



Weymouth Rotary Club - No. 6685  
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### Club News and Announcements November 13, 2017

#### TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Keeping It Real  
Weymouth Police Dept. Safety Officer  
Chair: Raymond

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

##### NOVEMBER ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

27 TBD Chairs: Bristol's

##### DECEMBER

4 TBD Bean

11 TBD Haggerty

16 Eddie O'Rourke Gift Wrapping

18 Christmas Party at the Quarry



##### November

- 7 Patrick Barrett
- 17 Jim Cavanaro
- 22 David Citron
- 28 Larry Lambros

President Jay welcomed all to this evening's meeting.

**Gary Rayberg:** At the Foundation dinner this past Thursday, our club received an award for second highest total giving to the Foundation during **PP Rich Testa's Year**. 25 Weymouth Rotarians attended.

As part of Rotary Foundation Month, at next week's meeting we will be honoring at least seven club members with Paul Harris Awards.

**Pres Jay:** Rotary night at the Providence Bruins is December 2. Half of the proceeds go to Rotary.

**Brian Haggerty:** November 19 is the 5K fundraiser for Safe Passage, in Boston. We need sponsors for our walkers, Steve Gilman and Steve Certa.

**Dan Walsh:** Rich Testa is doing well after surgery on his right knee. May be able to return to work and Rotary in a few weeks.

**Larry Lambros:** I don't come often but when I do I try to be generous. I am fortunate and blessed. Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays to all.



Happy Bucks



**Current DG and PP Steve Certa:** thank you to all who attended the Foundation Dinner. Much Thanks go to my wife Paula for her support.

**Tom Tanner:** proud of this club and Dana's rendition of the national anthem at the Foundation Dinner.

**Stephen Bergfors:** my sponsor **Larry Lambros is here to night and I am** thrilled to welcome him.

#### ELECTION RESULTS

##### RE ELECTED TO THE BOARD:

**BRIAN HAGGERTY**  
**PAUL CORRIGAN**  
**DON TRUDEAU**

##### NEWLY ELECTED TO THE BOARD:

**TERESA TANNER ROTH.**

VETERANS NIGHT SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT WEYMOUTH ROTARY CLUB NOVEMBER 13, 2017



June Eaton awarded 2017 Community Partner of the Year by Norfolk County Juvenile Court, Dedham







**VETERANS NIGHT**  
**CHAIR: ARTHUR SHARP**

**Arthur Sharp** is very happy to present this special Veterans Day program. He asked **Tom Rizzo**, his co-chair to say few words of introduction.

Co chair Tom Rizzo provided the meaning of Armistice Day, Veterans Day. When WWI ended an armistice was signed on the 11 day of the 11 month in the 11th hour. Congress made this day a national holiday in 1938. Then WWII came. President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 Veterans Day. He proclaimed the date an occasion for honoring all veterans of all wars.

Arthur provided a brief overview of WWII significant events. During this war there were 55M deaths world wide. The most destructive war in history. From Weymouth 3436 men were called to serve , 70 died. He invited WWII veteran, Phil Donahue to talk about his experience. He served in the Navy, saw service in the Pacific and the Atlantic chasing submarines.

Phil told us his time in the Navy was one of the best in his life, after growing up in Forest Hills. The Navy straightened him out. After the service he was a long-shoreman for several years, then a civil engineer for the state of Mass. He worked with Ed Dwyer for 20-25 years, a fellow Rotarian. He grew up with Jimmy Bristol and they are still friends. Worked for Ray Bean for 20-25 years. The patrol's in the pacific could go 36 knots per hour, mission was to sink submarines. They were on patrol constantly going back and forth through the Panama canal. He learned that in the Navy you never volunteer for anything. He made mistake of saying he could swim. He was to swim in shark infested waters.

Arthur next introduced Colonel Robert Huke III who has lived in Weymouth for number of years. Korean Conflict started on June 25 1950. Armistice signed in 1953. There were 5M deaths. 40,000 Americans died. From Weymouth 1676 were called up and 11 died. Rob served in Korean from 1976-78. He is a retired Colonel from the US Army.

Colonel Huke provided us with a perspective of the Korean war conflict and what is going on today regarding N Korea. While stationed in Korea he was program marshal for area 7, southern most portion of Korea. Korea has been in a perpetual state of "war in suspension" since 1953. There are ongoing *incidents throughout the years*. He described one of the most egregious when N Korean soldiers murdered UN and American soldiers who were trimming trees. In 1976 operation Paul Bunyan commenced , as close to starting a war as ever, to cut the tree down. The people who live in Seoul S Korea, are within range of 2200 artillery pieces aimed

at Seoul from N Korea. 3.5 M people would be impacted within seconds. N Korea has always used threats to keep other nations at a distance. The N Korean people live in absolute poverty. Families are separated. Can't tell what will happen in the future.

Arthur provided a quick overview of Vietnam: leading up to 1954, Indonesian and Vietnam was under control of the French until the communist came in. 1964 Westmorland expanded efforts to keep South Vietnam from invasion. 955 men from Weymouth were called, 29 died. Arthur received his draft notice in 1966. August 1968 he was sent to S. Vietnam. His job was as heavy equipment maintenance officer. At the time his daughter was 6 weeks old. He traveled very much throughout the country, met many wonderful people. Spent his last 6 months in Saigon. Upon returning home he was surprised of the "unwelcome" reception he received as a soldier in the Vietnam war. He was so happy to get home to Weymouth. Our version of Mayberry. Most grateful to have survived the Vietnam experience. To have avoided Agent Orange. There are 14 major illness associated with Agent Orange that veterans are dying from. I hope we left the S Vietnamese with peace of mind.

**Arthur thanked George Raymond I and II** for our decorations. Tom Rizzo made closing remarks: As the proud son of a WWII veteran I am privileged and honored to be among these esteemed veterans. We are grateful for their service. **Pres Jay** presented citations our guest speakers and Arthur in recognition of their service to the United States of America.





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