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The Main Event

GUEST SPEAKER: CAROL WOODBURY & GIORDANA COTE - THE DENNIS-YARMOUTH TOOLS OF THE MIND PROGRAM

Charlie Adams, wrapping up Rotary Education Month, brought up Carol Woodbury to introduce Giordana Cote, D-Y's Early Learning Coach, who is also responsible for implementing the Tools of the Mind Program. As part of the District's Whole Child approach to early education, there is a strong focus on social and emotional growth as well as academic growth.

One goal of the School Strategic Plan is maintaining and enhancing a supportive school culture as a "scaffold" for student emotional and behavioral health. The quality of a child's social and emotional wellness directly influences that child's academic achievement. Carol presented information on some of those significant factors: • poverty (the high percentage of students qualifying for-free-and-reduced lunch – 60% in the elementary schools), • early childhood anxiety (one or more types), • adolescent depression and substance use disorders, • undiagnosed symptoms, emotional struggles, or impairments to daily functioning (school, home, or social relationships), and • fewer than 20% receiving identified and needed treatment. The most telling impacts are observed in poor student academic functioning and a high risk for a student dropping out.

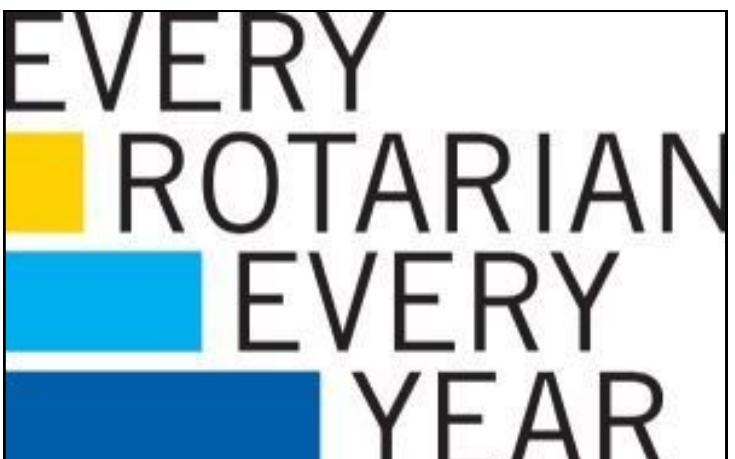
Therefore, what is needed in addition to the traditional 3Rs (reading, writing, and arithmetic) is a "fourth R" – the regulation (actually, self-regulation) of personal behavior and emotions. Improved self-control leads to improved social and emotional development, leading to improved academic functioning. What D-Y implements within the Whole Child approach are variations of preventions and interventions: • Responsive Classrooms, • Positive Behavioral Supports and Intervention (PBIS), • Calmer Choice (mindfulness), and • a tiered system of supports.

Giordana Cote's role as Early Learning Coach is to be responsible (since 2010) for implementing the Tools of the Mind program within D-Y's Kindergartens. This program, based on current research on best practices, is an approach to teaching children that changes the way children learn. Specifically, it is designed to affect both underlying cognitive skills (like self-regulation) and to teach content skills in literacy and mathematics. In addition, opportunities for social interactions and self-regulation are implanted throughout the school day in all the activities in which the students engage.

Giordana presented a range of visual examples of students within a "Tools classroom" in a typical day, from Free Time and mystery questions to Freeze Dance, Math Centers, and Paired Buddy reading (and more). Because of the use of the Tools of the Mind Program by the elementary school staff, there have been specific and significant improvements in student self-regulation behaviors and social-emotional school readiness. Foundational skills in literacy and mathematics have improved. Students have moved on with more developed underlying cognitive skills (i.e., executive functioning).



Foundation Co-Chair Steve Albright presented a Foundation moment. In his moment he talked about the grants, both International and District grants that our club has received. These include \$18,000 for the Matka school, the food pantry, the Atlas project, Champ house, the Neighborhood Watch Program.



HAPPY BUCKS

JACKIE CARNEVALI – the CCCC scholarship fundraising event, plus the college's new mentoring programs in nursing & aeronautics / Mike Riley in India / Joe & Barbara Potzka in Italy / today's program: congrats on these responses to a big education challenge.

DEAN SHERMAN – \$7: 7 happy years / sad buck for mother's leukemia return / grandparents in Maine – story linked to rifle & Whitey Bulger...

