

"Thank Goodness It's Friday in Yarmouth!"



GOVERNOR, DISTRICT 7950

Sharon Johnson DG.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF YARMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD FOR 35 YEARS

Box 448, South Yarmouth MA 02664

MEETINGS: FRIDAY, 7:00 AM, HEARTH 'N KETTLE, So. YARMOUTH

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The Main Event



Holiday Auction and Holiday Christmas Party—On Friday
December 13th we held our annual Holiday Auction to fund our
Annual Holiday Party for 30 families. The families are selected
by the social workers at the elementary students in the district.

Each family is treated to a full turkey dinner, provided by Jerry Manning and his kitchen crew at Captain Parkers Restaurant. Jerry's and his crew have been doing this since the beginning

and never hesitate to say yes each year. In addition, each family gets a

bag or two of gifts for each child in the family. Tins of cookies to each family along with a Stop & Shop Gift Card.

A visit by Santa and some of his elves along with cookie decorating, face painting and games round out the activities for the day. Thank you everybody.

As far as our annual auction goes, we had a great day. We started off with breakfast at 6:00 am, and a on time auction start time of 6:30 am. The bidding was fast and crazy and we were able to get all of the items auctioned off by 7:50 am, thanks to auctioneer Peter Murray and his helpers Chantal Rice and Roby Whitehouse. There were dinners, trips to Aruba and Estees Colorado available, motorcycle, boat and plane rides. Something for everybody to bid on.





Yarmouth Rotary Foundation update:

What does the Yarmouth Rotary Foundation do? At our last board meeting, we approved:

Updated the Foundation By-Laws – to be sent to the club in December and voted on in January. The By-laws had never been updated.

Donation of \$1000 to the organization Common Man for Ukraine. Along with 21 other Rotary Clubs, these funds will be used to bring food, generators, sleeping bags and other essential items to aid orphans and children displaced in the Ukraine. More information can be found on their website: https://commonmanforukraine.org

Provided \$4000 towards the Vacation Book Club. With three distributions, 1000 families receive books three times per year.

Voted to participate in a Driver's Education Initiative in collaboration with the DY High School. With a discounted program from CMSC (Central MA Safety Council) students are eligible to pay part (needs based) of the discounted price with Yarmouth Rotary Foundation contributing funds for the course up to a total of \$3000. The funds needed by each student will determine how many students we can assist. The program will be administered by the DY guidance department with the hope of creating better and safer drivers. The course includes:

- 30 hours of online training
- 2 hours of parent training
- Student workbook
- 12 hours of Hand-on driving instruction
- 6 hours of driving observation

More information on the Yarmouth Rotary Foundation to come.



COVID & CORKS—Wine cork recycling benefits our earth's sustainability. The Rotary Club of Yarmouth keeps on collecting corks and to date we have shipped at least 10 boxes of corks be recycled and then upcycled. Funded by the Widget Company, Cork Club is a sustainability initiative started in 2007. The goal of the Cork Club is to grow wine cork recycling and make donations to causes that protect our oceans and forests. The Cork Club donates to non-profit entities that clean plastic from our oceans, prevent deforestations and teach better ways to live in harmony with our environment. To date Cork Club has donated \$121,800 to these pro-

jects. For each natural cork, 2 cents is donated. Synthetic corks are recycled properly. So enjoy your wine and save the corks. All corks can be given to Carol Woodbury who will then ship them to Cork Club. KEEP THOSE CORKS COMING!!!!

December is Disease, Treatment & Prevention Month

This month we will share a brief Rotary moment each week which outlines what other Rotary Clubs and Districts are doing to help those in need, fight disease and improve the lives of others.

On the 14th of November, Rotary club of Mohali Midtown conducted ten free cataract surgeries under project Drishti. The surgeries were performed successfully, bringing clearer vision and better quality of life to the beneficiaries.

GOOD WORKS EMAIL ADDRESS: The Good Works Committee has a new email address. All correspondences and applications for assistance can be sent to the new email address. In addition applications for assistance can be found on the home page of our website. The new email address is: **rotaryclubyarmouth26580@gmail.com**

"We all require and want respect, man, woman, black or white.

It's our basic human right."

