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The Main Event

It was a dark and stormy night...actually, it *wasn't*, – it *was* a WHITE AND SLIPPERY morning! **President Melissa** noted an attendance of only 48, that everyone (including H & K staff) had trouble getting in, that the Guest Speaker could not make it – everything was running late and on diminished membership! What to do? No problem – simply vamp well and announce, “*I’m trying to fill up the agenda!*” The Chief of the Yarmouth Rotary refused to be flummoxed. Carry on.

“EXTEMPORANEOUS PROGRAM” SPEAKER: KEN JENKS, PRINCIPAL, D-Y REGIONAL H.S.

In March of this year, **Ken Jenks** will mark 17 years as a member (*and in more ways than just good standing*) in the Yarmouth Rotary. For more years than his time as a Rotarian, he has served as Principal of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School. Before that, he undertook stretches as Vice-Principal; and he has never softened his passion for his intervals as a History Teacher. So it should come as a no surprise that he could ably “fill-in” for the weather-delayed scheduled Speaker. However, his impromptu and off-the-cuff observations were not only heart-felt, but were illustrations of his own brand of experienced and muscular optimism.

Ken started with the reflection that “*education is a tremendously personal business.*” In a school of 992 students and 125 adults the outfall from immaturity mistakes, high maintenance behaviors, and work through “repairs” are a given with 400 “events” in a year. Mistakes by themselves can be OK, but horrible things cannot be written off as long as kids are not written off as horrible. Formula thinking can go both ways. Sometimes, the “worst” behaviors are from the “best” kids. He supports teachers, assistants, coaches, and administrators trying to find ways to stretch kids, or trying new combinations to motivate (from tough love to mentoring). He sprinkled in cogent examples of using context and settings to widen understanding and responses. “*Let’s prepare them for whatever they may encounter.*”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

President Melissa reminder: • Jan. 6 (9am) – Brown Bag.

• **Kevin Lennon** introduced **Katie Brown**, a good friend of the Yarmouth Rotary Children’s Christmas Party. She was the Official Driver for transporting Santa around and ensuring his safe arrival in the absence of a squad of reindeer. In addition, Kevin thanked her for “*all her hard work on behalf of kids*” and their happiness.

• **Curly Carey**: While making slight references to “wardrobe malfunctions,” **Curly** updated the securing of Speakers for April. He also summarized the results of the Christmas Day Dinner for Champ House: it took three vehicles to transport the “*lots of food*” donated by Club members, and it was just the start of a “*great group event for Champ House.*”

• **John Cooke** announced the annual Thank-You Fellowship at Captain Parker's Pub in West Yarmouth, Wednesday, January 18 (6 pm). Spouses and families are welcome to participate in thanking **Gerry Manning** and his staff for their yearly support of the Children's Christmas Party. Please RSVP to **John** so a head count can be provided to **Gerry** ahead of time.

• Speaking of Rotary fellowship, **Matt Fitzsimmons** outlined the Progressive Dinner event set for Saturday, January 28, \$100 per couple, proceeds going to the Rotary Foundation.

Happy Bucks

MIKE RILEY – “off the hook” / Ken, thank you / 2-week vacation coming. KEVIN LENNON – language?! - ride along with the YPD – “therapy” / Katie. JILL ALBRIGHT – \$2 – 7 kids & 6 adults, plus 3 different Rotary Districts in NYC / 3 Exchange Students together! BERNIE NUGENT – “happy volunteer appreciation.” EMMA DRAGONE – raffle announcement – buy tickets! CAROL WOODBURY – \$6: privilege to work with 6 amazing principals / same with all the teachers / has to start with motivated staff. KEN JENKS – keep improving / 12 hues of color / “that’s the way it is...” CURLY CAREY – Good Works Committee meeting / can no longer use closet in other room to store Rotary items, have to take downstairs / Katie. MELISSA FARRELL – thanks to Ken.

BROWN BAG
February 3
March 3
April 7
May 5
June 2
July 7
August 4
September 1
October 6
November 3
December 1

CALENDAR

Jan 13 William Terranova—Cape Cod Tech
Jan 18 Fellowship—Cap’t Parkers 6:00 PM
Jan 20 Dr. Tom Burns—Cape Cod Veterinary Center (Speaking on Sharks)
Jan 27 Amy Martee, Esq. MA Colaborative Law Council
Jan 28 Progressive Dinner

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

January
Vocational Service
Chantal Hayes Rice

MEALS ON WHEELS
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

Jan 13 Bill Lemoine & Norm Weare
Jan 20 Bud Nugent & George Davis
Jan 27 Jim Bogle & Bob Boucher
Feb 3 Charles LoBue & Brian Sullivan
Feb 10 Chantal Hayes & Ken Jenks
Feb 17 Jill Albright & Tom Zurn
Feb 24 John Gilligan & F. mastromauro

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
Jan 13 Bill Savicki
Jan 20 Elena Schuck
Jan 27 Tom Tomasik
Feb 3 Tom Ulrich
Feb 10 Scott Vandersall
Feb 17 Mary Vilbon
Feb 24 Jimmy Walker
Mar 3 Norme Weare

February
Peace & Conflict Resolution
Phil Morris