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"Thank Goodness It's Friday in Yarmouth!"



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF YARMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

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

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The Main Event

Sue Hunt
Companion Animal Program

Companion Animal Program of Cape Cod (CAP), a recognized leader in the field of pet therapy work. CAP is celebrating its 40th anniversary of serving Cape Cod! More than 100 qualified handlers and their wonderful dogs visit hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, schools, libraries, and other community programs from Bourne to Provincetown.

CAP dogs are owned by individual members, and with their handlers, become qualified to work in the program after fulfilling the prerequisite of acquiring the AKC Canine Good Citizen certificate and successfully completing CAP training, evaluation, and orientation.

CAP's Children and Adult Specialty Visits teams are always busy touching the lives of many residents on Cape Cod. The program includes "Tales to Tails" visits in which children and youth read to our non-judgmental dogs. Visits to hospitals and specialty community events are also part of this program. They visit around 47 facilities on the Cape and visit all 3 Cape Cod Hospitals, and about 3 schools per week.



Sarah Soares – DYRHS Rising Star

Sarah is a senior and serves as a School Ambassador. Her fluency in three languages is a huge asset to that role. Her career path has been geared towards graphic design and currently is an intern at George Davis Building.

Sarah immigrated to the US at a young age and was unsure how locating to a different country that was unfamiliar to her 8 years ago. She has worked hard in school and serves on two national honor Societies and serves as an editor for the School Yearbook.

Growing up her father worked in construction. That has inspired her to go into architecture. She plans to study this in school.



Announcements

February Birthdays

2/6 Jan Tkaczyk
2/23 Jim Leighton
2/29 George Davis

February Anniversaries
2/20 Phil & Deb Morris 19 yrs.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Currently we will be doing Meal on Wheels the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of every month.

March 4—Phil Morris & Carol Woodbury
March 18—Steve Albright & F. Mastromauro
April 1—Joe Potzka & Bill Boyd
April 15—Sally Bowles & Steve Crum
April 29—Rafi Chaprut & Dr. Bruce Gordon
May 6—Chantal Rice & Ken Livingston
May 20—Phil Morris & Carol Woodbury
June 3—Bill Boyd & Steve Albright
June 17—Chantal Rice & Joe Potzka
Substitutes Steve Albright or Frank Mastromauro
Meet at the Yarmouth Senior Ctr.
528 Forest Rd., South Yarmouth, MA
9:30 AM

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

Steve Albright - International Project, Emily 4.0 GPA plus made the Chancellors List
Tomas Tolentino - District Training, Rising Star, Speaker
Brian B. Smith - Rising Star and family
Curt Sears - are we doing a flag pole at Parkers river
Carol Woodbury - Rising Star, Jackie Carnivale,
Joe Potzka - Patriots, Rising Star, basketball referee season is over



FRONT DESK

February 20—Janet Soja & Chantal Rice
February 27—Bud Nugent & Hollie Souza
March 6—Dave Botting & George Davis
March 13—Bill Lemoine & Andi Taylor
March 20—Matt Fitzsimmons & Tom Deltz
March 27—Roby Whitehouse & Ken Sheytanian
April 3—Wendy Brown & Janet Soja
April 10— Chantal Rice & Bud Nugent

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

Calander 2026

February 20— Chantal Rice—Classification Talk
February 27— Steve Rand & Susan Mathison—Common Man for Ukraine

GUEST POLICY

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

GREETER

Feb. 20—Wendy Brown
Feb. 27—Curley Carey
Mar. 6—Rich Chwastiak
March 13—Rafi Chaprut
March 20—Adra Cohen
March 27— John Cooke
April 3—Steve Crum
April 10—George Davis
April 17—Tom Deltz

SCHEDULES

The schedules for Front Desk and Meals on Wheels have been updated through the end of the June. Thank you to those of you that have volunteered for both of these important jobs. 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.

February
Peace & Conflict Resolution
Joe Potzka

March
Water & Sanitation
Roby Whitehouse

Words of Inspiration Schedule

2/20/26—Ken Sheytanian
2/27/26—Andi Taylor
3/6/26—Carol Woodbury
3/13/26—Rufus Jones
3/20/26—Mary Lenihan
3/27/26—Jim McLoughlin
4/3/26—Deacon Dave Returns

Save the Date

Golf Tournament 2026

October 1, 2026

Cummaquid Golf Course



Support Crutches 4 Africa



Enable disabled in
developing countries to
have hope, dignity,
health and access

Keep aluminum
out of our landfills

Crutches 4 Africa - Collection of items for the Crutches 4 Africa is an ongoing project,

Joe Potzka has taken over the leadership of this program.

If you, your relatives, friends or neighbors have any mobility devices please collect them and turn them in at the Yarmouth Transfer Station. 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 Facility.

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

Life is like a camera—Focus on what's important; Capture the good times; Develop from the negatives; and if things don't work out; Take another shot

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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

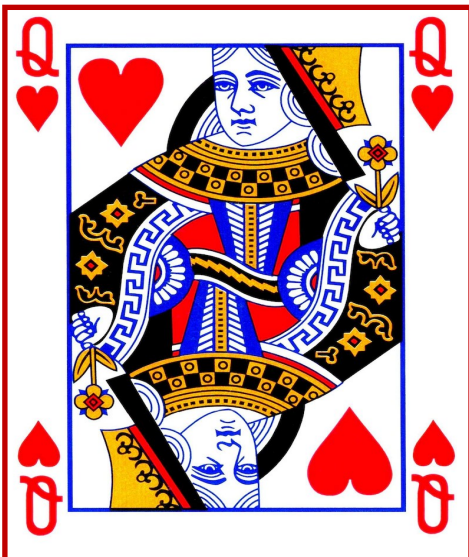
February

George Davis—17 yrs.

