a great event we held on Saturday night. I believe everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to the accounting. It seems as though we did very well and I think we definitely have an annual event now that will

always be sold out. Thanks to the committee and all who help make this a success. And, thank you Sterling for the great prize donation!

Place holder as well for this Saturday, **February 23rd** for Olympia Interact working at Second Harvest. They need us to support this event so sign up to work at

<http://olympiahighschool.shfbcf.volunteerhub.com>

Come meet our new member, Avani, who is our speaker today. She is an incredible young woman.

Yours in Service

Norma (for Don)



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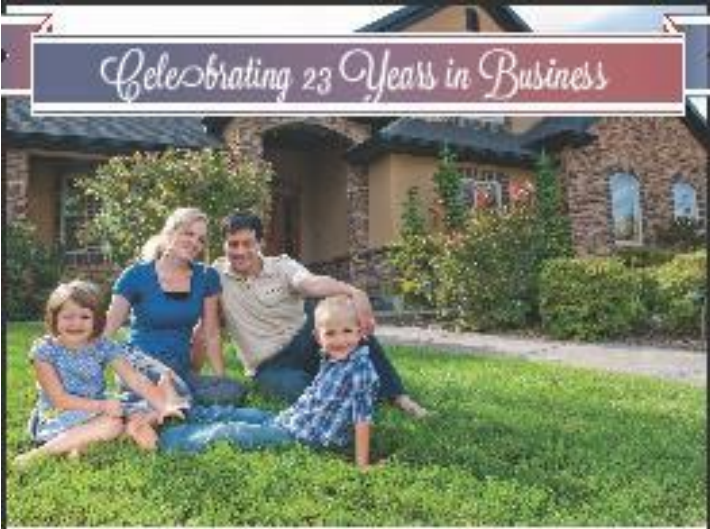
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FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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					Farmers Market Windermere	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Guest Speaker: Avani Desai			Farmers Market Winde1mere	Don Greer
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Guest Speaker: Robert Smith – Town Manager			Farmers Market Windermere	 Dan Fanelli 2 yrs.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Serving Dinner at Ocoee Christian Center		Guest Speaker: Avani Desai			Farmers Market Windermere Food Truck 	Second Harvest Day
24	25	26	27	28	MAR 1	2
	Open House Town Hall 6 pm	NO MEETING TODAY			Farmers Market Windermere	

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Lobster: Andy Agoos &
 Frank Krens
 Golf: Mike Magill
 Veterans Day: Club et al
 Cinco de Mayo: Byron Sutton

ROTARY WEBSITES

Windermere : www.windermeyerotary.org

District: www.rotarydistrict6980.org

Int'l: www.rotary.org

RI President:
 Barry Rassin

NOTE NOTE NOTE: <http://m.DACdb.com> Mobile District

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

District Governor: Ron Janssen

Assistance Governor: Larry Lynch



BE THE INSPIRATION

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](http://windermereveterans.com)

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

An indelible mark



File photo by Amy Quesinberry

The longtime Windermere resident and World War II veteran founded Home At Last and served as a president of the Windermere Rotary Club.

AMY QUESINBERRY | COMMUNITY EDITOR

Service was a way of life for William C. Criswell, and he emulated the Rotary motto “Service Above Self.” He served with the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion, the Seabees, in World War II and continued giving back through a number of community organizations his entire life. Criswell, a 56-year resident of Windermere, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019. He was 93.

Home At Last founder dies at 93

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He is most recognized for his work with the Windermere Rotary Club, for which he served as president; West Orange Habitat For Humanity; and Home At Last, an organization he founded with Bill Curdts that provides homes for wounded veterans.

Criswell's work did not go unnoticed. In recent years, he was recognized numerous times with honors and accolades for his service to the community.

In 2009, the Winter Garden Elks Lodge named him Citizen of the Year.

A year later, Criswell was selected as one of Major League Baseball's All-Stars Among Us for his extraordinary contributions to his community and traveled to Anaheim, California, as a guest of the Tampa Bay Rays for the 2010 MLB All-Star Game.

In 2011, he and Curdts were named Citizens of the Year for Orange County District 1 "for their commitment to military families and the significant collaborative partnerships they created to make this amazing program a success," said S. Scott Boyd, former Orange County commissioner. "Bill and his passion for helping our community heroes is evident from his work in the town of Oakland and the number of military families he's helped over the years."

"There is a certain bond with people who have served their country — I don't care if they're Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force — there's just that bond of respect for the other individual for giving time to their country."

— William C. Criswell

In 2014, Windermere Mayor Gary Bruhn declared March 2 Bill Criswell Day and presented him a plaque with a key to the town of Windermere for his work with Home At Last.

The following year, Criswell was one of two recipients of the Golden Eagle Award, presented by the Central Florida Council of Boy Scouts of America.