Aretha Franklin

Announcements

Words of Wisdom Schedule:

Jan. 31 - Phil Morris

Feb. 7 - Andi Taylor

Dec. 20 - Jill Albright Feb. 21 – Brian Braginton Smith

Dec. 27 – No Meeting Feb. 28 – Mary Lenihan

Jan. 3 – Mary Lenihan Mar. 7 – Elizabeth McInnis

Jan. 10 – Brian Braginton Smith Mar.14 – Jim McLoughlin

Jan. 17 – Elizabeth McInnis Mar. 21 – Andi Taylor

Jan. 24 – Jim McLoughlin Mar. 28 – Carol Woodbury

Apr. 4 – Steve Albright

Apr. 11 – Jill Albright

Feb. 14 – Carol Woodbury April 18 – Deacon Dave Akin returns

MEALS ON WHEELS

Dec. 24—Frank Mastromauro & Rafi Chaprut
Dec. 31—Steve Albright & Carol Woodbury
January 7—Phil Morris & Stee Crum
January 14—Bill Lemoine & Joe Potzka
January 21—Dr. Bruce Gordon & Tom Deltz
January 28—George & Beth Davis

February 4—Sally Bowles & Chantal Riee February 11—Joe Potzka & Bill Boyd February 18—F. Mastromauro & K. Livingston

Substitutes Steve Albright or Frank Mastromauro

Meet at the Yarmouth Senior Ctr. 528 Forest Rd., South Yarmouth, MA 9:30 AM

December Birthday's 12/4 Bill Savicki 12/6 Mike Duffy 12/11 Lou Preziosi 12/30 Jim Quirk December Anniversaries
12/2 Rosanna & Lou Preziosi
12/5 Mary & Dave Botting
12/17 Abby & Bob McInnis
12/19 Karen & Howie Onik
12/31 Chris Morin & Heidi Trester

FRONT DESK

Dec. 20—Matt Fitzsimmons & Bill Lemoine

December 27—NO MEETING

January 3—Jim Leighton & Jimmy Walker

January 10—Jill Albright & Andi Taylor

Calendar

12/20 - DYRHS Choir Directed by Stephanie Riley

12/27—NO MEETING—Merry Christmas and Happy New Years

1/3 To be Announced

1/10 To be Announced

1/17 To be Announced

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

December 20—Steve Albright
December 27—No Meeting
January 3—Pat Armstrong
January 10—Dave Botting
January 17—Sally Bowles
January 24—Bill Boyd
January 31—Brian Braginton Smith

SCHEDULES

The schedules through for Front Desk and Meals on Wheels have been updated through the end of the year.

They can be found on the home page on the Yarmouth Rotary Website. All you need to do is click on the link on the left side of the home page.

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

December

Disease Prevention & Treatment

Steve Albright

January

Vocational Service

Brian Braginton Smith

Happy Bucks—Everybody was happy at the meeting since we had a great turnout and some great fun at the Holiday Auction. No happy bucks were collected but we will be back at it again this week.





On Saturday December 14, 2024, the Yarmouth Rotary Club held a Wreaths Across America ceremony at Chandler Gray Cemetery in West Yarmouth. Wreathes were laid at the flagpole in honor of all of our veterans. Guest speaker for the event was Yarmouth Police Department Sargent Andrew Coville.

NOTICE

There is no meeting of the Rotary Club of Yarmouth on Friday December 27, 2024.

There will be a meeting on Friday January 3, 2024.



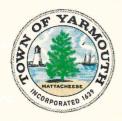
Cutches 4 Africa - Collection of items for the Crutches 4 Africa is an ongoing project, Lou Preziosi has taken over the leadership of this program. If you, your relatives, friends or neighbors have any mobility devises please collect them and turn them in at the Yarmouth Transfer Station or the Boy Scout Office. You

can also reach out to Lou if you need them picked up. Watch for people throwing them out when you visit the transfer station yourself. I saw someone discarding 3 great canes and was able to rescue them before they went into the dumpster.

Thank you to Roby for allowing us to use a storage container at the Yarmouth Waste

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MEALS ON WHEELS – Currently Meals on Wheels is experiencing a shortage of drivers for the delivery of daily meals. If you have a couple of hours one day a week and can volunteer to deliver meals for them, please contact the Elder Services Group at the Yarmouth Senior Center. They are there Monday – Friday from 9 -11. These deliveries are in addition to the service that we provide them though our weekly deliveries on Tuesday.



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PROCLAMATION Wreaths Across America Day

"Whereas: Wreaths Across America's year-long mission is to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. Since its inception in Maine thirty-two years ago, the program has grown to include more than three million volunteers, a third of whom are children, and over 4,600 ceremonies in every United States state and territory on the Second Saturday of December; and

"Whereas: Today, we honor the men and women of Yarmouth who, since our Town's founding, have answered the call to serve their country in defense of freedom, Whether they have reached their final resting place, or are standing here today, we can never forget their sacrifice. For this we say, "Thank you," and we are honored to be among you.

