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The Main Event

Our guest speaker this week was Kathy McNamara Ohman from the Friends or Relatives with Autism & Related Disabilities (F.O.R.W.A.R.D.). The Mission of F.O.R.W.A.R.D. is to provide a small scale model housing community where adults with Autism and related disabilities will prosper in a safe, supportive environment. As young adults age out of the school system at age 21, there are not a lot of opportunities for them. The organization has worked since 2013 to secure and fund the building of a home for 8 individuals located in Dennis. F.O.R.W.A.R.D. has partnered with the Housing Assistance Corporation of Cape Cod and Cape Abilities, who will be providing the services once the house is built. The funding thus far has been to secure the lot, prepare for building, and ultimately building the house. Ongoing, the Department of Developmental Services will be overseeing the ongoing servicing of the 8 individuals living at the facility.

F.O.R.W.A.R.D. provides ongoing education through the annual Autism and Law Enforcement Education Coalition (A.L.E.C.). The next training will be on Thursday, April 12 at the Yarmouth Police station. Bill Cannata, a former firefighter and Statewide Project Coordinator of the A.L.E.C. program will share “best practices” that police, fire and all emergency personnel are learning to help manage crisis situations with individuals with Autism and related developmental disabilities.

Kathy spoke of the many challenges the organization is facing, such as the inherent & unique difficulties in melding Affordable Housing with Developmental Disability Services. She stated that the two are really very different streams and come with unique and different challenges. There has been, up until now, a general lack of interest by the Department of Developmental Services and a lack of support. This has made it challenging to secure the servicing needed to make the project sustainable going forward.



Future Rotarians

Vocational Service Award

Nominations are being accepted for this years Vocational Service Award. The award is given to recognize and award a person, organization or business for outstanding work in their vocation which improves the quality of life in Barnstable County and inspires others to do the same.

The nominee MUST:

- (1) Live or work on Cape Cod.
- (2) Reflect these high standards in his/her vocation.
- (3) Use his/her vocation to contribute to the growth and development of others ad or the community.
- (4) Be supported by letters from others who can attest to these accomplishments. Please remember these letters are a requirement for the nomination to be considered.

Nominations are due to Sally Bowles by March 23rd.

You can ask Sally for an application or get one from the club website.

DISTRICT 7950
Annual District Conference
May 18—20
Hotel 1620—Plymouth, MA
“Rotary Rocks Plymouth”



“Generosity lies less in giving much than in giving at the right moment”

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.

“ Don’t forget that maybe you are the lighthouse in someone else’s storm”



Happy Birthday!!!!
3/16 John Lynch

Happy Anniversary!!!!
No Anniversaries

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

MEALS ON WHEELS

3/20 Ann Knell & Carol Woodbury
3/27 F. Mastromauro & Matt Johnson
4/3 Steve Albright & Bill Lemoine
4/10 Jill & Steve Albright
4/17 Liam Butler & George Davis
4/24 Rafi Chaprut & Charlie Adams
5/1 Fran Webb & Robert Kaull
5/8 Dave Aiken & John Gilligan
Substitutes Steve Albright
Frank Mastromauro

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

FRONT DESK

3/16 Steve & Jill Albright
3/23 George Davis & Bill Savicki
3/30 Tom Ulrich & F. Mastromauro
4/6 Ann Knell & Dave Botting
4/13 Jim Saben & Brian Sullivan
4/20 Roby Whitehouse & Jim Bogle
4/27 Bob Boucher & John Gilligan

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

Mar 16 Peter Murray
Mar 23 Bernie Nugent
Mar 30 Bud Nugent
Apr 6 Joe Potzka
Apr 13 Susan Provencher
Apr 20 Jim Quirk
Apr 27 Mike Riley
May 4 Jim Saben
May 11 Bill Savicki

CALENDAR

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
May 18—20—District Conference—Hotel 1620 Plymouth MA
May 18—20 RYLA—Sea Camps—Brewster, MA
June 18—Installation of Officers—Cummaquid Golf Club
June 23-27—Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Canada
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.

March
Water & Sanitation
Ken Jenks

April
Maternal and Child Health
Kevin Lennon