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The Main Event

Update from our outbound student Anna Yuen in Taiwan: Anna has made it through the Christmas holiday and is missing the cold weather. In Taiwan, they don't have time off for a Christmas holiday so she has been in school. Tuesday and Thursday mornings she attends a Chinese class in a Taipei university with other exchange students. The rest of the time she is in high school. Most weekends she is at a rotary activity and with the other district exchange students has been preparing for a dance routine for the end of the year Rotary party. This dance routine includes a traditional dragon dance as well as hip hop, which is very popular in Taiwan. Anna is finding she spends a lot of time with other exchange students and is glad for the support as their lives have similarities however she doesn't speak Chinese with them, which she sees as a drawback. Anna is having a good time in Taiwan, getting used to her life there and making friends. She has many pictures posted on facebook, which I am sure she would share with you.

Other updates from past exchange students:

Matthew Barr (Australia to Yarmouth): Matt has completed his first year at the University of Canberra, passing with distinctions and credits. In between studies and social activities (check them out on Facebook), he is working at The Schnitzel Haus where I am sure he is meeting even more people. As well as studies and work, Matt is playing Ultimate Frisbee at least three nights/week. While per his mother, money still pours through his fingers, and he is looking to come back for a visit, also in her words, all is good.

Daje Weber-Trebesch (Germany to Yarmouth): While we did get to see Daje during her stay here this summer, she has moved on and is now in Christchurch, New Zealand. She has bought herself a car, put a mattress and sleeping bag in it and is on her way. She says she is seeing beautiful lakes, bright blue water, huge waterfalls, some penguins, sheep and many Germans.

Emily Kennard (Yarmouth to Germany): Emily is currently in Florida at the University of South Florida in Tampa studying chemical engineering as well as thinking about minoring in German. She is working part time, going to school full time and looking forward to moving into her first apartment.

Isak Stalhand (Sweden to Yarmouth) (Although not a Rotary exchange student, he became active with Rotary activities): Isak has only one semester of school left and feels satisfied with his achievements. Shortly after school ends he will join the military and feels it will be a great opportunity to support his country and other countries in need of help. He is also looking to come back the U.S. to visit between school and the military.

Jasmiina Jalonen (Finland to Yarmouth) and Yvonne Tsai (Taiwan to Yarmouth) : While I didn't hear directly from either of them, from what can be seen on social media they are both in school and very active. Yvonne and her family involved with the hosting of exchange students.

YARMOUTH - The Yarmouth Police Department is losing a valuable asset.

According to a Yarmouth police release, K9 dog Kosmo has been forced to retire due to an injury. The on-the-job spinal injury has made it impossible for Kosmo to work as a police dog, ending his 5+ year career.

Kosmo will spend his retirement with his handler Patrol Officer Mike Kramer and his family. Kosmo began working as a police dog at the age of 14-months. Called a crime-fighting hero by Deputy Chief Steven Xiarhos, Kosmo has been instrumental in finding missing children and adults and running down more than this fair share of suspects, according to the release.

During [one memorable call in 2013](#), Kosmo was sent into the eves of a home in Sandwich when a suspect refused to come out of hiding for police. In 2011, Kosmo located an assault suspect [hiding in a pile of leaves](#). In 2014, [Kosmo nabbed a suspect](#) who had snatched a purse from a 70-year-old woman.

Deputy Chief Xiarhos said the department will want to replace Kosmo as soon as possible and hopes the unforeseen \$9,000 expense will win the approval of residents at town meeting this spring.

[Kosmo, a specially-bred German Shepherd from Slovakia](#), was purchased in 2011 using funds seized from convicted drug dealers.

- See more at <http://www.capecodtoday.com/article/2016/01/05/227618-YPD-K9-Kosmo-forced-retirement>

RISING STAR: KYLE ROGERS, D-Y REGIONAL H.S.

Lisa Fedy, D-Y's School-to-Career Counselor, presented Rising Star **Kyle Rogers**, noting how much **Kyle's** demeanor fits Rotary's philosophy of community support and service. Hoping for enrollment to veterinary school, **Kyle** has thrived in the worked-based learning program the entire four semesters and has interned at the Veterinary Associates of Cape Cod since age 10. **Lisa** noted that **Kyle** has been "*the best intern she has ever had*," coupled with his humor, kindness, and rapport with families. **Kyle** gave numerous thanks to others, including Interact, for having gained and "*learned so much*." His goals for college are UMass Amherst, followed by Tufts.

