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# **The Main Event**

• Speaker Steve Certa and Illusion Faria – Steve Albright introduced the theme of The Rotary Foundation for the month of November, starting with PDG Steve Certa on Children of the Dump and Safe passage. Steve has had many trips to Guatemala, over 20 in total, and has made a major impact on the women and children of the Guatemala City Dump. Many people rely on the dump for daily sustenance and to gather scraps of food and sellable items in order to live. He then introduced the Safe Passage program which was started by a young woman from Maine with the goal to help education children to escape the cycle of poverty. Steve then introduced Illusion Faria, who began the group Creamos - "We Create Our Own Futures." Illusion's goal was to give education to the parents of the children served by Safe Passage. She met a small group of women who wanted to study and further their education. These women were embarrassed because they couldn't help their children with their homework. What Illusion found was that education alone didn't help and did not help them to find jobs. These women, having worked in the dump for years and having to sew and repair their clothes and dwellings, were really good with their hands. A volunteer showed them how to make paper beards. These women would roll and cut the beads differently to get many different styles the from endless supply of paper at the dump. These women started selling jewelry, and it was safe to work from home, study and take care of their kids. They needed to figure out how to make it bigger, and started the Entrepreneurship program. Creamos is a sister organization within Safe Passage with different focus - Safe Passage focuses on kids and Creamos focuses on women. "To provide income, emotional, and educational opportunities for the women who live in the community surrounding the Guatemala City dump, income generating programs such as Jewelry, Production, and Sewing, have created many," stated Illusion. "Many needs of the community are being met by the work being done." Emotional Support Program – With a focus on health and exercise, domestic violence support groups, financial literacy, individual support, educational workshops, mindfulness and movement, Creamos has been able to improve the lives for these women which has improved the lives of the children as well. Financial literacy is the backbone of the entire program, and Illusion was able to challenge the women to save money for 14 weeks. By doing so, Illusion promised she would match the amount saved. This was the first entrance of these women into the banking system. Further, Creamos helped to register all of them as small business owners who pay taxes. "Ten years ago, these women were not even registered citizens in their own country. These 145 women make 75% more than when they were working at dump, and achieved a 10th grade education level on average versus a 2nd grade level for peers," stated Illusion. Several of the women are headed to college and 5 women in technical careers. Illusion cited the large difference between "I'm not worthy, I'm just a dump worker" to being able to dream and have a vision for the future.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee has been reaching out to members to fill vacant spots on the BOD and the Vice President position. If you were not contacted and you are interested in serving on the BOD please contact Curley ASAP. The slate will be presented to the Club in early December.

 Food Pantry Drive/Turkey Shoot – The semi-annual Stuff a Cruiser event was a great success this past Saturday. Thanks are due to the many volunteers, including Yarmouth Police, Yarmouth Rotary, Yarmouth CERT, Yarmouth Food Pantry, Girl Scout Troop 62749 Yarmouth, and Yarmouth Pack 59 Cub Scout Wolf den. The Turkey Shoot golf tournament was this past Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and was also a great success.

• Christmas Fellowship - We will be participating in the joint Christmas party with the Harwich Dennis Club. The club will be splitting the cost for the entertainment (\$200 each). The event will be Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Dennis Inn. A signup sheet will go around next week with cost pp and more details

• Helping hands project - members of the Yarmouth Police Foundation and the YPD painted two newly constructed areas in the basement of YPD headquarters. Kudos to Curt Sears for lending a hand to officers and volunteers from the Foundation for finishing the job this past Saturday. • **Providence Bruins Update** – The Board voted to support the Providence Bruins and Polio Plus by donating 10 tickets, which will be given to

families to attend from the Providence Big Brothers and Sisters. • Rotary Foundation Dinner – The annual Foundation dinner is Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in Wareham. The club has reserved a table. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact President Kevin Lennon.

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

Jim Bogle - Glad to be back

-Curley Carey - Ted/Red Sox

-Dave Aiken - Harley Christensen/Synagogue service

-Bob McInnis - meth addicted granddaughter, took a year to get out of foster care, now grandkids doing well

-Dr. Bruce Gordon - Speaker/Deacon Dave at his peak at synagogue - human

relationships and need to take care of one another -Barbara Adams - leave early Mary Vilbon/Rising Star/Speaker

