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The Main Event

PROGRAM – LOTTE DIOMEDE, PRESIDENT, SMILE MASS



Phil Morris introduced **Lotte Diomede**, founder and President of SMILE Mass (Small Miracles In Life Exist Mass), a 501 C3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing happy, healthy memories to families living with children or adults with disabilities. Their mission is to create day trips or vacation opportunities without barriers, with their first project being on Cape Cod. SMILE Mass has worked with local recreational facilities to provide accessible equipment and opportunities for anyone with mobility issues. A recent successful effort was providing 20 over-the-sand special wheelchairs to several Cape towns for their public beaches. **Pat Armstrong** added some very supportive words from her own experiences with SMILE Mass.

Lotte, along with Vice-President **Susan Brown**, introduced the philosophy and personal stories behind SMILE Mass, as well the scope of events and fund raising efforts. They are making an effort to demonstrate that it is in the financial interests of Cape businesses to appeal to the wider diversity of families to come to Cape Cod. One aspect of this approach is the offer to purchase a VIP value card to receive discounts from local merchants with their special offers.

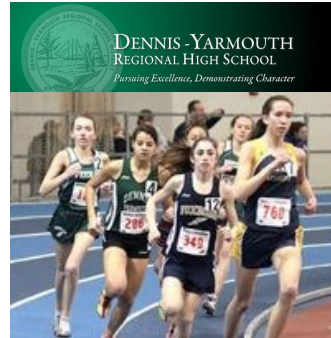
In addition, SMILE Mass has three teams (36 runners) registered for the Ragnar Relay Race from Hull to Provincetown on Friday and Saturday, May 9 - 10, 2014. Each runner has been responsible for raising \$500 to participate in the race. SMILE Mass is still looking for a few more volunteers for driving the van or assigned to a water station.

SMILE Mass can be reached through their website (www.smilemass.org), mailing address (66 Dudley Road, Sudbury, MA 01776), phone (617-967-7755), or **Lotte's** email (lotte@smilemass.org)



From April 11th.....

THANKS FROM THE D-Y WINTER TRACK TEAM



O'Dea, Torres lead Dennis-Yarmouth into Division 3 Meet

Six D-Y Winter Track Team students (two girl and four boys) competed in the recent New Balance Nationals in New York City. Four of those students were on hand to express their deep thanks to the Yarmouth Rotary for the donation that allowed them to travel there to compete at the highest level, “a life-altering experience.”



UPDATE FROM WAYNE HOHLER

Three years ago in the spring of 2011, the Yarmouth Rotary made a gift of a laptop computer to **Nick Cecchi**, a young man hospitalized in the midst of the fight of his life as he battled a very aggressive, Stage 4 cancer. Undertaking 54 weeks of chemotherapy and 6 weeks of radiation had taken a toll on **Nick's** strength and ability to communicate, but the Club's gift became a tremendous boost to **Nick's** morale and recovery. The cancer went into remission. **Wayne Hohler** introduced his friend and **Nick's** father, **Guy Cecchi**, who came to express his deep thanks to the Club for its generosity and provide a perspective on **Nick's** health and prospects.

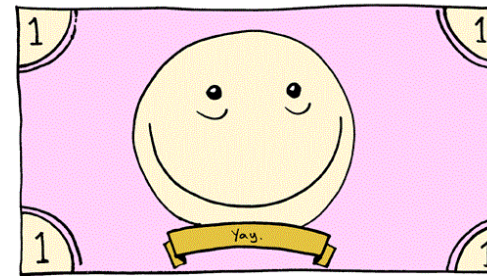
MEDICAL MINUTE FROM DR. BRUCE GORDON

Dr. Bruce Gordon focused on updating awareness on skin cancer, primarily caused by sun exposure and genetics and affecting one out of every three people. He reviewed the A-B-C-D-E mnemonic: ● A – appearance, ● B – bleeding, ● C – color, ● D – diameter, and ● E – edge. He also emphasized three letters that he adds to the awareness list: ● G – growth, ● I – irritation, and ● N – non-healing. **Dr. Bruce** reminded everyone that the human body was “designed for 35 years.” Therefore, since we mostly live much longer, check your skin at least once a month (“Use two mirrors if you have to”), and see your family doctor.

MOON REPORT FROM PHIL MORRIS

Phil Morris brought back a Moon Report with the announcement that the present waxing gibbous pink moon will undergo a total lunar eclipse (3:46 am EDT, April 15), becoming a so-called “Blood Moon” at the same that Mars will be at its brightest (since December 2007) and the closest to Earth (until May 2016). He transitioned to some references (jokes?) about polling and poles (*Gallup*, *Pew*, *10-foot*, *Joe Potzka*, etc.) and with a piece of news ending in “reptile dysfunction.” His final item was this advice: “Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. At least you can go out with some dignity when life crushes all your aspirations.”

