

# T-G-I-F-I-Y

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## The Main Event

### **GUEST SPEAKERS: MICHAEL ROBBINS & VICTORIA KENNER - A STORY OF ILLNESS, SELFLESS GIVING, & RELATIONSHIP BONDING**

**Mike Robbins** is Cape Codder who had kidney disease and was at high risk for kidney failure – which they did in 2013. He was hospitalized with lifesaving, but kidney-removing, surgery. No kidney function meant a life doing blood dialysis three days a week, four hours at a time for each process. The average life expectancy for a patient on dialysis was three to five years. Another option was to wait for a transplant operation from a “kidney harvest.” The standard wait for an available kidney by this method was five to ten years.

He was advised that the remaining third option was to “*find your own kidney.*” He undertook that avenue with a flurry of public requests and publicity through brochures, business cards, presentations, TV and radio appearances, print media stories, and internet social media. No usable responses came forward until (almost as a last resort) **Mike** put a sign on his lawn, poignantly requesting a life-enhancing donation of a kidney. He received 15 inquiries within two weeks; with one volunteer being a perfect match. That match was **Tori Kenner**, “a *young lady*” with 3 children and a job as First Sergeant in the National Guard at Otis.

After rigorous mental and physical testing – and insuring that **Tori** would remain deployable in the event of a military call up – the transplant surgeries took place in June 2015. All went well, and both individuals feel great and acknowledge that each has had their life changed for the better. **Tori** reveals that when she saw his sign, she knew she was “*meant to do this.*” Today, being a living donor means “*we’re family now.*” And **Mike** put up a large “Thank you, Tori” lawn sign for the world to know.

### **NEW MEMBER: KEN SHEYTANIAN**

**PP Tom Tomasik** conducted the induction of membership for **Ken Sheytanian**, with an assist from **Kevin Lennon**, standing in for sponsor, **Janice Matheson**. **Ken** is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Past President of the Watertown Rotary Club, where he was a member for 17 years. His vocation is Real Estate. In his comments as a new member in Yarmouth, he noted, “*this club is bigger and more active*” than his previous club. He feels strongly that Rotarians are “*true heroes of society.*”

### **RIISING STAR – TREVOR THOMPSON, CAPE COD TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

From his position as the head of Cape Cod Tech’s Engineering Program, **Steve Pisch** was present to introduce **Trevor Thompson** as a Rising Star. The Engineering Program is new at CCT, and **Trevor**, a senior and an “A student,” has been helping out within this changing and growing program since his freshman year. **Steve** is proud that **Trevor’s** plans include continuing his career in engineering.

**Trevor** feels that CCT has provided lots of opportunity and great experiences to follow his strong curiosity and enhance his creative thinking, particularly since he has always liked to “*take things apart.*” He is also an Eagle Scout, with over a decade of scouting experience (starting in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade) and a desire to become an Assistant Scout Master. His commitment to community service helped shape his Eagle Scout Project of creating benches, markers, and trails within the Morse Pond Conservation Area. **Trevor’s** college direction is for a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

### **CHRISTMAS AUCTION RESULTS: BARBARA ADAMS**

The Christmas Auction on December 2 was a huge success and set a new record of \$15,760! **Barbara Adams** expressed enthusiastic thanks “*to the team*” and to the members’ donations of items, dinners, and trips. She added that with this depth of support, “*it was easy to chair this committee.*”

Happy Birthday!!  
12/30 Jim Quirk  
1/3 Norm Weare  
1/5 Scott Vendersall

### **Happy Anniversary!!**

12/19 Howie & Karen Onik

### **Happy Bucks**

PETER MURRAY – alas! – won’t be able to partake in the prep for the Children’s Christmas Party as we will be leaving for Florida at noon. KEVIN LENNON – late buck / YFD’s 24 hours of camping-for-donations at the church parking lot of Our Lady of the Highway / Toys For Tots. DAVE AKIN – \$5: Michael & Tori / “my bride” / Yarmouth’s Fire & Police responders.

JILL ALBRIGHT – great Speakers’ story / great event last night celebrating with the Harwich-Dennis Rotary.

STEVE ALBRIGHT – yes, it was great / Rising Star / Christmas auction.

MIKE RILEY – late buck / the Speakers / Trevor.

DICK CORSINI – great to be back with the club.

HOWIE ONIK – late buck.

KEN JENKS – Mike & Tori / Trevor & his family & Cape Cod Tech / D-Y’s Holiday Concert with Ms Riley / 10 years ago there were 13 string students on stage with the concert orchestra, this year there were 54! / celebrate our kids.