Matt Fitzsimmons - Leave early buck for Phil/Vineyard getaway - saw Tammy and

CCTech Superintendent Bob Sanborn - Harley and family/Deacon Dave -Finbar Corr - Red Sox/Rising Star/Deacon Dave - Standing in Solidarity Tammy Glivinski - Rising Star/Champ House/Red Sox/MV Wine Festival Jim Saben - Rising Star/Speaker - example of how ROtary can impact people around he world/Baltimore Orioles tied for first place right now

Tom Tomasik - Leave early buck for Pat/Rising Star/Nephew's wedding in Buffalo Barry Clayman - Moving night at synagogue/speaker - so much good being done around the world for women/Rising Star - future is bright/going to Mexico! Carole Woodbury - 2 women leaders here this morning/Peace in the World Brian B.Smith - Son boarded plane in Guam and will pick up at airport, will be here for a month

-Steve Albright - Rising Star/Illusion/Steve Certa - anyone want to go to Guatemala, let him know

-Alan Zox - 2 women who spoke, inspires women and men/Jewish community and all people who attended last night

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Ruth Sherman – Dean Sherman's mom passed after a long and hard fought battle with leukemia. There will be a celebration of life gathering at Flax Pond on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm. Champ House Thanksgiving - 40-50 people we will be feeding, sign up sheet for items has been distributed. 9:30 in front of Hearth and Kettle Christmas Auction - Barbara and Roby im-

plored us to think about items for the Christmas Auction, which will be held at 6:30AM on Dec 7. It's less than 1 month away!

Dec. 7 New Member Information Ouote of th Please clip it and add to your roster book. "Don" Janet Soja take u 99 Zona Drive Brewster, MA 02631 Janet.soja@yahoo.com Home 774-216-4925 Cell 413-374-1585

**Rising Star** – This month's Rising Star from BROV Cape Cod Tech is Harley Christensen, a student from the Early Childhood Program. Her guid-Dece ance counselor introduced Harley by stating, Jan "Her passion and dedication to the field of edu-Febr cation is apparent. She is a delegate for Skills USA, a writer for the school newspaper, and her Ma intelligence, compassion and grace are incredible." When Harley thanked the club, she men-A tioned that she has written and designed a chil-Μ dren's songbook with the goal of introducing music into children's academia. She plans to Ju attend Bridgewater State University and eventu-Jı ally becoming a school psychologist. Kudos to Harley as a Rising Star! Au

### Calendar

Nov 9—Usama el Sehrawev—Harwich Rotary Global Grant Project in Egypt Nov 9 District 7950 Night at Providence Bruins Nov 10—District Training Assembly—Whites of Westport 8:00—2:30pm Nov 15—District Foundation Dinner—Rosebrook—Event Center, Wareham, MA Nov 16—PDG Barry Clayman—Paul Harris Fellow Awards and Polio Plus Nov 23—No Meeting—Thanksgiving

Nov 30—Fran Jefferies—Rotary Peace Scholar

**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..



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ETHE INSPIRATION IT''S CHRISTMAS AUCTION TIME Dec. 7 at 6:30AM	MEALS ON WHEELS 11/6 Steve & Jill Albright 11/13 Bill Lemoine & Phil Morris 11/20 Ken Jenks & Ann Knell 11/27 Chantel Rice & Mike Riley 12/4 Ken Livingston & Frank- Mastromauro 12/11 Ken Sheytanian Scott Vandersall Substitutes Steve Albright Frank Mastromauro MEET at the Yarmouth Senior Ctr. 528 Forest Rd., South Yarmouth 9:30 A.M.
ote of the Week: "Don't let yesterday take up too much of today" Will Rogers	FRONT DESK 11/9 Ken Jenks & Ann Knell 11/16 George Davis & Chantel Rice 11/23 No Meeting 11/30 Jim Bogle & Matt Fitzsimmons 12/7 Bill Lemoine & Mary Vilbon (6 am) 12/14 Frank Mastromauro & Jimmy Walker 12/21 Tom Ulrich & Liam Butler
BROWN BAG December 7 January 4 February 1 March 1 April 5 May 3 June 7 July 5 August 2	PLEASE be available at 6:30 AM on your scheduled Friday. If you can- not attend, please swap with another committee member. GUEST POLICY Prospective members are the guests of the Club for their first meeting.
n Egypt Ipm Ireham, MA Plus	<b>GREETER</b> Nov 9 Donna Baldwin Nov 16 Jim Bogle Nov 23 No Meeting Nov 30 Dave Botting Dec 7 Bob Boucher Dec 14 Sally Bowles Dec 21 Brian Braginton Smith Dec 28 No Meeting
November Rotary Foundation Stephen Albright	December Disease Prevention & Treatment Dorcas McGurrin