HAPPY BUCKS



DAVE BISBEE – his grandson. ANNA TOMASIK – her Dad. TOM TOMASIK – Anna, who was the “Student of the Week.” TOM MARTIN – a plug for the oldest member with a birthday. HOWIE ONIK – Chelsea in Sydney. NORM WEARE – granddaughter & the Percussion Group & Color Guard. PETER MURRAY – the North Shore Theater & Tony Bennett. ELENA SCHUCK – the adult readers who came to the Small School. MICKEY WALKER – for 2 ladies: his daughter & Exchange Student Emily. CHRIS KELLEY – for Lotte & for daughter Emily. JOHN COOKE – International Night & Steve & Jill awarded Host Family of the Year. KEVIN LENNON – \$10: \$6 for Curly & the rest for Augusta & Disney golf. FRANK GIBSON – thanks for the plug even though not a charter member. PHIL MORRIS – Curly, Emily, & reading at the Small School. DORCUS MCGURRIN – Emily, Steve & Jill, & Marblehead for Easter. PAR ARMSTRONG – Lotte & Susan, and for driving Mom from Florida. JIM LEIGHTON – Lotte & Susan, for granddaughter, & April 15 has come & gone (then snow on April 16). BRIAN BRAGINGTON-SMITH – Lotte & Susan – “inspiring” & “strength.” GEORGE DAVIS – great presentation; for Curly; in Miami next week; Adult Easter Egg hunt: 100 Adults running! TAMMY GLIVINSKI – Curly; Frank Gibson; & Liz in sailing – ranked 13th! PETER MURRAY – father's 100th birthday. DAVE BISBEE – mentoring, 1st game on Monday. LOTTE DIOMEDE – good luck to this club. JIM SABEN – the O's. CURLY CAREY – \$5: Tammy & Jim; his Marathon number is 33643; the Guest Speakers; 2 military nephews coming home. STEVE ALBRIGHT – Curly & looking for a good jeweler (Jill's birthday)!



Calendar

Apr. 26 Rotary Leadership Institute (Holiday Inn, Peabody, MA).
May. 2, 3 District Conference. Seacrest, Falmouth, MA
May. 3-9 GSE from Germany
May. 9-11 RYLA (The Cape Cod Sea Camps).
May. 21 Rotary - Family Mini-Golf

Program Committees: Please notify Curly Carey and Phil Morris of your speakers. You are responsible for providing the write up on the speaker for the following week's TGIFY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The voluble and vivacious **Chris Kelley**, the (almost) newest member in the Yarmouth Rotary, volunteered to deliver a vigorous voice and vent vocal vitality to Rotary's 4-Way Test, which she accomplished in the vernacular via verve and voluminous vivacity.

● **Jack Leon** is in the hospital – feel free to SEND A CARD OR NOTE.

● **The Yarmouth Food Pantry** – food-of-the-month is suggested cream of mushroom soup (which is not the same as toadstool chowder).

● The next Yarmouth Rotary Club DINNER-FOR-CHAMP-HOUSE is Friday, May 2 – Pat Armstrong will lead the team.

● The Group Study Exchange team from Germany (*GSE is now called VTT*) will be hosted by the Yarmouth Rotary May 3 to 9, and the Club is looking for two more HOST FAMILIES for overnight and/or transportation.

● **Elena Schuck** – MINI-GOLF FAMILY EVENT (Saturday, May 31) update – New this year: a Dunk Tank & massage tables & vendor tables, such as 4H and the Girl Scouts. Sponsorships: \$100 for back of a T-shirt, \$50 for a sign, & (SPECIAL BARGAIN!) \$150 for both as a package.

● Rotary International's **Volunteer Work Day** is Saturday, April 26. The Yarmouth Rotary will be sprucing up Pack-et's Landing at the Bass River Bridge from 8 am to noon. BRING TOOLS, such as a rake (*yours*).

● The **District Conference** for District 7950 is Friday & Saturday, May 2 & 3, at the Sea Crest in Falmouth. SIGN UP.

● **John Lynch & Mike Duffy** – Co-chairs of the Golf Tournament Committee – the Annual Yarmouth Rotary Golf Tournament will be September 22. BE READY.

● DONATIONS are still welcome for **Curly Carey's** Boston Marathon run (April 21) to raise money on behalf of D.Y.E.C.H. (the Dennis-Yarmouth Ecumenical Council for the Prevention of Homelessness). “This year is very big and very special!”

● **Two (2) Red Sox tickets available** – **Tammy Glivinski & Jim Saben** just happened to have them – but being unable to use them – **Peter Murray** used his customary understated auctioneering skill to finesse a good price. He succeeded.

Happy Birthday!!!

Jill Albright - 4/21

Frank Gibson - 4/21

Paul Tardiff - 4/29

Happy Anniversary!!!

Marianne & Ken Eubanks - 4/26

Melissa and Robert Farrell - 4/28

MEALS ON WHEELS

April 29 Hawes/Frank Gibson

Substitutes: Bill Lemoine MEET

at the Yarmouth Senior Ctr.

528 Forest Rd., South Yarmouth

9:30 A.M.

FRONT DESK

2-May Pat Armstrong / Ron Hawes

9-May Ken Jenks / Esther Stocchetti

16-May Bernie Nugent / Stephen McMahon

23-May Bill Lemoine / Jim Walker

30-May Bob Boucher / Jim Quirk

PLEASE be available at 6:30 AM on your scheduled Friday. If it develops that you cannot attend, please immediately notify Jim Liedell (508) 362-0167. Jim will arrange a swap with another member, or fill in himself.

GREETERS

2-May David Akin

9-May Jill Albright

16-May Patricia Armstrong

23-May Al Belanger

30-May David Bisbee

6-Jun James Bogle

13-Jun David Botting

20-Jun Robert Boucher

GUEST POLICY

Prospective members are the guests of the Club for their first meeting

June: Rotary Fellowship

Al Belanger, Chair

Colleen Kramer, Mary Ann Gray, Elena Schuck

May: Service Above Self

Kevin Lennon, Chair

Jan Tkaczyk, Dean Sherman, Jacqueline Carnevali