"Now, Therefore: we, the Select Board of the Town of Yarmouth,
Massachusetts, do hereby announce and proclaim December 14, 2024, as
Wreaths Across America Day in
Yarmouth, and we call upon its citizens to observe this occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

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PROCLAMATION Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

"Whereas: In the annals of American history, only a few events are so well-known and so deeply rooted in national remembrance that the mere mention of their date suffices to describe them. Of these occurrences, none could have had more significance for our Nation than December 7, 1941; and

"Whereas: On that Sunday morning, eighty-three years ago, the Imperial Japanese Navy launched an unprovoked, surprise attach upon United States forces stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. This attack claimed the lives of 2,403 Americans, wounded 1,178 more, and damaged our naval capabilities in the Pacific; and

"Whereas: Every honor is appropriate for the courageous Americans who made the supreme sacrifice for our Nation at Pearl Harbor and in the many battles that followed in World War II. Their sacrifice was for a cause, not for conquest; for a world that would be safe for future generations. Their devotion must never be forgotten.

"Now, Therefore: we, the Select Board of the Town of Yarmouth,
Massachusetts, do hereby announce and proclaim December 7, 2024, as
National Pearl Harbor Remembrance
Day in Yarmouth, and we call upon its citizens to observe this occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

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Mon.	7:00 AM	Barnstable Sunrise	YMCA Rt. 132, Hyannis, MA
Tues.	7:30 AM	Nauset /Orleans	Gibson Sotheby's Realty 6 MA 6A, Orleans, MA 02653
	5:30 PM	Falmouth	Check their Website for Meeting Place as it varies
Wed	12:10 PM PM	Martha's Vineyard	Portuguese—American Club 137 Vineyard Ave, Oaks Bluff
	11:45 AM	Nantucket	2nd & 4th Weds. Fairgrounds Restaurant, 27 Fairgrounds Rd. Nantucket, MA
	6:15PM	Chatham	400 East, 1421 Orleans-Harwich Rd. Harwich, Ma 02645
Thur.	7:00 AM	Bourne-Sandwich	Upper Cape Regional Technical High School
	7:00 AM	Harwich-Dennis	Grumpy's, 1408 Rt. 6A, Dennis, MA 02660
	8:00 AM	Osterville/Mashpee	Cap Cod Coffee Roasters 53 Market Street, Mashpee Commons, Mashpee, MA 02649
	12:00	Hyannis	Alberto's Restaurant 360 Main St. Hyannis, MA

Updated 8/9/24

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

December

Bob McInnis 48 years

Janice Tkaczyk 31 years

Patricia Armstrong 24 years

Dave Botting 15 years

Brian B. Smith 11 years

Ken Sheytanian 8 years

Thank you for everything you do for our community, Yarmouth Rotary and Rotary International. Thank you for your years of Service Above Self and all that you do for our Club and our Community.

2024 HELPING HANDS ACTIVITY SCHEDULED

DECEMBER

Saturday December 14, 2024

Wreaths Across America

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following members were elected to their respective office at the December 6, 2024 meeting.

President.....Paul Chatelain President Elect.....Tomas Tolentino Vice President......Mary Lenihan SecretaryJanet Soja, ADG Treasurer.....Stephen Albright, PDG

Director - Club Service.....Brian Braginton Smith

Director—Community Service....John Cooke

Director-International Service..Joe Potzka

Director—Vocational Service.....Chantal Rice

Director—New Generations......Bill Glass

Director—Public Image.....Karina Polk

Sgt. At Arms.....Bill Boyd

Immediate Past President.....Jim Seymour

Congratulations to all. We thank you for your service to our club.

Food Supplies at the Pantry are very low and the demand for the services of the food pantry have increased significantly. If you can make any type of food donation it would be greatly appreciated.

THESE ITEMS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AT THE YARMOUTH FOOD PANTRY

Canned Pasta Syrup Tuna Fish Mac & Cheese Soup Peanut Butter

Jelly **Instant Potatoes** Cereal Nutri-Grain Bars

Drop your donations off at the Pantry Mon—Thurs. 10am to 12 noon. Mail check donations to Yarmouth Food Pantry, PO Box 982 West Yarmouth, MA 02673

The Rotary Foundation:

Any time of the year is always a great time to make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation. You can designate the Annual Fund, Polio Plus where your contribution will be matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation 2 to 1, or you can choose any of the seven areas of Focus to designate your contribution to. For more information or how to donate to the Rotary Foundation, please feel free to speak with Steve Albright who chairs the Rotary Foundation Committee for our cub.

