

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

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## The Main Event

**-Guest Speaker - Zak Mertz** - Executive Director of Cape Wildlife Center – The Cape Wildlife Center focuses on environmental stewardship, animal rehabilitation, and education. They have treated 2,000 wild animals in the first year since the change in affiliation last year. They boast a full-time veterinary staff, technicians, students and volunteers.

In the process of treating animals, the Cape Wild Center uses rehabilitation as an avenue to educate. Part of their ongoing efforts include writing grants to provide high quality STEM education as well as an active internship program and wildlife rehabilitation courses. The goal is to pull the community into what the organization is doing. Zak stated, “If we are going to have an impact on biodiversity and the Cape’s ecosystem, we must include the community and transfer as much knowledge as possible.” Zak also mentioned that any groups interested in learning about animals and rehabilitation are welcome to contact the center.

Public Health is another arm of the organization. This is the only organization on the Cape to deal with oil spills, environmental disasters, and pet checks. They also aid in treating people who may have been exposed to wild or diseased animals. Zak stated, “Often, the Cape Wildlife Center is the lynchpin in coordinating state and local response coordination.”

The Cape Wildlife Center is actively bringing together the community through education. People come together and learn through the center, whether through the classroom, active volunteerism, or lending their space to any organization with a similar mission. In the process of treating 2,000 animals last year, they were able to engage a Girl Scout troop that build raccoon baiting traps to help prevent the spread of rabies. He stated, “There is no greater learning opportunity for long lasting science lessons than hands on with animals. It is a tangible subject, where everyone is working together for a common goal. Raise level of environmental stewardship through empowering people.”

The Center is a small non-profit that survives off donations from the community. They are looking for pathways to permanence on the Cape by to purchasing a permanent facility.



**-Moon Report** – There will be a rare super-blue-blood-moon on Wednesday, Jan 31. This will not only be the second full moon this month, but it will also be a super-moon during a lunar eclipse. This is the first time all three events occurred simultaneously since 1866. Phil Morris let the club know that with this eclipse, there is no need for special glasses.

**-Cape and Island Rotary Council Project** - Brad Boyd, the Past President of Harwich-Dennis Club and newly appointed Assistant District Governor for Area 1, presented the council’s recent vote for the next region-wide project: Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod. Habitat for Humanity has built homes in every town on the Cape and Brad noted the great need for low-moderate income housing in the area. The first part of the project will be to form a committee to begin fundraising. Brad is visiting clubs in search of one volunteer from each club who would like to participate and begin planning the fundraiser within the next year. If anyone has interest, please contact Matt Fitzsimmons or Brad Boyd.



**-Greeter/Attendance** - Kevin Lennon was the greeter stated that the low turnout to the meeting must have been because there was a cop standing at the door. He said that the next time he is the greeter, he will wear a firefighter suit.



Guest Speaker Zak Mertz

**TGIFY Writers Needed** - If you would like to help with the TGIFY by taking notes each week and helping to write the content, please contact John Cooke. It was noted last week that the Happy Bucks are no longer included in the TGIFY. We can certainly bring back that section, but will need the assistance of club members who are willing to help out. If interested, please contact John Cooke.



“Success is not final; failure is not fatal; It is the courage to continue that counts.”  
Winston Churchill



Happy Birthday!!!  
Feb 6 Jan Tkaczyk

Happy Anniversary!!!  
No Anniversaries

**BROWN BAG**  
February 2  
March 2  
April 6  
May 4  
June 1  
July 6  
August 3  
September 7

## CALENDAR

Feb 2—Don Cox—Cape Cod Military Support Foundation (winner of the 2017 Patriots Foundation Award)  
Feb 9 - Chris Morin—Independence House  
Feb 10—Prepets & President Training—Whites of Westport 8am—12:30 am  
Feb 13—Grants Training Seminar (Webinar) 6pm  
Mar 8—10—PETS (For Kevin L. Sheraton Framingham MA  
Mar 31 RLI—Amica , Lincoln RI (Open to all members)  
Apr 12 Grant Training Seminar (Webinar) 6 pm  
Apr 14—District Assembly - Whites, Westport 8am—12:30 pm  
Sept 20—Golf Tournament—Cummaquid Golf Club 1 pm

**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.

February  
Peace & Conflict Resolution  
Janice Matheson

## MEALS ON WHEELS

2/6 Jim Bogle & Mike Duffy  
2/13 Rafi Chaprut & Dr. Tom T.  
2/20 Dr. Bruce & John Gilligan  
2/27 Chantel H Rice & Mike Riley  
3/6 Joe Potzka & Ken Sheytanian  
3/13 Scott Vandersall & Ken Livingston  
3/20 Ann Knell & Carol Woodbury  
3/27 F. Mastromauro & Matt Johnson

Substitutes Steve Albright  
Frank Mastromauro

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

## FRONT DESK

2/2 Jim Saben & Brian Sullivan  
2/9 Roby Whitehouse & Jim Bogle  
2/16 Bob Boucher & F. Mastromauro  
2/23 Peter Murray & Bernie Nugent  
3/2 John Gilligan & Bill Lemoine

**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

Feb 2 Ken Livingston  
Feb 9 Tom Martin  
Feb 16 Allison McEacheron  
Feb 23 Frank Mastromauro  
Mar 2 Dorcas McGurrian  
Mar 9 Phil Morris  
Mar 16 Peter Murray

March  
Water & Sanitation