

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

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## The Main Event

**New Member Ted Atwood** – Ted Atwood was inducted as a new member by District Governor Elect Steve Albright. Ted addressed the club and mentioned that he is thankful that he was able to participate in two of the hallmark events of the club: the Champ House Thanksgiving and Children’s Christmas Party. Welcome to the club Ted!

**Guest Speaker Deb Willsea - Cape Cod Toy Library** – Deb Willsea, of the Cape Cod Toy Library, spoke to the club. She is originally from the Rochester, NY area and began a family play learning center which was the first library. A toy library provides community access to toys. Rochester’s toy library has served 350,000 people and continues to provide tremendous access to high-quality educational toys to the community. This same concept was brought to Cape Cod. She mentioned that while research continues to show play is essential for children's healthy development, play is often missing in children's lives today. Play not only facilitates learning, it also helps heal. The toy libraries Deb runs create enriching environments that enhance children and family play experiences and provide a library of high quality educational play materials and resources for all areas of child development. She stated that more families are struggling financially and play is at risk. There has been a marked decline in children’s emotional and creative development and many children are not be prepared without healthy early childhood development. Childhood play is the foundation for development and success. Deb suggested that many parents are not aware of the serious ill effects from digital devices. A little known fact, 30-40% of Cape Cod’s preschool aged children are not enrolled in pre-schools. Toy libraries help to fill this void.

Since launching in 2017 - 400 children and families have participated. When children enter a play space and see the toys, the children immediately know and enjoy the experience.

The next steps for Cape Cod Toy Library is to add to the toy collection, develop partnerships in the community and funding support, and acquire a large space (4-5,000 sq. feet) to accommodate the programming.

For more information on the Cape Cod Toy Library, visit <https://www.capecodtoylibrary.org/>

**Champ House Christmas** - We just completed Thanksgiving, now we will set our eyes on Christmas. We will be meeting at 12 noon on Christmas Day at Hearth and Kettle parking lot to gather the meal to be distributed at the Champ House. Signup sheets were passed around.

**-Christmas Auction Update** - Barbara said the auction took in \$16,385! It was an amazing day! Barbara thanks Roby for being co-chair, the Albrights and Marianne Eubanks for recording bids, and Melissa Farrell as Vanna White. Never took in over \$15K, so this was record breaking.

**-Plant a Tree Project** - Dr. Bruce distributed over 90 Tulip Trees and Sugar Maple trees to anyone who wanted one. These trees will help beautify and keep Yarmouth looking great and helping the environment overall.

**-Rising Star** - Jennifer Hollis, a senior at Cape Cod Tech, has been involved in community service, does meals on wheels, and is a standout student in the Health Tech Shop. Jennifer spoke to the club and said that she always told herself to get involved in the community, and has done so. Through her shop she has served meals on wheels and works as a CNA at Liberty Commons Nursing Home. She has organized Cape Cod Cares for the Troops and competed in national robotics challenges with the National Guard. She serves as the student representative for the Dennis Recreation Commission. Overall, she is a great student, very active, and will pursue her bachelor’s Degree in Nursing and then aspires to be a Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations on being selected as this months Rising Star from Cape Tech.

### \$\$\$\$Happy Bucks\$\$\$\$

**-Jim Seymour** - Picture with Kevin at Christmas party

**-Ted Atwood** - part of the club/Christmas party/upcoming Champ House

**-Roby Whitehouse** - Party and auction - thanks to all who made it great

**-Jill Albright** – Yarmouth/Rising Star/Speaker

**-Dave Akin** - mixed emotions - see you in April

**-Tom Martin** - 25th anniversary of Children’s Christmas Party

**-Mike Riley** - Christmas party and Rising Star

**-Jim Leighton** - Rising Star/Toy Library/congrats to Carole Woodbury

**-Carole Woodbury** - Rising star and family support/Children’s Christmas Party/Toy Library

**-Ken Jenks** - Rising Star and family/Cape Tech/leave early for Ron/guest speaker/Christmas Party with huge turnout of student helpers

**-Barbara Adams** - Interact club and number of volunteers/wonderful party/Rising Star/speaker

**-Dorcas McGurrin** - Rising Star/Toy Library

**-Brian B. Smith** - Rising Star and family

**Christmas Dinner** for Champ House. Again this year we will be providing Christmas Dinner to the residents of Champ House. Similar to Thanksgiving we will be asking for volunteers to sign up to cook turkeys, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, pies, deserts and purchase items such as cranberry sauce and bottled water. Collection will take place at the H&K Restaurant on Christmas morning and will then be delivered to Champ House.

12/21—1/2  
**Happy Birthday!!!!**  
12/30 Jim Quirk

**Happy Anniversary!!!!**  
No Anniversaries

**- Christmas Party Update** - Bill Lemoine and Mary Cotoia updated the club on the annual Children’s Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The party went over perfectly, thank you for everyone who worked on it. There were many people on the committee who did yeoman’s work to make it happen. Bill thanked all who participated on behalf of the committee. Mary thanked Bill for his leadership and delegation! Mary noted an increase in participation from the school, which helped make the day go smoothly.

### Rotary Foundation’s 6 Areas of Focus

The Trustees of the Rotary Foundation have identified six areas of focus for the new grant model. These areas reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs that Rotarians are addressing worldwide. The 6 areas of focus are:

Peace and Conflict Resolution  
Disease prevention and Treatment  
Water and Sanitation  
Maternal and Child Health  
Basic Education and Literacy  
Economic and Community Development

**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..



## It’s Not Too Early To THINK GOLF TOURNAMENT

### Quotes of the Week:

**“If somebody said you were too Rotarian. Would they have enough evidence to convict you?”**

### BROWN BAG

January 4  
February 1  
March 1  
April 5  
May 3  
June 7  
July 5  
August 2  
Sept 6

### Calendar

Dec 21 DYHS Chorus—Holiday Songs  
Dec 25—Christmas Dinner for Champ House  
Dec 28 NO MEETING  
Jan 1 Happy New Years  
Jan 4—TBA  
Jan 11—TBA  
Jan 18—TBA  
Jan 25—TBA

### MEALS ON WHEELS

12/25 No MOW

1/1 No MOW

1/8 Joe Potzka &

1/15 Dr. T. Tomasik & L. Butler

1/22 John Gilligan & Dr. Bruce

1/29 Geo. Davis & Mike Karras

2/5 Rafi Chaprut & Charlie Adams

2/12 Bill Lemoine & Phil Morris

2/19 Ken Jenks & Ann Knell

2/26 Chantel Rice & Mike Riley

Substitutes Steve Albright  
Frank Mastromauro  
MEET

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

### FRONT DESK

12/21 Tom Ulrich & Liam Butler

12/28 No Meeting

1/4 Jill & Steve Albright

1/11 Peter Murray & Bernie Nugent

1/18 Roby Whitehouse & Bud Nugent

1/25 Bill Savicki & Tom Zurn

2/1 Brian Sullivan & Paul Chatelain

2/8 John Gilligan & Hollie Handrahan

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 21 Brian Braginton Smith

Dec 28 No Meeting

Jan. 4 Liam Butler

Jan. 11 Chuck Carey

Jan. 18 Curley Carey

Jan 25 Rafi Chaprut

Feb 1 Barry Clayman

Feb 8 Paul Chatelain

Feb 15 John Cooke

January  
Vocational Service  
Tom Martin

February  
Peace & Conflict Resolution  
Chantel Hayes Rice