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Ask a relative, a friend, a neighbor, a business associate or a co-worker to join us so we all can do more in our community and our world.



We have a new Queen of Hearts game going on every week.

The Jackpot now stands at: \$250.00 plus this weeks Pot \$\$\$

You need to buy a ticket to win!!!

1 for \$1.00

6 for \$5.00

How many weeks will it take this time to find the Queen of Hearts?

12/13/24

CAPE COD BRITE LIGHTS

Cape Cod Brite Lights a501c(3) corporation that was started by our Rotary Club is now in it's third year. Its mission is "to help those in need on Cape Cod. "Our main focus to date has been to provide weekend backpacks of nutritional food for needy elementary students in the DY School System. A backpack of food consists of shelf stable milk (white & chocolate), juice carton, cereal, instant oatmeal, two proteins which could be a can of tuna, chicken, pasta, soup or beef stew, a cup of apple sauce, macaroni and cheese, Nutra grain fruit granola bar, cheese its, fruit snacks, pudding cup and 2 pieces of fruit. In addition, to give each student some activities to do during the holiday break we put a coloring book and crayons in each bag. We started with a total of 25 students but have grown to 45, an increase of over 80%. In addition, with the assistance of Interact we have started to provide the school nurse with feminine products for high school girls. In addition we will be providing students in need with bags of hygiene products during the upcoming school year. The Interact Club has applied for a District Grant to support this project.

How you can help:

First: Currently we have a board of directors of 11 members. Our bylaws allow us to have a maximum number of 13. If you would like to be a part of our leadership, please contact Steve Albright.

Second: We fill the backpacks and bags of food every Wednesday night at 5:30PM at the Yarmouth Food Pantry. If you would like to help one or two nights a month, again please contact Steve Albright. Currently we have enlisted the local Girl Scout Troop to help on the first Wednesday of each month and the DY Interact Club to help on the third Wednesday of each month. We are trying to make it a community organization where anybody can be a part of it.

Third: It costs \$300—\$350 yearly to support one child's backpack and although we don't have a total figure on the hygiene project, we know that the items provided are costly. You can make a donation to support these two projects by sending your check to:

Cape Cod Brite Lights—PO Box 286, West Yarmouth, MA 02673-0286

Or you can visit our website at **Capecodbritelightsinc.com** and make a contribution with your credit or debit card. In addition you can now sign up to make monthly donations to Brite Lights. A smaller amount each month makes it much easier. Visit our Website.

Fourth: Visit our website and learn more about us. Capecodbritelightsinc.com

Crutches For Africa

A Continuous Project by Yarmouth Rotary Club

Crutches for Africa is not a new project to our Rotary Club. We as a club have done collections for this great service and International project twice before. The first time we collected over 700 mobility devices and the second time we collected over 400 mobility devices. We are now hoping to set this up as an ongoing project. Lou Preziosi along with members of the International Committee are heading this project up, but we would like all Yarmouth Rotarians to help out. Search for any of the desired items in your home, your extended families homes and your neighbors homes. Round up all of the devices and drop them off at the transfer station where we have a storage trailer to store them. They can be dropped off at the gate house just before you drop off your trash and recyclables. If you need help please give Lou Presiosi a call or send him a text to arrange pickup of your items. All of the items collected will be shipped to Africa to help disabled individuals gain mobility that they never have had.



Items that we are looking to collect include: Leg Braces; Crutches; Forearm Crutches; Walkers; Wheelchairs; Prosthetic Limbs; Baby Joggers and Strollers and Bike Trailers. No Commodes or any other type of Personal Hygiene Equipment.

