



Weymouth Rotary Club - No. 6685  
 District 7950  
 P.O. Box 52, So. Weymouth, Massachusetts 02190

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

EDITION #31

EDITOR: ALDEN BLAHO

Club News and Announcements February 13, 2017

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Get to Know Your Rotarians  
 Your Rotarians- Chair

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February/ March

- 6 Club Assembly
- 13 Kids Night
- 20 Cuba Trip
- 27 TBD



February

- 14 Marc Cregan
- 21 John Ransom
- 22 Brian Haggerty
- 27 Doug Shepherd



**PP & DG Elect Steve Certa** gave an overview of the District 7950 Mid-Year and Pre-PETS meeting. There were many compliments on the books that the Club help prepare. Steve also mentioned that this was his fifth Rotary meal in four days.



**President Rich** gave Steve a lot of credit. The meeting started late because of weather, but he cut back the agenda sticking to salient topics and stuck to his commitment of a 12:30PM departure.

The South Shore Council meets at the Hearth & Kettle in Weymouth at 6:30PM on the third Wednesday of every month.



Happy Bucks



**PP Alden Blaho** was happy to be back. He helps coach his daughter Madison's 5/6 grade basketball team at St. Francis. He also was sad to see his exchange student, Mateo, leave this past Sunday. He spent almost a month here and is a great kid. The program is run through BC High and this is the family that his son Anton will be staying with in June.



**PP Bob Petrelli** meets annually with his best friend from

CA. He is a Rotarian and an Arch Klump Society Member.

**President Rich** is happy that his kids will be going back to school after five snow days.

**Raffle Update:** There are 98 days until June 2, 2017. We have only 98 Days to sell as many Raffle Tickets to win \$25,000 in cash or a 2017 Lexus Coupe. If you need brochures, lawn signs or posters to advertise our largest fundraiser of the year. If you know of any events or locations that the committee could show the car please contact Dave Northup.



**Save the date:** The Weymouth Rotary Blood Drive is April 3, 2017, at the Weymouth High School





Taverns of the 18th Century  
Gabe Crocker-Chair



Gabe Crocker introduced Graeme Marsden, a historian and a member of First Foot Guards, a Revolutionary War reenactment group from Boston. Tonight Graeme will focus on

the importance of 18th Century Taverns.

Graeme explained that back in the 18th century, Taverns were extremely important, as well as different. Some were very swanky, while some could have been referred to as a dive.

Taverns were important in the 18th century because they were the meeting places for the towns people. In fact, you couldn't be referred to as a town unless you had a government, a militia, a town common and, of course, a tavern. If you didn't have these, you would be just a settlement.

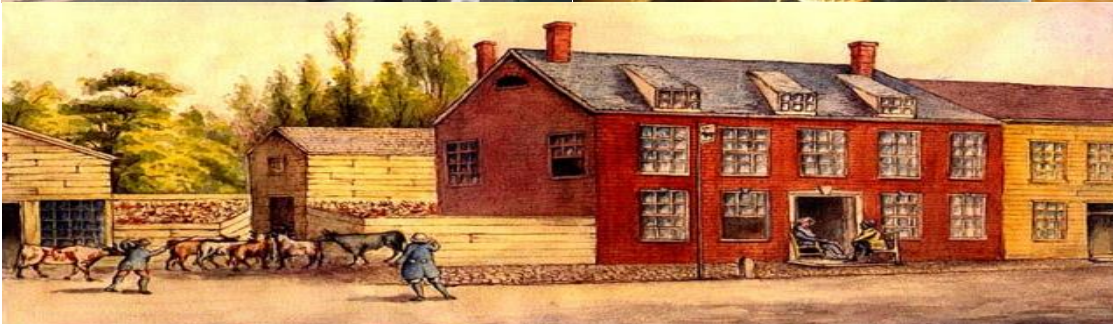
18th Century Taverns were historically three floors. The first floor offered food and drink. The second floor consisted of rooms where a traveler would stay. The third floor was a large meeting room where functions and meetings would take place. There was also an enclosure for livestock outside.

Graeme intertwined the 18th and 19th centuries to give the members a perspective on what is in the locations currently. He spoke of commodities of the Boston area like cod and rum, a byproduct of sugar. Using the waterways, cod and rum were the highest exported commodities of that era.

Graeme concluded our tour of 18th century taverns with an old English drinking song that emulates our very own Star Spangled Banner.



If this topic interests you, please visit Graeme Marsden's website, [www.firstguard.org](http://www.firstguard.org).



**Weymouth Rotary Club**

- President** Richard Testa
- President Elect** John Walker
- Secretary** Dan Walsh
- Treasurer** Joann McCann-Hartigan
- Sergeant at Arms** Steve Gillman  
Asst. Marc Cregan
- Past-President** Donna Foster
- Directors** James Gustafson  
Lois Drukman  
James Cavanaro  
Brian Haggerty  
Paul Corrigan

**Rotary International**

- President** John Germ

**RI District 7950**

- Governor** Russell Bertrand
- Wheel Editors** Daryl Cook-Ivan & Alden Blahó