Happy Birthday

No Birthdays

NEW MEMBER: ADAM FEDERER

Past President Tom Tomasik welcomed into the Yarmouth Rotary a new member, Adam Federer, sponsored by Melissa Far-

A PRESENTATION TO SALLY BOWLES

Past President & Charter Member Rick Cannon, noting the presence of Joe Lawler (a Past Assistant District Governor and a major contributor to the founding and success of the Yarmouth Rotary), called Joe forward to assist him in presenting a gift-of-honor to Sally Bowles. Rick recounted how he and Jan Tkaczyk had "rescued" a number of captains chairs from the renovations of the old Bass River Savings Bank, refinished them, and gave them out over time to noteworthy recipients as Rotary Honor Chairs.

One of the recipients had returned their chair, and Rick, with Joe's help, continued the giving of the Honor Chair, this time to Sally Bowles. Sally is a Past President, a Past Assistant District Governor, and a Past Assistant Governor Coordinator – not to mention being the 2011 recipient of the Dr. Percy Hodgson Memorial Award for "contributing exceptional service to Rotary Club or District."

PROGRAM: STEPHANIE RILEY & D-Y CHORUS

Stephanie Riley, D-Y music teacher and Chorus Director, made a return visit with eight students ("the eight busiest" students) with an exceptionally pleasant vocal gift of Christmas carols. With customary enthusiasm, she expressed all of their gratification and "honor to do this in the community."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• A reminder to Yarmouth Rotary members regarding various aspects of attendance: send [MAKEUP notifications](#) to the Club Secretary, James K. Saben, as well as information or notification of extended absences when they may happen. Thanks (and Bob Wells thanks you, as well).

• Tom Tomasik – card to Marianne Eubanks, memory cards to past members.

• Adrienne Tardif – D-Y Interact Club Gingerbread House Contest (December 16) was very successful with 34 teams, & movie themes. \$800 will be donated to Habitat For Humanity!

• Curly Carey – Champ House Christmas Dinner – bring food for 10 to Steve Albright's store by 1:30 on Christmas day, Beth sends big thanks.

• Barbara Adams – Club Fellowship at the Adams House, December 27 (5pm)

• Christmas gift thanks from the Yarmouth Rotary Club to Hearth n' Kettle wait staff – for taking care of us so well.

Happy Anniversary
No Anniversaries

MEALS ON WHEELS
1/12 Scott Vandersall & Fran Webb
1/19 Brian B. Smith & Rick Cannon
1/26 Esther Stocchetti & Phil Morris
2/2 Tom Ulrich & Matt Johnson
2/9 Steve Albright & Tom Tomasik
2/16 Mike Duffy & Jim Bogle
2/23 Joe Potzka & Bill Lemoine
3/1 John Lynch & George Davis
Substitutes Steve Albright Frank-Mastromauro MEETS
at the Yarmouth Senior Ctr.
528 Forest Rd., South Yarmouth
9:30 A.M.

FRONT DESK

Jan 8—Dave Botting & Ann Knell

Jan 15—Bill Lemoine & Norme Weare

Jan 22—Esther Stocchetti & George Davis

Jan 29—Brian B. Smith & Charles LoBue

Feb. 5, -Matt Fitzsimmons & Wayne Hohler

Feb 12—Steve Albright & Chantel Hayes

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

GUEST POLICY
Prospective members
are the guests of the
Club for their first
meeting

GREETER

Jan 8—Jill Albright

Jan 15—Steve Albright

Jan 22—Pat Armstrong

Jan 29—Donna Baldwin

Feb 5—Jim Bogle

Feb 12—Dave Botting

Feb 19—Sally Bowles

Feb 26—Brian B. Smith

A New Year—A New Beginning

Calendar

Jan 8—Mark Grylls—Yarmouth Building Commissioner

Jan 15—Kathy Williams—Yarmouth Town Planner

Jan 22—Kathie Bailey—Yarmouth Director Senior Services

Jan 29—Coreen Brinckerhoff—President of C.O.R.D.

Feb 5—Mary Vilbon—Director Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce

Feb 12—Marc Dean—Dance in the Rain

Feb 19—Club Assembly

Feb 26—Jackie Lane—National Alliance on Mental Illness

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

January
Vocational Services
Phil Morris

February
Peace & Conflict Resolution
Melissa Farrell