(Also No Electric Wheelchairs)



Leg Braces



Crutches



Forearm Crutches



Walkers



Wheelchairs



Prosthetic Limbs



Baby Joggers & Strollers



Bike Trailers

2024-2025 OFFICERS

Public Image Roby Whitehouse, PP President Jim Seymour Bill Glass **New Generations** President Elect Paul Chatelain Vice President Tomas Tolentino Secretary Mary Lenihan Community Service John Cooke Steve Albright, PDG Treasurer International Service Joe Potzka Past President Jill Albright, PP Vocational Service **Chantal Rice** Sergeant -At-Arms Bill Boyd Club Administration **Brian Braginton Smith**

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Barbara Adams +2 Joe Potzka Charlie Adams +3 Larry Putman Susan Glass Dave Akin Dr. Bruce Gordon +4 Shirley Putman Jill Albright (Major Donor) Jim Quirk Tom Gregory Steve Albright (Major Donor) Pam Rideout Faith Hallett Dave Angelica Sharon Hartley Richard Rideout Dick Appleton Denise Ring Ron Hawes Andy Armstrong Michael Riley Betty Herr (Major Donor) Pat Armstrong John Herr (Major Donor) Iim Sahen Matthew Barr Tammy Saben Richard Holden William Bergstrom Brian Salatiello Bob Huckman +1 David Bisbee Sue Huckman Dr. Paula Santos Judi Bisbee Matthew Johnson +2 Elena Schuck Blood Donor Center at CC Hospital **Curt Sears** Johnny Kelley Jim Bogle Howard Kendall +3 Jim Seymour lack Bohlin Nicholas Kerrigan Marcia Shannon Rick Bouche Kenneth Knell Dr. David Seinkopt Robert Boucher Barbara LeFleui Bill Boyd Janet Soja +2 Sally Bowles +2 Dick St. George Kevin Lennon +3 Brian Braginton Smith Kathy St. George John Leon, Jr. Jack Braginton Smith Esther Stocchetti Jim & Pat Leighton Rick Cannon Mary Lenihan Jefferson Sherman Storm Gerald "Curley" Carey +1 Jerry Sullivan John Lewist Jim Sullivan Giuseppe Carnevali **Bob Lindquist** lacqueline Carnevali Paul Tardif Charles LoBue eter Carnes +1 John Lynch Art Taylor Rafi Chaprut Jack Maclelland +1 Mary Ann Taylor Bob Churchill Jerry Manning Jan Tkaczyk Barry Clayman (Major Donor) Bernice Todres Tom Martin Gail Clayman (Major Donor) Frank Mastromauro Dr. Tom Tomasik Carol Clossen Ken McGuire Mike Tulman John Cooke + 2 Dorcas McGurrin Tom Ulrich +2 Hal Cooper Robert McInnis Josephine Umbro Finbarr Corr Linda McKnight +1 Ron Umbro Dick Corsini Lou McKnight Scott Vandersall Richard Covel Mary Vilbon Dave Miller Therese D'Abre James Walker Jr. +3 John Miller Dylan DeSilva James Walker Sr. Margaret Morgan Bob Dubois Marlyn Walker Mike Duffy G. Anthony Morrison Erik Wallin Kenneth Eubanks Connie Weare Peter Murray Marianne Eubanks +1 Norme Weare +3 Bernie Nugent Leslie Fedge Fran Webb +1 **Bud Nugent** lim Footer Judi Olkkola Bob Wells +2 aul Funk Howard Onik Roby Whitehouse +1 Sgt. Sean Gannon, YPD Carol Woodbury Marilyn Padalino KP Nero, YPD Nickolas G. Xiarhos, USMC Jim Peros Nancy Gardner Linda Pisacano Betev Ghiazza Rick Plumb Ed Ghiazza



ROTARY CLUB OF YARMOUTH PAST PRESIDENTS

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Richard K. Corsini	1989-90
Jerome J. Sullivan	1990-91
Linda McKnight	1991-92
Thomas J. Martin	1992-93
Phil Morris	1993-94
Rick Plumb	1994-95
Pam Rideout	1995-96
Judi Olkkola	1996-97
Esther Stochetti	1997-98
Rick Cannon	1998-99
Barbara LaFleur	1999-00
Rob Umbro	2000-01
Sally Bowles	2001-02
Jack MacLelland	2002-03
Jan Tkaczyk	2003-04
Rick Boucher	2004-05
Pat Armstrong	2005-06
Dorcas McGurrin	2006-07
Tom Tomasik	2007-08
Marianne Eubanks	2008-09
David Bisbee	2009-10
Jacqueline Adams	2010-11
Mike Riley	2011-12
Susan Provencher	2012-13
Stephen Albright	2013-14
Stephen Albright	2014-15
Tammy Saben	2015-16
Melissa Farrell	2016-17
Matthew Fitzsimmons	2017-18
Kevin Lennon	2018-19
Gerald Carey	2019-20
Gerald Carey	2020-21
John Gilligan	2021-22
Roby Whitehouse	2022-23
Jill Albright	2023-24
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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?"