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The Main Event

Jim Seymour
Executive Director
Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center

Mission is to provide comprehensive life sustaining services for veterans and their families.

They continue to strive for an innovative and integrated program of essential services evolves as the needs of each generation of veterans emergencies.

Dennis House houses 5 veterans. Grace Family house serves 8 veterans. They are both transitional houses where they assist in getting back on their feet and into something more permanent.

They also have the CIVOC Food Pantry in Hyannis and mobile vehicles that can transport food over to the Islands and to upper and outer cape.

With their growth they have been requested to be in multiple places. They now have a new Ambassador program. It will allow them to increase their outreach, promote their mission, and connect vital services and programs.

They have been providing services to veterans and their families on the Cape and Islands for more than 42 years and will continue to serve them now and the future.



The annual Veteran's Day memorial service was conducted at Town Hall on Tuesday November 11th. The event was planned by David Akin. Commander Jim McLoughlon talked about the history of the Star Spangled banner. Pat Armstrong sang the Star Spangle Banner and Chuck Soule gave the invocation.

Teagan Sherman recited her winner essay titled "What Veterans Day Mean to me" Bill Glass presented Teagan a certificate, a Rotary Four Way Test Coin and a \$100 check.

Please take a few minutes and read Teagan's essay which is featured on the next few pages.



The Rotary Foundation:

Any time of the year is always a great time to make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation. You can designate the Annual Fund, Polio Plus where your contribution will be matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation 2 to 1, or you can choose any of the seven areas of Focus to designate your contribution to. For more information or how to donate to the Rotary Foundation, please feel free to speak with Steve Albright who chairs the Rotary Foundation Committee for our cub.

What Veterans day means to me

By:Teagan Sherman

You may think that I am doing this for the money, or just to win, but you would be severely wrong. I am writing this essay to honor all of the veterans who have fought so bravely and selflessly for our country. Veterans Day means to me that a brave stranger is at war fighting for my country or has died in the process. This important day also means more than you could imagine, because these selfless, courageous warriors not only have given me an amazing life in a safe country, but have compromised their own for all of us; risking their own lives every day for all of the souls homed in the United States of America. Another reason this holiday is so important to me is that I have had many family members fight for me and everyone who takes comfort in living in the USA. I hope it brightens your day, or gives you hope for our country and the veterans to come when you read this essay.



The first purpose of this essay and what it matters to me, is to recognise that a human, the same as me, took a chance at losing their life for me and many others. To me, that is one of the most humane acts of service a stranger could bless me with. There Selflessly fighting every day for our country and what it stands for, meanwhile some people brush off this extraordinarily devoted job, and the one day a year we get to dedicate to those who have fallen, and those who are still bravely fighting in unimaginably harsh places. There are noble warriors out in battle as you sit comfortably reading this right now, wondering every second, minute, and hour, of every day if they would get to return home or not to see their families; All while fighting so mine could get put first. That is truly a heroic act that needs to be more recognised.

Secondly, Veterans Day means to me that I am blessed to be in a safe home because of the fact that there is a person out in the world fighting for myself, my town, my state, and my entire country. All so we can all feel safe and secure where we live. These warriors put aside their safety to guarantee mine and yours, and I am eternally grateful that I'm homed in such a beautiful country surrounded by safety and peace of mind.

Last but not least, Veterans Day means that we should all take time to remember the fallen and their families in hard times. Some of the bravest people I know have served for our country, including my great-grandfather and great-grandmother, my uncle, and my aunt, and many family friends, who have all gone to battle for us. Words can't explain how that makes me feel, knowing they were put through some of the roughest situations and still persevered for the many years they served. Our country's condolences can and will never amount to what our Veterans have truly earned in their victorious battles, whether they have come home to their loving families, or died trying. Not all have had the blessing to return, but within their sacrificial acts, we get to live to embrace and spread their legacy.

Freedom is a blazing torch that can only be gifted to one from someone who has taken a leap of faith and burned their hands for us with dedication and honor. Take time on this very purposeful and thoughtful holiday to thank those around you who have served; and always remember to be grateful that there are so many people who protect you every single day and give you peace of mind, whether they know you or not.

Announcements

November Birthdays
11/20 Phil Morris

November Anniversaries
11/3 Pst & Charlie LoBue
11/6 Nancy & Brian B. Smith
11//29 Edna & Tom Deltz

MEALS ON WHEELS

Currently we will be doing Meal on Wheels the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of Every Month

November 19—Chantal Rice & Dr. Bruce
December 3—Phil Morris & Carol Woodbury
December 17—Chantal Rice & Ken Livingston
December 31—Joe Potzka & Tom Deltz
January 7—Bill Boyd & Frank Mastromauro
January 21—Sally Bowles & Steve Crum
Substitutes Steve Albright or Frank Mastromauro
Meet at the Yarmouth Senior Ctr.
528 Forest Rd., South Yarmouth, MA
9:30 AM

