**The Cog**

**Rotary Club of Harwich-Dennis**

**November 6, 2014**

President Tony Quinn opened the meeting (25 members present) with the Pledge.

“God Bless America” was sung and Phil Baroni gave the invocation.

Guests: Peter Kropp – Assistant Governor – Nauset Club

 Anastasia Welch Perrino - Barnstable County Registrar of Probate (Speaker)

Happy Anniversary to Andy Murphy (November 6th)

Happy Birthday was sung to Bob Brodeur (November 2nd)

Announcements:

Glenn The Masquerade Ball was by all measure an outstanding success and thank you to everyone that participated. Somewhere between 125K and 150K was raised. The Raffle ended with 410 tickets sold and Peter Blatz won the BMW. After a successful auction the auctioneer asked for and received monetary donations all evening. The Yarmouth Club had volunteers present to work the event all evening. A similar “Cape Wide” event should be considered for next year with money raised distributed to selected charities.

Jim Scallop festival money due from about twenty people for tickets and two people for ads.

Tony Barnstable Sunrise club meetings are now held at 7AM on Monday at the Optimist Café.

 Cape Rotary Council had 1st year anniversary on Tuesday evening. The Council helps

 unite all Cape cod Clubs. The Nauset Club is planning a 75th anniversary fundraising

 event to be held in April of 2015. The Osterville Club operates an Ice Cream Truck

 during the summer season that brings in 25K to 30K each year. A short Board meeting

 will follow this morning’s weekly meeting.

Peter Thanked Glenn Ritt for planting the seed and his work with promoting the Masquerade Ball. A PRE-PET’s Meeting will be held on Cape Cod in either January or February for the convenience of attendees of Cape Cod Clubs. The Regular PET’S Meeting will be held the 1st weekend in March. Paul Anastasio will attend as President-Elect. The Foundation Dinner will be Held on November 13th.

Happy/Sad bucks:

Howard. Sign at Attorney’s Higgins office is down

Jim Daughter expected her first child and Jim and Debbie’s 7th grandchild

Peter Thank-you to Tony for supporting the Cape Rotary Council and to the Mugar-

 Davenport Cancer Center at Cape Cod Hospital for the lifesaving work they do.

Barbara Red transformer Lexus is in the shop. The loaner car is not the same

Andy 15th Anniversary today – Kaley’s 7th birthday – Closed on the Rte. 134 property that he has been trying to buy for 10 years.

Tom Thanks to Glenn for his work on the Masquerade. Invite all interested to play volleyball at the Wixon Middle School on Wednesday evenings at 7PM.

Howard Saw the red Lexus at the Scallop Festival – If Jean had seen it she would want it.

Bill Christening of Grandchild

John Fine of $1 for forgetting Halloween candy door prize last week..

Juan Young girl was told the story of the “Good Samaritan” who found a person lying by the side of the road. Asked what she would do - she replied “throw-up”.

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**Tom Perrino introduced Guest Speaker Anastasia Welch Perrino**

**Barnstable County Registrar of Probate**

Anastasia is a lifelong Cape Cod Resident and acknowledged Peter Kropp, her 3rd grade teacher and Phil Baroni who gave her 1st job. She was first elected to the position of Registrar in 2008. She was re-elected for a second six year term this past Tuesday having been unopposed on the ballot. Anastasia works with the Family Court and is responsible for the administrative process involved with matters that come before that body. That court deals with any family matter including probated wills, estates, divorces, guardianships, conservatorships, visitations, legal records just to name a few.

The Registry is one of fourteen in the state and covers all of Cape Cod. There are currently twenty staff members who are very busy. During her first six year tem she was able to fill four vacancies that were open when she came into office. In her quest to build a staff that is skilled and eager to help people she added one person who speaks Spanish and Portuguese and another who is fluent in Russian. There is a large representation of these groups on Cape Cod.

The staff is charged with servicing all people having business with the Family Court with respect to the administration of the court process which often includes understanding their case requirements, research, document preparation and assembling necessary paperwork. The staff does not render legal decisions.

Department accomplishments include establishing a website where a judges trial calendar can be seen to assist with scheduling, computerization and a computer based management system, improved customer service and internship programs with Cape Cod Community College, Barnstable High School and the Riverview School. Two were hired from these programs.

When Anastasia began her first term there was about 1.6 million in assets being held for owners that could not be located. She was successful in returning around 600K to the rightful owners. The balance of about 1 million was turned over to the state treasurer’s office to be included in the “Find Mass Money account”. In 2012 Anastasia participated in the development of changes to Massachusetts Probate and Estate Law. The Chief Justice has recognized her and her staff for their professionalism, initiative and skill.

Door Prize was donated by John Ciborowski and won by Glenn Ritt

50/50 raffle was won by Bob Brodeur - $20 and no ace drawn

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