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April 8, 2019 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM

**CARE PACKS FOR
SOLDIERS
CHAIRS: TRIZZ AND
GEORGE RAYMOND II**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April

Maternal and Child Health Month

29 Pam Denholm,
Weymouth Food Pantry



BE THE INSPIRATION



APRIL Birthdays

- 7 Arthur Sharp
- 9 Dana Myers
- 13 Bob Petrelli
- 19 Jim Bristol III

President Jim welcomed everyone to this evenings meeting. He expressed how proud he is of our team competing in the trivia contest. We took first place! Not only are we the best club in District 7950, we are also smarter than 5th graders. **Wicked Smart!**

Next week Patriot's Day-no meeting.

District Assembly April 13 at Whites of Westport, 8 am to noon.

George Raymond II: Blood drive Friday April 19, 2pm to 7 pm. Sign up by going to Red-CrossBlood.org. Search for Friday the 19 or 029 or Crocker Memorial, to sign up.

Golf tournament sponsorship-club runner went out today. Location: Marshfield Country Club **Monday Aug. 19 1pm** start. Will be very fun day with lots of special activities.

Lois Drukman: Raffle update. We are half way there- keep selling tickets. Paul has been working very hard showing the car and selling tickets. Wednesday night will be early bird at Mad Hatter. Karaoke night at 6:30 in the back room. Will have some early prizes, drawing about 8 pm.

Shari Goscinak: Junior Achievement we have 16 volunteers and we will be able to cover 8 classes on **May 29 at Ralph Talbot school.** Volunteers please complete your CORI forms. You will not be allowed into the school with out CORI clearance.

Father Bill's Annual Food Festival July 30 at the Hingham Shipyard Beer Works. Lots of great food and money raised goes to Father Bills.



Happy Bucks



Gary Rayberg: we have a great program on May 6. General Donald Bulldock who headed troops in Africa. He is a five time bronze star winner. He is a true hero and he will be talking about PTSD and his involvement in war theatres over the last 20 years.

Jay Walker: we had great Karma with our team members the other night. They are: Dave Clark, #2, dangerous Dana, Shari gorgeous, Lois (LoLo), Next year if we have two teams everyone can be included. We were thrilled to represent Rotary at the Trivia event.

Tom Rizzo: Shari-continuing to praise you in the RLI! Thank you Jay for being our Trivia Captain. Ilene Nickerson called to thank Tom for mailing them a Rotary Book. Welcome our snow-birds back!

Arthur Connelly: Happy to be back. A George Washington for the bucket **from Rotarian John Ransom.** We dined together for his birthday. He is on a fixed income!

Steve Fiander: Wish to **thank Jim and Mary Bristol.** Last week they were honored by South Shore Health community at the Luminary Award program for the their great work in this community. Reminder April 17 breakfast at Rotary Bridgewater club.

Teresa Tanner-Roth: I am happy because a dear friend has been asked to sing the national anthem at the Red Sox opening day. A great honor!

Daryl Cook Ivan: I wish to thank the club for again sponsoring The Arc of the South Shore Summer Soiree. We have a table of ten. I will send out a club runner for people to rsvp.



The Arc of the South Shore First Early Intervention Program
by Rhonda Meisel, Director
Chair: Daryl Cook-Ivan

Before introducing Rhonda, Daryl gave a brief overview of The Arc, located in Weymouth since 1951. The organization was started by parents in need of services for their children. We stay true to our grassroots founding by making sure 50% of our Board members are families of individuals or individuals. The Arc has a \$12M budget and 220 employees. Early Intervention is the second largest program and located on Main street, across from Stetson building. Residential services is 40% of our budget with 10 group homes throughout the south shore. Long-term services and supports is a rapidly growing program. These services include Adult Foster Care and Personal Care Services. We have run out of office and program space and we are in the midst of expanding our office space and renovating our day habilitation program. This will allow us to bring on more staff and serve more individuals. We anticipate the day habilitation program space remodel to be completed by July.

Daryl welcomed Rhonda. She has been working in early intervention and overseeing our EI program for over 30 years. Rhonda provided an overview of early intervention. Some of you might know EI because you have a child or know a child who has used our services. We have been in the building on Main street for over 30 years. It used to be a Weymouth school building that eventually was deeded to The Arc.

Early Intervention is a developmental program for families with children birth to 3 years of age. These are infants and toddlers who might have a medical diagnosis such as down syndrome, that means they are going to have long term issues in development. They might have a walking delay, or a birth history such as prematurity that puts them at risk, or substance abuse exposure in utero- a growing population. Family might be homeless, or involved with substance and a referral is made to EI. We serve 7 towns on the south shore. Any family with a child under 3 can call us and request an evaluation. The program is for the most part home based-services are provided in the family home. Our Mission and goal is to work with the family to develop strategies to help the child develop and grow. The program is certified by the Dept. of Public Health; they set guidelines and provide oversight. There are 60 programs and 40,000 children enrolled in EI statewide. Program revenues comes from insurance billing. There is no out of pocket cost to families. EI has 50 part time and full time staff who serve on average 700 families per year. There is constant turnover of children. We have OT, PT and speech therapists on staff as well as many Developmental Specialists. We help families find services once the child turns 3 by reaching out to the public schools and having the child evaluated for services. On site we provide therapy groups in the mornings, we have sensory equipment and outdoor playground for children's use. We have a grant that funds us to work in the Neonatal Intensive Care unit at South Shore hospital. We have a grant with Quincy Headstart program for our therapists to run groups there.

Arthur reminded us that the building Early Intervention occupies is thanks to Ernie Remondini spearheading an effort with the Weymouth Jaycees. John Reilly shared his experience working with Ernie to raise money for the building by showing movies. Thank you John.



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