Tomas Tolentino—4 yrs.

Bill Boyd—3 yrs.

Thank you for your years of Service Above Self and all that you do for our Club, our Community and the world.



Another great game of Queen of Hearts is in progress.

The Jackpot now stands at:
\$378.00 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?

You have to BUY A TICKET OR SIX to win.



Newsletter Fall 2025

Cape Cod Brite Lights is now five years into our purpose of Helping Cape and Island Residents. We started with weekend nutrition for thirty elementary school children. This has grown to over 60 students who are provided with healthy options for weekend nutrition.

Our next outreach was to provide hygiene for high school students. This grew to include both the Dennis Yarmouth High School and Cape Tech High School and again grew to include two of the elementary schools.

A need for shoes for graduating seniors was identified and we were able to assist. This fall, the need for building blocks, whiteboard markers, glue sticks and binders was identified and again, Cape Cod Brite Lights was able to help. Also identified was a need for Kleenex and disinfection wipes, something teachers had been purchasing with their own funds. Cape Cod Brite Lights was again able to help out.

Additionally, we continue to support the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce and the Yarmouth Police Department with gift cards to local grocery stores. These help those in need who could just use a little boost.

With the holiday season fast approaching, Cape Cod Brite Lights will be assisting the Yarmouth Rotary Club in providing holiday meals for both Thanksgiving and Christmas to families identified by the schools as needing help.

All this would not be possible without the generous support of our donors. With our all-volunteer workers, 100% of your donation goes to help others. We thank you for your continued support as Cape Cod Brite Lights continues to search for ways to help our fellow Cape Codder's.

Thank you

The Board of Directors, Cape Cod Brite Lights, Inc

<https://www.capecodbritelightsinc.com>

Cape Cod Brite Lights Inc .PO Box 286, West Yarmouth MA 02673

To Donate, Click on the QR Code



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. Joe Potzka 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

2025-2026 OFFICERS

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| President | Paul Chatelain | Public Image | Karina Polk |
| President Elect | Tomas Tolentino | New Generations | Bill Glass |
| Vice President | Mary Lenihan | Secretary | Janet Soja, AG |
| Community Service | John Cooke | Treasurer | Steve Albright, PDG |
| International Service | Joe Potzka | Past President | James Seymour, PP |
| Vocational Service | Chantal Rice | Sergeant –At-Arms | Bill Boyd |
| Club Administration | Brian Braginton Smith | | |

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Barbara Adams +2 | Bill Glass +3 | Joe Potzka |
| Charlie Adams +3 | Susan Glass | Larry Putman |
| Dave Akin | Dr. Bruce Gordon +4 | Shirley Putman |
| Jill Albright (Major Donor) | Tom Gregory | Jim Quirk |
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| Rick Boucher | Kenneth Knell | Dr. David Seinkppf |
| Robert Boucher | Barbara LeFleur | Ken Sheytanian +4 |
| Bill Boyd+1 | Fern Lemay | Janet Soja +2 |
| Sally Bowles +2 | Kevin Lennon +3 | Dick St. George |
| Brian Braginton Smith | John Leon, Jr. | Kathy St. George |
| Jack Braginton Smith | Jim & Pat Leighton | Esther Stochetti |
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| Giuseppe Carnevali | Bob Lindquist | Jim Sullivan |
| Jacqueline Carnevali | Charles LoBue | Paul Tardif |
| Peter Carnes +1 | John Lynch | Art Taylor |
| Rafi Chaprut | Jack MacLelland +1 | Mary Ann Taylor |
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| Gail Clayman (Major Donor) | Frank Mastromauro | Dr. Tom Tomasik |
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| Richard Covell | Dave Miller | Mary Vilbon |
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| Dylan DeSilva | Margaret Morgan | James Walker Sr. |
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| Kenneth Eubanks | Peter Murray | Connie Weare |
| Marianne Eubanks +1 | Bernie Nugent | Norme Weare +3 |
| Leslie Fedge | Bud Nugent | Fran Webb +1 |
| Jim Footer | Judi Olkkola | Bob Wells +2 |
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| Paul Funk | Marilyn Padalino | Carol Woodbury |
| Sgt. Sean Gannon, YPD | Jim Peros | Nickolas G. Xiarnos, USMC |
| KP Nero, YPD | Linda Pisacano | |
| Nancy Gardner | Rick Plumb | |
| Betey Ghiazza | | |
| 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 |
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| Dorcas McGurrian | 2006-07 |
| Tom Tomasik | 2007-08 |
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| David Bisbee | 2009-10 |
| Jacqueline Adams | 2010-11 |
| Mike Riley | 2011-12 |
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| 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 |
| James Seymour | 2024-25 |

*Deceased

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?"





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Cape Cod Brite Lights, Inc. supports Cape and Islands residents in times of need. You can make a real difference in a child's life with a small monthly contribution.

With \$240/year or \$20/month, you can fill a child's backpack for an entire school year.



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