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THE ROTARY CLUB OF YARMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

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MEETINGS: FRIDAY, 7:00 AM, FREESTYLE LIVING 822 RT. 28, SO. YARMOUTH

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The Main Event

Cape Cod Brite Lights – Roby Whitehouse - Nalia Hicks - Curley Carey

Cape Cod Brite Lights is a community Based 501c(3) nonprofit dedicated to supporting vulnerable individuals and families across the Cape Cod region.

The group works on Food security & basic needs through grocery store gift cards and direct food assistance to individuals and families experiencing hardship.

Hygiene and essential supplies are also important. These hygiene products are provided to local schools and community partners.

Cape Cod Brite Lights also does things to help improve their well-being and readiness to learn. School supplies such as tissues, sani-wipes, food nutrition bags including fruit for weekend, hygiene supplies as well as providing clothing for students for interviews and graduation.

Through community collaboration with local schools, Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce, and local public safety departments they are able to help identify those in need.

\$350 can help feed a child every weekend during the school year. There are also additional sponsorship opportunities.

For more information go to: www.capecodbritelightsinc.org



Yarmouth Rotary was recently presented with the **Impact Award** from the **Pathways to Independence Program** at **DYRHS**. The award states the the Club has stepped up this year and made immediate contributions to the students, bettering and improving the integrity of the program. This partner shows what a great impact one can make when they dedicate themselves to meaningful causes in the community and has been a welcomed addition to our program.



Zoe Logan - Senior at DYRHS

Zoe has a strong work ethic, and her assignments show her commitment and dedication to her future.

Zoe inspires to be a lawyer. She spent the past year interning at the Orleans District court. She has learned that the court system can allow the right process to work for people. The experience has helped her personally and professionally. She has learned that it is important to be organized and a good communicator. She plans on attending Suffolk University in the fall. Congratulations Zoe and best of luck in the future.



Announcements

May Birthdays

5/2—Linda McKnight
 5/19—Bruce Gordon
 5/19— Jim Seymour
 5/22—Carol Woodbury
 5/23 Brian B. Smith
 5/29—Frank Mastromauro
 5/31—Charles LoBue

May Anniversaries

May 2—Roby & Brad Whitehouse 23 yrs.
 May 8—Sue & Dick Corsini 50 yrs.
 May 27—Barbara & Joe Potzka 53 yrs.

MEALS ON WHEELS

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

May 20—Phil Mrris & Carol Woodbury
 June 3—Bill Boyd & Steve Albright
 June 17—Chantal Rice & Rafi Chaprut
 Substitutes Steve Albright or Frank Mastromauro
 Meet at the Yarmouth Senior Ctr.
 528 Forest Rd., South Yarmouth, MA
 9:30 AM

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

Bud Nugent - YPD 5K
Steve Albright - Brite Lights
Dr Bruce Gordon - Brite Lights
Joe Potzka - Brite Lights, Rising Star, Crutches for Africa
Carol Woodbury - inspiring students that have spoken
Pat Armstrong - Rising Star, Brite Lights
Jan Tkaczyk - Golf Tournament, Steve and Jill
Janet Soja - donation for a kid
Ken Shetaynian - Donation for a kid
Tomas Tolentino - Donation for a kid
Bill Boyd - Donation for a kid
Frank Mastromauro - Donation of 3 kids
Barry Clayman - Suffolk Alma matter



FRONT DESK

May 15 –Tom Deltz & Ken Sheytanian
 May 22—INTERACT CLUB
 May 29— Janet Soja & Bud Nugent
 June 5—Jill Albright & Hollie Souza
 June 12—No Meeting
 June 19—Dave Botting & Janet Soja
 June 26—

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

GUEST POLICY

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

GREETER

May 22—Interact Club
 May 29—Bill Glass
 June 5 –Dr. Bruce Gordon
 June 12—NO MEETING
 June 19—
 June 26—
 July 3 -
 July 10 -

Calander 2026

May 22—Interact Club @ DYRHS

May 29—JR Mell—Regional Director—Big Brothers Big Sisters of CC and Islands

June 5—TBD

June 11—Installation of Officers — 4:30 pm

June 5—

June 12—NO MEETING

June 19—Dr. Bruce Gordon—Sleep Apnea

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.

May
 Youth Services
 John Cooke

June
 Rotary Fellowship
 Steve Albright

Words of Inspiration Schedule

3/27/26—Jim McLoughlin

4/3/26—Deacon Dave Returns

Save the Date

Golf Tournament 2026

October 1, 2026

Cummaquid Golf Course

It is never too early to start looking for sponsors and golfers and other donations such as gift cards.



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

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

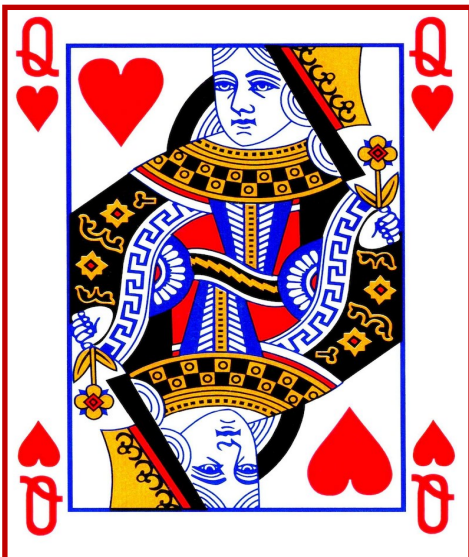
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ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

Bill Lemoine—21 yrs.
Steve Albright—18 yrs
Frank Mastromauro—16 yrs.
Hollie Souza—9 yrs.
Jim McLoughlin—8 yrs.
Tom Deltz—4 yrs
Rich Chwastiak—1 yr.

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:
 \$762.00 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? Is this the week?
 You have to BUY A TICKET OR SIX to win.



MOTHER'S DAY 2026

Support Ukrainian Mothers Widowed in the War



With Mother's Day coming up this weekend, co-founders Susan Mathison and Steve Rand visited the latest [Common Man for Ukraine](#) Mothers' Retreat in Zakopane, Poland.

The women who walk through our doors each month during these 10-day [mental health retreats](#) have been through a lot. Each Ukrainian mom has not only lived through a war zone for more than four years, they're also coping with the death of their soldier-husband killed in the war.

A year ago, we began running our [Mothers' Retreats](#) to give these mothers access to coping skills and the opportunity to build relationships with other women going through this unique hardship. The following is translated feedback we received:

“Everyone carries their own story, their pain, and their love.

Everyone learns to live in a new way, look for support in themselves, make steps for children, for life, for themselves.

The path became a little easier thanks to the people who created spaces of care, warmth, and restoration for retreat participants.

Many thanks to the organizers of the retreat—Common Man for Ukraine and Ukraine & Rotary Club Zamość Ordynacki—for their sensitivity, for their warmth, for allowing women around them to breathe more calmly, feel supported, and allow themselves to recover a little.

Thank you for the opportunity to see these women shine their light again.

This is priceless.”

- Feedback from Mothers' Retreat guest



Today, we ask you to think about these moms. Moms who refused to give up. Moms who wake up each day—tired, heartbroken, and still in a war zone—and show up for their kids.

Because that's what moms do.

Please consider [donating \\$200](#) to show these Ukrainian mothers that they aren't forgotten. Donations in any amount can be made [here](#).

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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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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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SHINE A LIGHT ON A CHILD'S FUTURE

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.



Learn More at
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