Harwich Dennis Rotary Club COG

February 12, 2015

President Tony Quinn called the meeting to order at 7am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and God Bless America. Phil Baroni offered the Morning Prayer.

One guest this week, Mark Amidon.

No anniversaries or birthdays.

Just a Good Kid banquet will be March 26th at the Dennis Inn; cost is $20 per person. Need to determine how many family members a student can bring at no cost.

Our golf outing will be June 12, 1pm at Dennis Pines.

We need to work on a golf committee.

Barbara suggested the Walk for Remembrance might be a good Rotary

‘Work day’ project. There are various opportunities to help them. There is a lot of community involvement. The event is on May 9th.

Club members were in favor of this and the board will discuss further.

The Leadership Institute seminar is March 21st.

Scholarship applications are at the schools. No calls yet. Maybe have a scholarship banquet instead of having students come to the morning meeting? More to come on this.

Happy/Sad Bucks:

Liz Patterson- cheers to the sun!!

Barbara- Motown the Musical was a blast, Mark’s 1 year anniversary since his heart attach and he is not smoking!

Jim Higgins- he broke his glasses and a happy buck for Judge Julian being our guest speaker.

Brad- Sympathy buck for Jeff Eldredge, his wife had a thumb injury and his son was sick with tonsillitis.

Juan ‘You may not have lost all of your marbles but there is definitely a hole in the bag’.

Paul Anastasio- attended the Pre PETS meeting Tuesday night. It was a good event.

Guest Speaker, Judge John Julian, District Court Judge.

* He is a 1983 DY grad and a UMASS Amherst grad.
* Worked for 17 years in the Suffolk County DA’s office
* Appointed by Governor Jane Swift
* There are 162 District Court judges in Massachusetts, 300 total judges statewide (2 of them graduated from DY)
* He judges based on ‘who they are’ not just ‘what they did’, 85-90% are good people who did a stupid thing. Frequently this is their first exposure to the court.
* He also handles small claims cases, up to $7500 and civil claims, $25,000 and under.
* There are about 700,000 district court filings annually in MA
* He works amongst 9 courts from the Islands to Fall River
* Orleans has 2500-3000 criminal filings per year
* He is married with 3 sons and is active in local sports.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 am followed by a brief Board of Directors meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Frisone