

# T-G-I-F-I-Y

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## The Main Event



### **GUEST SPEAKER: ALEXANDER PENDLETON – THE DENNIS-YARMOUTH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM**

**Charlie Adams**, reminding Club members that September is Rotary Education Month, brought up **Ken Jenks** so that he could continue the education theme by introducing the Guest Speaker. **Ken** did just that, leading off with his own proclamation that he (**Ken**) had the “*best job in the world.*” One strong reason is because of the program accomplishments and educational growth from **Alexander Pendleton**.

**Alex Pendleton** has been a music teacher in the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District for the past seventeen years. In his first five years, he taught and traveled between the John Simpkins Elementary School, the Mattacheese Middle School, and the High School teaching instrumental and general music. In 2004, with the retirement of many of the District's music teachers, he was appointed to the full time position of Band Director at the D-Y Regional High School. **Alex** is also the Music and Performing Arts Department Chair where he directs and oversees • the 200-member Concert Band, • the Jazz Band, • the Marching Band, • the Winter Percussion, • the Color Guard, and • other various music courses.

**Alex** is a proud alumnus of the D-Y District where he began his musical training as clarinetist and conductor. His former music teachers – **Bruce Hill, Barbara Bauer, John New, and Janice Smith** – inspired him to pursue a career in music. He went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Music education from the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music in Berea, Ohio, where he majored in Clarinet and Music education. While there, he studied with **Dr. Deborah Burris, David Bell, and Maestro Dwight Oltman**. Later in his career, he earned his Master's Degree in education from Cambridge College. One of his proudest personal achievement was the 2013 award of “Educator of the Year,” voted by the faculty of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.

Along with his teaching responsibilities at D-Y, **Alex** is • an active musician and member of the Cape Cod Music Educators Association, • Director of the New Horizons Band at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod, and • co-manager of the All-Cape Jazz Festival. Outside of the music field, he served as the co-chair of the D-Y NEASC Steering Committee, teacher at the D-Y Academic Leadership Institute, and a licensed Realtor with RS Cash Realtors of South Yarmouth. **Alex** currently lives in Yarmouthport with his wife, **Lisa Pendleton** (also a D-Y alumni), and their three daughters.

In summarizing D-Y's Music and Performing Arts programs and courses, **Alex** started with, “*What I do is what I love!*” He outlined the enormous support, subsequent growth, and student engagement that have taken place within D-Y, and not just since he was a D-Y student. Since his arrival as a music educator, he (and “*this wonderful staff*”) have reached a level of student participation unheard of in a high school of this size and demographic.

Today, D-Y has over 30% of the student body engaged in music education through such examples as • three choirs, • two orchestras, • four concert bands, and • two jazz bands. There are music electives as varied as music theory and instruments from guitar and piano to bagpipes. The concert band program is state three-time Massachusetts State Champion, and the Flag Corps has won nine straight championship, among many respectable accolades. **Alex** expressed strong thanks to the parents, the community, and the administration. He concluded with the reminder that it is “*things like music that keep kids in school.*”

### Happy Anniversary

9/26 Dean & Shannon Sherman

### HAPPY BUCKS

JANICE MATHESON – (*What? Speak louder!*).  
RON HAWES – granddaughter success.  
CAROL WOODBURY – Speaker Alex is an example of the strength of staff & programs.  
JIM SABEN – tongue-in-cheek (!) complaint about “guys giving kisses to Tammy.” (*Hmm, and here we thought it was a sign of genuflecting respect for the Club President...*)  
MIKE RILEY – \$10; 5 for 3 reasons / 5 for “my own mortality” – story of “the young Mr. Riley” (2004) to Mr. Riley's father” (yesterday).  
STEVE ALBRIGHT – \$5: Bob Boucher out of rehab & still mending / Tammy from Chile is a great Exchange Student.  
JOHN HERR – Dr. Bruce: “fantastic.”  
PETER MURRAY – Jim Saben lacks “contractual exclusivity!”  
GEORGE DAVIS – \$3: great music program / Last Gasp / 20 years next week.  
HOWIE ONIK – Chelsea back from Australia, driving to Chicago for next job.  
HOWARD KENDALL – a Finbarr leave-early buck / for Speaker Alex & music program (“beats my 4<sup>th</sup> grade recorder”)  
BARBARA ADAMS – Speaker Alex also has a program at the Senior Center (the New Horizons Band), plus donates time to the Educational Foundation.  
KEN JENKS – for Speaker Alex & the music program – as a freshman, he did great in (Ken's) history class.  
NORM WEARE – thanks for adding to grandson's growth.  
MELISSA FARRELL – \$2: daughter Felicia and the Marching Band & Color Guard / taught her self-confidence.  
BRIAN BRAGINTON-SMITH – \$5: for D-Y (1971 grad) / links back, like this club.  
TOM TOMASIK – Rick Cannon's Roof Top dinner: great fellowship / reminder how the Club's Street Arts Festival fund-raising went to student musical instrument repairs.  
PHIL MORRIS – for Alex / Constitutional Day was yesterday: “I only read the Constitution for the Articles.”  
JOE POTZKA – played the trumpet, but gave it up for football – great idea to allow for both – example of grandkids.  
TAMMY GLIVINSKI – student Tammy's parents in Chile / for Alex – the program contributed to Liz's success.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Chantal Hayes – Thursday, September 24:** Cape Cod Young Professionals Back-to-Business event. Volunteers needed at the Rotary.

• **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.**

### Happy Birthday

9/30 Melissa Farrell  
9/30 Howie Onik

## Sept. 28 “Golf Tournament”

### Calendar

Sept. 25—Carol Woodbury & Giordana Cote  
Sept. 28—Golf Tournament Cummaquid Country Club  
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

**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.

September Basic Education  
And Literacy  
Chair: Charles Adams

## 3 Days Till Our Golf Tournament

### MEALS ON WHEELS

9/29 Tom Ulrich & Matt Johnson  
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  
Substitutes Steve Albright Frank-Mastromauro MEETS  
at the Yarmouth Senior Ctr.  
528 Forest Rd., South Yarmouth  
9:30 A.M.

### FRONT DESK

Sept. 25—Fran Webb & Howard Kendall  
Oct. 2—Bernie Nuggent & Esther Stocchetti  
Oct. 9—George Davis & Brian B. Smith  
Oct. 15 Matt Fitzsimmons & Chantel Hayes

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

### GREETER

Sept 25—Tom Ulrich  
Oct 2—Scott Vandersall  
Oct. 9—Jimmy Walker  
Oct 16—Norme Weare

**October—Economic and Community Development**  
Chair: Chantel Hayes

John and Mike talk Golf , Golf, Golf  
Golf and More Golf

