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## Club News and Announcements February 12, 2018

### TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Michael Kennedy on  
Overcoming Obstacles  
The Arc of the South  
Shore  
Chair: Daryl Cook Ivan

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

#### February

- 19 Presidents Day - No meeting.
- 26 TBA Chair: J Graziano



#### February Birthdays

- 3 Gael Sullivan
- 8 Carol Villacres
- 16 Joe Fucile
- 18 David Hicks
- 21 Rena Giordano
- 21 Bobbie Welch

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE  
TO CHANGE THE WORLD?

YOU.



President Jay welcomed all!

**Joan McCann Hartigan:** dues for 2nd and 3rd quarter have been sent out. Please look for your notice!

**Pres Jay:** The club received a thank you from one of the Christmas families:

*My family would like to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. You made our Christmas very merry.*



Happy Bucks



**Tom Rizzo:** wants to finish autobiography from a few weeks ago. Would like a three part series.

**Nadine Shweire:** it was two years ago she was hit head on by a drunk driver which set her back quite a bit. Two years later it feels good to be better and to be here at Rotary.

**Teresa Tanner Roth:** my son leaves for Kosovo with the Army for the next nine months. Happy for him, he is living his dream. Please keep all those who are serving us overseas in our prayers.

**Jim Gustafson:** Happy to see **John Rizzo** here tonight, Welcome. Pres Jay and I were on Rotary Business last week in Las Vegas. Happy that **Pres Jay** was playing craps for over an hour.

**Rich Smith:** Daughter is overseas right now at a Congo/Rwanda refugee camp. Diedre is working for the government and making decisions who will be coming to the US. As Teresa said, we will pray for everyone overseas.

**Brian Haggerty:** in 2.5 weeks I will be joining **Steve Certa** and **Steve Gilman** on a trip to Safe Passage, Guatemala. We be attending the Rotary district conference in Antigua. Remember our district conference is coming up in May 18-20th. **Lois Drukman** and **Paul Corrigan** are coordinating the District Conference with Steve. Welcome back **Helen Blowers** tonight. Also good to see **John Rizzo** here tonight.

**Pres Jay:** was at the Rotary retreat in Las Vegas with our future president. Had an incredible run at the table. But remember: what Vegas giveth, Vegas taketh away. **Pres Jay donated 50% of his winnings.**



Jay's nephew, John is still in Afghanistan. He is the scout in his platoon so we worry about him everyday.



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## Michael Kennedy on Overcoming Obstacles Chair: Daryl Cook Ivan



**Daryl Cook Ivan** introduced our guest speakers who are affiliated with The Arc of the South Shore. As many of you know The Arc is a human service agency that provides an array of services and supports to individuals with intellectually and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. Our services range from Early intervention to residential and day supports for adults of all ages. Tonight I want to highlight our advocacy work. The Arc has a long and successful track record of advocating for the human and civil rights of individuals who have IDD.

**Laurie Gustafson**, director of community based day program. Our goal is to foster independence and support people to make their own choices. We do whatever we can to help people follow through on their choices. Mike is representative of what we do.

**Michael Kennedy:** We all define personal success in our own way. For me success means the balance between life goals, family, friends and the supports that help me along the way.

We all have personal challengers. I have vision issues so I need to be careful everywhere. Working

at Shaws for 17 years. He returns carriages and bags groceries. He needs to be aware of safety in the parking lot especially at night. He double checks everything he bags to make sure he doesn't miss anything. He uses all his senses, especially listening very carefully. Always wears appropriate clothing for the weather. Mike also does other duties as assigned such as cleaning up spills to keep the store clean and safe for the customers. Mike loves his job because he is part of the team at work and he likes helping people, getting along with others and he has a positive attitude.

He is in special Olympics and plays basketball, golf softball, volley ball and he bowls. For basketball he is in the Bulls coached by Bob Beach. Softball is in the Mariners and Volleyball he plays for the Strikers.

His coaches tell him he is a very good player who known for his defense skills and a pleasure to coach because he always give 100% and is a team player despite his visual challenges.

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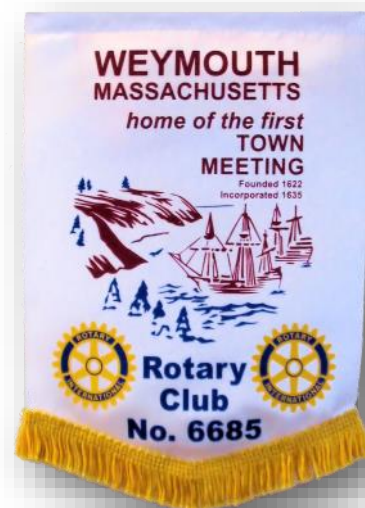
**Kudos to the dynamic duo of Shari Goscinak and Dave Hicks who together managed Rotary volunteer meal prep and serving at Father Bill's last January!**

Michael Kennedy Continued:

At the Arc's day program he participates in a lot of volunteer activities. A consignment store, YMCA food panty, and the gardening program at South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. He is never embarrassed to ask for help.

My favorites sports team is the Red Sox and I try to get to Fen-way at least once a year.

I watch movies , listen to music and enjoy cooking. I would like to take a cooking course in the future.



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