JIM SABEN – \$3: welcome new member Ken / Tori’s gift / “sad news” from brother Bob in NC & his house SALE.

CAROL WOODBURY – the Speakers / Trevor / D-Y’s “concert circuit” – total of 9 this month / Christmas auction.

TAMMY SABEN – Christmas auction / the Speakers / Liz.

TOM TOMASIK – \$3: the Speakers & “reverse organ donor” / Trevor, “you have put it together” / new member Ken / proud of this club, everything we do leads up to a meeting like this.

PHIL MORRIS – \$3: the Speakers & how inspiring to hear together from donor & recipient / new member and Rising Star / Dec. Super-moon coming – look for the clues...!

KEVIN LENNON – collecting coat donations and offer resources for homeless at 4 active camps & their health awareness.

MELISSA FARRELL – Speakers / Rising Star / last night’s gathering of Rotarians (we have been tapped to do it next year) / Emma will be Speaker next week / welcome Ken.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UP-DATES**

**President Melissa** reminder: ● Jan. 5 (9am) – Brown Bag

● **Curly Carey:** Christmas Day Dinner for Champ House (45-50 residents), drop-offs Christmas Day at noon at H & K – or earlier at Matt Fitzsimmons home.

● **Bill Lemoine:** Wrapping of children gifts will be at the Yarmouth Senior Center, starting at 9:30 am. Need another 12 - 15 cookie tins (with cookies). Children Holiday Party on Sunday, start setting up at noon, clean up at 2:30 plus.

● **Steve Albright:** 2017 District Conference (April 28-30) will include clubs from more than one district. The Rotary International President will attend. Go online for details.

● Nominations Committee members: **Mike Riley, Tom Tomasik, Fran Webb, Melissa Farrell, Matt Fitzsimmons, Tammy Saben.**

● **George Davis** has raffle tickets (\$10) for Kaitlyn’s Closet - New England Travel Tree event.

### **BROWN BAG**

**January 5**

**February 3**

**March 3**

**April 7**

**May 5**

**June 2**

**July 7**

**August 4**

**September 1**

**October 6**

**November 3**

**December 1**

### **CALENDAR**

**Dec 16 DY Chorus Holiday Melodies & Exchange Student Emma Dragone**

**Dec 23 No Meeting**

**Dec 30 No Meeting**

**Jan 6 Liz Adams—Emerald Hollow Therapeutic Riding Center**

**Jan 13 William Terranova—Cape Cod Tech**

**Jan 20 Dr. Tom Burns—Cape Cod Veterinary Center (Speaking on Sharks)**

**Jan 27 Amy Martee, Esq. MA Colaborative Law Council**

**Program Committees:** Please notify Curly Carey and Steve Albright of your speakers. You are responsible for providing the write up on the speaker for the following week

December  
Disease Prevention and Treatment  
(wash your hands and cover your mouth)  
Charles LoBue

### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

**12/20 Bruce Gordon & Joe Potzka**

**12/27 John Gilligan & Rafi Chaprut**

**1/23 George Davis & Brian Sullivan**

**1/10 Phil Morris & Matt Johnson**

**1/17 Mike Duffy & Jim Bogle**

**1/24 Bill Lemoine & Mike Riley**

**1/31 Ken Livingston & Curt Sears**

**2/7 Brian B Smith & Jan Matheson**

**2/14 F. Mastromauro & Dr. Bruce**

**2/21 Joe Potzka & John Gilligan**

**Substitutes Steve Albright**

**Frank Mastromauro**

### **MEET**

**at the Yarmouth Senior Ctr.  
528 Forest Rd., South Yarmouth  
9:30 A.M.**

### **Front Desk**

**12/16 Peter Murray & Bernie Nuggent**

**Jan 6 Dave Botting & Ann Knell**

**Jan 13 Bill Lemoine & Norm Weare**

**Jan 20 Bud Nugent & George Davis**

**PLEASE be available at 6:30 AM on your scheduled Friday. If you cannot attend, please swap with another committee member.**

### **GUEST POLICY**

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

### **GREETER**

**Dec 16 Mike Riley**

**Jan 6 Jim Saben**

**Jan 13 Buill Savicki**

**Jan 20 Elena Schuck**

**Jan 27 Tom Tomasik**

**Feb 3 Tom Ulrich**

January  
Vocational Service  
ChantalHayes-Rice