

THE COG

July 31, 2014

President Tony Quinn began the meeting at 7:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Phil Baroni led the morning prayer.

BIRTHDAY: Mike Robinson (July 28)

ANNIVERSARY: Paul Laemmle (July 26)

VISITORS: Marc Amidon (honorary member), **Charlie Baroni** (honorary child), **Robert Barrons** (former member), **Alice McCarty** (Cambridge Rotary), and **Dave Hill** (Denver, CO Rotary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **PAW SOX** game August 20th.
- **Thank you notes** from scholarship recipients were passed around.

HAPPY/SAD BUCKS:

- **Bob Brodeur** - Great experience at Monroe Motors.
- **Trish Graham** - Went to Harwich Junior Theater event but didn't win the Linda Lavin autographed photo.
- **Peter Muniz** - Picked up daughter at train.
- **Robert Barrons** - Good to be back and moving on to North Carolina.
- **Barbara Amidon** - Resigned from, soon to be eliminated, Crises Team - down to 2 jobs and will enjoy the rest of summer with all the free time.
- **Paul Laemmle** - Spent anniversary in Providence. Best breakfast ever.
- **Peter Muniz** - Picked up daughter at train.
- **Paul Anastasio** - Singing? - awkward.
- **Bill Fallon** - Best time babysitting twin 2.5 year olds.
- **Alice McCarty** - Sorry, missed what she said.
- **Usama El Sehrawey** - Red Sox game.
- **Juan** - Grandson from North Carolina won 15 year old baseball championship.

SPEAKER:

Mike Patterson (the slightly older) introduced his aunt, **Donna Thomas**, a member of the South Burlington Rotary Club (Vermont). Accompanying Donna was **Maria Maude** who is from Haiti. Also involved, but not present today, is Donna's son Daniel, a Rotaract member.

Donna is a member (and board chair) of the **Vermont Haiti Project**. Donna talked about the water filtration project her group undertakes and funds. The problems surrounding potable drinking water in Haiti are epidemic. Working alongside Haitian professionals, they build water filters with concrete, river rocks and sand. Aside from installing and maintaining the filters, the staff in Haiti also educates residents on hygiene, health, and clean water usage.

The group also has established a rural (7 hours by car from Port au Prince) **Vocational Training Center** and contributes to the success of a **school and children's center** in Port au Prince.

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DRAWINGS:

The door prize was donated by Mike Patterson and won by Bob Brodeur.

The raffle was won by Glenn Ritt who didn't draw the magic card.

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