STEVE ALBRIGHT – \$10: as Rotary AG for Area 1 - this club is "over the top" / Rotary Student Exchange program - helping out the Norwood Rotary leading to Tammy-from-Chile / son retiring after 21 years in the Marines / granddaughter.

JOHN HERR – Curly & Kelly & dinner / the Cultural Center of CC / this DY school system.

HOWARD KENDALL – the CCCC scholarship fundraising event.

DAVE AKIN – the Tuscany trip last year / recent vacation to NC – 2600 miles in an RV / this DY program & positive comparison to grandson's school in NC.

PETER MURRAY – Owen Stevenson is 2 year's old & in preschool / "I was a kindergarten teacher in the 1970s."

GEORGE DAVIS – \$20: 19th anniversary / \$1 for a great

Last Gasp / BTW, "I was in kindergarten in the 1970s."

VISITING ROTARIAN from GUILFORD, NC – great visit & great club: "I'm coming back."

ESTHER STOCCHETTI – M.O.W. with CAROL WOODBURY – thanks to Giordana Cote as Early Learning Coach – so important to have such passionate professionals.

KEN JENKS – today's presentation – preparing the next wave (I only see the older students) / last week at the Cultural Center – Rotarians giving to kids & the mentoring at CCCC / Rotary – "We do incredible stuff."

BRIAN BRAGINTON-SMITH – \$2: this club / the statistics on the screen showed the reality of our community.

PAT ARMSTRONG – back full time / thanks for support about Bea's dad / sand castles coming down – 130 tons of sand going to Pirate's Cove / donating crutches & braces – observation that Tammy's back brace was covered in "leopard skin" (?!).

PHIL MORRIS – Super Moon with a total lunar eclipse coming on Sunday evening (of course) – next one will not be until 2033 (*mark your calendar*).

CURLY CAREY – \$2: John & Betty Herr – 64 years / the orthoscopic surgery (successful) will knock out the Las Vegas Marathon but not Boston!

TAMMY GLIVINSKI – last... out & about...

BARRY CLAYMAN – have visited many other clubs, so many with less than 30 members – but here, camaraderie every week, tremendous participation – really proud to be a member.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Yarmouth Rotary Memorial Golf Tournament – Monday, September 28, Cummaquid Golf Course. Co-chairs Mike Duffy and John Lynch. Don't forget donations for the silent auction.

- Cape-wide Rotarians Fellowship, Tuesday, October 6 (5:30 to 8:30), Yarmouth House Restaurant.

- Project, October, Habitat For Humanity.



A Perfect Golf Tournament
Great Job John , Mike and your Committee
Thank you Everybody!!!!

Happy Anniversary

10/6 Jim & Linda Bogle
10/8 Ann & Kenneth Knell

Happy Birthday

No Birthdays

MEALS ON WHEELS

10/6 Frank M and Phil Morris

10/13 Scott Vandersall & Fran Webb

10/20 Finbarr Corr & Joe Potzka

10/27 Bill Lemoine & Howard Kendall

11/3 Jackie Carnevali & Tom Tomasik

11/10 Jim Bogle & Mike Duffy
Substitutes Steve Albright Frank- Mastromarino MEETS

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

FRONT DESK

Oct. 2—Bernie Nuggent & Esther Stocchetti

Oct. 9—George Davis & Brian B. Smith

Oct. 15 Matt Fitzsimmons & Chantel Hayes

Oct 23—Ken Jenks & Wayne Hohler

Oct 30—Charles Lobue & Fran Webb

Nov. 6—Bill Savicki & Dave Miller

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

December 2nd Xmas Auction

Calendar

Oct. 2—Kristy Senatori—Cape Cod Commission

Oct. 9—Open

Oct. 16—Lysetta Hurge-Putnam—Independence House

Oct. 23—Andi—Gensr—WeCan

Oct. 30—Club Assembly

Oct 10-25,2015 Panama Canal Cruise

GREETER

Oct 2—Scott Vandersall

Oct. 9—Jimmy Walker

Oct 16—Norme Wear

Oct 23—Fran Webb

Oct 30—Bob Wells

Nov 6—Carol Woodbury

Nov 13 Ron Wright

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.

October—Economic and Community Development
Chair: Chantel Hayes

November—The Rotary Foundation
Chair: Carol Woodbury