"Being a small part of a veteran returning home is an honor, privilege and rewarding experience you won't ever forget," Criswell said upon receiving his scouting award.

Criswell had a dream of creating a Windermere Veterans Memorial; in 2018, the project he spearheaded was unveiled in front of Windermere Town Hall. It features five pedestals around the flag plaza that honor each military branch and a sixth one that explains the monument.

A LIFE WELL LIVED

Criswell was born June 18, 1925, and grew up in Euclid, Ohio, graduating from high school in 1943. In the fall, he joined the United States Navy and was assigned to the maintenance battalion. After two-and-one-half years in the military, Criswell returned home. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Kent State University, Ohio, and moved to Central Florida, where he met his future wife, Helen Ann.

He loved sports and spent a great deal of time on the baseball diamond or basketball court, said his daughter, Holly Hansen, of Orlando. He was a Boston Celtics fan and an even bigger fan of the Cleveland Indians.

"He once saw (Shaquille O'Neal) tossing around a basketball with some local kids on the old b-ball court next to (Windermere) Town Hall," Hansen said. "Dad was really touched by that and became the (Orlando) Magic's biggest supporter from that day on."

Criswell spent 29 years with H.C. Buchanan Concrete Inc. before retiring as vice president in 1994. The project of which he was most proud was roofing the

FUNERAL SERVICE

The funeral service for Bill Criswell is 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Church of the Messiah, 241 N. Main St., Winter Garden. A reception will follow at the church. The family will hold a private inurnment service at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Gotha.

Memorial donations can be made to Edgewood Children's Ranch, 1451 Edgewood Ranch Road, Orlando, FL 32835; edgewoodranch.com.

Vertical Assembly Building at the Kennedy Space Center in 1963.

Helen died in 1997 after 46 years of marriage. Hansen said her father was lost after her death but "the Church of the Messiah was the light that guided him out into the sunshine again."

"He started making friends and getting involved with the community and with veterans causes," she said. "He felt he had been given a chance at life, and he grabbed it with both hands. All he wanted to do was to give back. The rest of his days were spent in the service of others."

He turned his passion to service with the Windermere Rotary Club, the Central Florida Builders Exchange and West Orange Habitat for Humanity, serving as president of all three.

In 2007, he found a way to combine his building skills with his desire to help veterans and their families through Home At Last, which builds handicap-accessible, mortgage-free homes for veterans wounded in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Eight homes have been constructed in Oakland, and a ninth will be built this year.

"There is a certain bond with people who have served their country — I don't care if they're Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force — there's just that bond of respect for the other individual for giving time to their country," he once said.

"Bill Criswell will be truly missed," said Gary Atwill, who met Criswell at a Winder-

mere Rotary Club meeting and worked with him with Home At Last. When Criswell's health began to decline, Atwill succeeded him as board chairman.

"He made life better for many in West Orange County," Atwill said. "His service to the community will live on."

Windermere Mayor Gary Bruhn said he has much admiration for Criswell.

"Bill didn't just make a contribution to the town of Windermere," he said. "Bill made a contribution to Central Florida. ... He just made such a tremendous impact on Central Florida. ... He gave so much to the veterans of Central Florida; he has made a lasting impact"

In 2011, Bruhn and friends in the community decided it was time to give back to Criswell to honor a man who worked tirelessly on behalf of others. A day of service was planned, and group of volunteers gathered to paint the veteran's house, which he designed and built himself.

"There is just an entire history of Bill in the community," Bruhn said. "There's a hole in Windermere that will be very hard to fill because he has just done so many things."

Betsy VanderLey, District 1 Orange County commissioner, said she considered Criswell to be a friend and an example of service to his fellow man. She grew to know him through the Windermere Rotary.

"Bill always exemplified the 'Service Above Self' motto of Rotary," she said. "He gave his talents to many causes but most notably to Home At Last. ... Because of his efforts with these vets, he has left generational impact on those families as well as in Oakland."

"Always the gracious gentleman, Bill shared with me shortly before he passed that his prayers were those of gratitude for the life God gave him," she said. "Our community and my life is better for having known Bill Criswell, and I suspect that God welcomed him with a 'well done, good and faithful servant!'"

Great tribute to Bill Criswell in the Observer this week.

Rotary Club of Windermere

Scheduled Events for our Club to Add to your Calendar



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Olympia High Interact
Service at Second Harvest
Saturday **February 23**



Saturday, **May 4**

Cinco de Mayo – Windermere Town Square

OUR DISTRICT NEWS

From District Governor Ron: Please share this information with your clubs

The next Rotary Leadership Institute in our district will be
March 23rd at the Rosen College of Hospitality in Orlando.

Sign up through our District Calendar.

If you or your members have any questions
please feel free to call RLI Chair Tracy Belton at 352-253-5244 or
toll free at 877-734-5249.

Many thanks and I hope to see your members at RLI.

Thank You
Ron



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