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The Main Event

RISEING STAR – ERIN McNAMARA, D-Y REGIONAL H.S.



Nicole D’Errico, D-Y Guidance Counselor, presented **Erin McNamara** as this month’s Rising Star from the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School as having “*authentic maturity and personal integrity*,” and that was just the start

of the Club members witnessing of an impressive blend of accomplishment and insight. Achievements were indeed significant: internships, work-based learning, band, Student Ambassador, Student Mentor to freshmen, starting Cross Country as a junior, public speaking at events, and more.



However, **Erin’s** insights and values were perhaps even more powerful: empathy on a daily basis, not settling for the easy path, strong work ethic, evolving self-confidence in trying new things, and perceptiveness about the deep values gleaned



from the strong supporting people in her life. **Erin** summarized her impression of her high school life and experiences – in spite of a number of friends who went elsewhere after 8th grade, she “*has not heard of any school that has the full package like D-Y has.*”

PROGRAM – TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGE AT MAT-TACHEESE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Ken Jenks, wearing his hat as Rotary Literacy Month Committee Chair (it’s also *National Poetry Month*), introduced three Foreign Language teachers from the Mat-tacheese Middle School: **Maureen Crowley**, **Tara Mason**, and **Victoria Yam**, who work as a team in so many ways, even as they have primary responsibilities in different languages.

While the teaching & learning of each language may seem to be in mutual competition, the real emphasis within these very strong middle school programs is the immersion learning of other cultures through building the respective social language skills. The middle school two-year language program has the equivalency of the Level One high school language program.

Teaching non-English second languages have undergone many changes since the days of the old-style “*drill & kill*”



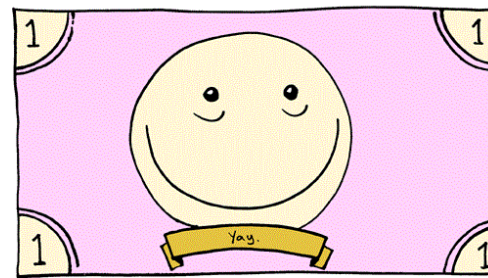
methods. Today, it is deemed very important to engage the student at the very beginning of the first year of foreign language learning, particularly considering the impact of *not* being able to participate later in the ever-important global economy. Another change is the use of technology – such as iPads and Google Earth – for students to create conversations & illustrations; to hear themselves and help one another; and to show their work and to learn a culture. Students still have to learn vocabulary and grammar; but, as was highlighted by these three articulate professionals, importance is on the four skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening.



Dates To Remember

April 12 – District Assembly (CCRI, Newport, RI).
April 14 – International Night (White's of Westport, 6 pm).
April 26 – Rotary Leadership Institute (Holiday Inn, Peabody, MA).
May 2 & 3 – District Conference (Sea Crest, Falmouth).
May 3-9 - GSE from Germany
May 9-11 – RYLA (The Cape Cod Sea Camps).
June 1-4 – International Convention (Sydney, Australia).
JUNE 25 - Installation Dinner, Yarmouth House - Route 28, Yarmouth, MA. Cocktails: 6PM

HAPPY BUCKS



JIM SABEN – personal story.
PHIL MORRIS – speaking of Foreign Language teaching: D-Y teacher & Rotary friend Leslie Fedge.
JILL ALBRIGHT – Matt returning in June.
DAVE BISBEE – Dennis Fin Com not listening / check out page 12 in the latest Rotarian magazine.
MARY ANN GRAY – thanks to D-Y.
BARBARA ADAMS – for Erin.
ESTHER STOCCHETTI – hockey team.
DAVE AKIN – a Curly buck.
PETER MURRAY – \$1 for grandson & \$4 for the DY Foreign Language teachers and for changes in teaching.
WAYNE HOHLER – has Windows 8 – doing fine.
GEORGE DAVIS – the McNamara family / late buck / Kaitlyn’s Closet Adult Easter Egg Hunt - “*tickets are going fast!*”
CAROL WOODBURY – \$5: foreign language support (now in 4 of 6 DY schools) / for Rising Star & choosing DY.
KEN JENKS – for the Rising Star / “*It starts with the community.*”
JANICE MATHESON – the flowers from Tom Martin / Erin / the Foreign Language teachers.
CHARLIE ADAMS – “*What a program!*” & particularly when compared to other clubs and schools.
CURLY CAREY – \$5; for Erin / for the Boston firefighter who was struck down (he was going to be in the Boston Marathon) / “*It’s an honor to run.*”
JOE POTZKA – for his own family ties.
SUE PROVENCHER – Tom Martin for the flowers / for grandson.
PAT ARMSTRONG – \$5: for Jim Liedell / for Erin & Jim Hoar / for the Foreign Language teachers / for Tom Martin & the flowers.
JOHN LEWIS – Windows 8 joke.
BRIAN BRAGINGTON-SMITH – a flat tire but Platinum to the rescue / appreciation for Rotary & DY’s programs & Rising Star / the wind from the past storm stripped off the house siding.
STEVE ALBRIGHT – Rising Star / DY’s language department / son Christopher soon to retire after 21 years as a Marine.



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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

It was a red letter day when, out of the blue, **Mary Ann Gray** – no black sheep herself – got the green light to read the purple prose of Rotary’s 4-Way Test; her delivery was white hot, and she seemed to be tickled pink as she passed with flying colors.

- Deacon **Dave Akin** is still collecting donations 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).
- The Yarmouth Rotary Club dinner-for-Champ-House à **Friday, April 4.**
- The **Group Study Exchange** team from Germany will be on Cape Cod, May 3 to 9 – hosted by the Yarmouth Rotary – looking for host families (overnight and/or transportation).
- **Elena Schuck** (pirate joke ending in “...years at ‘C’”) – the annual MINI-GOLF FAMILY EVENT, (Saturday, May 31, the week after Memorial Day). Tickets: \$10 / **Sponsorships:** \$100 for a T-shirt & \$125 for a sign. **Vendors** should have an interactive table.
- **Elena Schuck** also announced National Library Week (April 14 to 18) – not to be confused with Dr. Suess’ birthday – with reading aloud to students at the M.E. Small Elementary and a sign-up sheet for volunteer times.
- **John Lynch** announced two events via the Cape Cod Rotary Council: Bourne-Sandwich Rotary’s Trivia Night and Harwich-Dennis Rotary’s Texas hold-‘em.
- **John Lewis** had a “Computer Medical Minute” as he reminded those still using Microsoft XP that, as of April 8, 2014, Microsoft will no longer supply technical support or security support for that operating system. It is being phased out to be totally replaced by April 2015.



Happy Anniversary!!!

Susan and Richard Provencher 4/3

MEALS ON WHEELS

April 8 George Davis/Beth Davis
April 15 Steve Krintzman/Tom Ulrich
April 22 Joe Potzka/Stephan McMahon
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

11-Apr Tom Ulrich / Norm Weare
18-Apr Ron Standish / Dave Miller
25-Apr John Gilligan / John Lewis
2-May Pat Armstrong / Ron Hawes
9-May Ken Jenks / Esther Stocchetti

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

11-Apr Ronald Wright
18-Apr Barbara Adams
25-Apr Charlie Adams
2-May David Akin
9-May Jill Albright
16-May Patricia Armstrong
23-May Al Belanger
30-May David Bisbee

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

May: Service Above Self
Kevin Lennon, Chair
Jan Tkaczyk, Dean Sherman,
Jacqueline Carnevali

April: Rotary Magazine
Phil Morris, Chair