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

Pat Armstrong - Spinal Surgery in August, glad to be back
Bill Glass - Essay Winner, Jim Seymour
Jill Albright - Wonderful vacation and it was warm, Donations to Cape Cod Community Food Pantry, Veterans
Carol Woodbury - Jim Seymour, Food Pantry, Car accident that killed a DY student and other young teen
Jim McLoughlin - Yarmouth senior Center veteran event - veterans and speaking at Hyannis Rotary
Curley Carey - all slots filled for Champ House, Bill Boyd
Jim Seymour - Support of club, 11 essay writers,
Steve Albright - Jim and his organization. Cabo was warm and great, Nov 22 stuff a cruiser sign up
Bill Boyd - Jim and his leadership in the community



FRONT DESK

Nov. 14 -- Tom Deltz & Bill Lemoine
Nov. 21—Rufus Jones & Jim Leighton
Nov. 28—Happy Thanks Giving
Dec. 5—Janet Soja & Chantal Rice
Dec. 12—Andi Taylor & Wendy Brown
Dec. 19—Ken Shytanian & Roby Whitehouse
Dec. 26—Merry Christmas

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November 14—Celest Herbert—Rotary Foundation Major Gifts Officer

November 21—Matt Fitzsimmons -

November 28—Happy Thanksgiving (No Meeting)

Dec. 5—Annual Meeting

December 12 - Holiday Auction (Begins at 6:30 am)

December 19—DY Chorus

December 26—Merry Christmas (No Meeting)

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

November 14—Roby Whitehouse
November 21—Carol Woodbury
November 28—NO MEETING
December 5—Dave Akin
Dec. 12—Jill Albright
Dec. 19—Barbara Adams
Dec. 26—Merry Christmas
Jan. 2—No Meeting

SCHEDULES

The schedules through for Front Desk and Meals on Wheels have been updated through the end of the year.

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.

November
The Rotary Foundation
Steve Albright

December
Disease Prevention & Treatment
Tomas Tolentino

We Miss You

*If you haven't been to meeting lately,
please come and share the fellowship.*

*If you can't make a meeting, join us at one
of the upcoming fellowship events.*

The holiday auction

Committee is

Looking for great items

**to auction off. If you have an item or
two to contribute to the auction
please contact Chantal Rice or
Elizabeth McInnis.**



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.

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Ask a relative, a friend, a neighbor, a business associate or a co-worker to join us so we all can do more in our community and our world.

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

November

Bernie Nugent 35 years

Sally Bowles 34 years

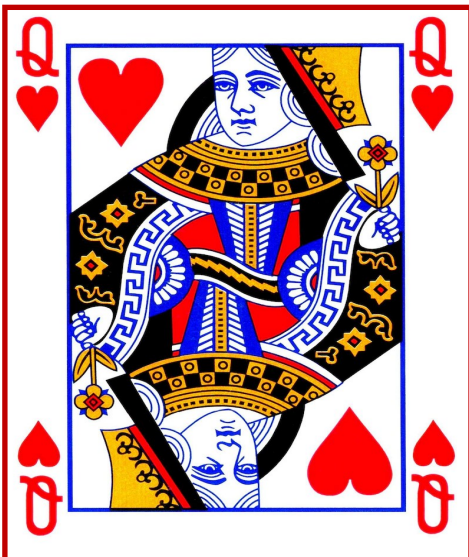
Barbara Adams 31 years

Bianca Frazier 17 years

Jim Seymour 7 years

Rufus Jones 5 years

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:

\$171.00 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.

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

President	Paul Chatelain	Public Image	Karina Polk
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PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Barbara Adams +2	Bill Glass +3	Joe Potzka
Charlie Adams +3	Susan Glass	Larry Putman
Dave Akin	Dr. Bruce Gordon +4	Shirley Putman
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Judi Bisbee	Matthew Johnson +2	Elena Schuck
Blood Donor Center at CC Hospital	Johnny Kelley	Curt Sears
Jim Bogle	Howard Kendall +3	Jim Seymour
Jack Bohlin	Nicholas Kerrigan	Marcia Shannon
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 Stocchetti
Rick Cannon	Mary Lenihan	Jefferson Sherman Storm
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Jacqueline Carnevali	Charles LoBue	Paul Tardif
Peter Carnes +1	John Lynch	Art Taylor
Rafi Chaprut	Jack MacLelland +1	Mary Ann Taylor
Bob Churchill	Jerry Manning	Jan Tkaczyk
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Carol Clossen	Ken McGuire	Mike Tulman
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Hal Cooper	Robert McInnis	Josephine Umbro
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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
Dale Fornoff	Howard Onik	Roby Whitehouse +1
Paul Funk	Marilyn Padalino	Carol Woodbury
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Betey Ghiazza		
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Richard K. Corsini	1989-90
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Judi Olkkola	1996-97*
Esther Stocchetti	1997-98*
Rick Cannon	1998-99*
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Sally Bowles	2001-02
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Rick Boucher	2004-05
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Stephen Albright	2014-15
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Melissa Farrell	2016-17
Matthew Fitzsimmons	2017-18
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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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