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Club News and Announcements February 11, 2019

PROGRAM

Cause Marketing
Cami Baker
Chair: Arthur Sharp

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March

Water and Sanitation Month

- 4 The Arc of the South Shore Early Intervention program.
Chair: Cook-Ivan
- 11 TBD
- 18 Food Packaging
- 25 TBD Chairs: Jim and Jim Bristol.



March Birthdays

- 21 John Ransom
- 22 Brian Haggerty
- 27 Doug Shepherd



Pres. Jim Gustafson welcomed all to this evenings meeting. **We are the best club in District 7950!**

Jim Cavanaro: RLI training sessions coming up. The Club will pay your fee to attend. Jim plans to attend and people can car pool. March 16 in Concord NH and March 30 in Lincoln RI at the Amica Center. Contact Jim if you want to attend or go on line to register.

Paul Corrigan: Cash Raffle. We have raised \$30K+ so far but we have a long way to go. Our goal is \$80K this year. We need everyone to step up. We may have another early bird in March. Details to be coming!



Happy Bucks



Teresa Tanner Roth: Very grateful that Mike could join us this evening. Take some time to get to know him. Got a text message from a dear friend of her son's who is stationed in Alaska (Russian/Alaska coastline) with the US Army. Thanks to Rotary, he received a lot of packages. It was a shining light during a very depressing time in Alaska with only two hours of sunlight.

Tom Rizzo: happy to pay a couple bucks so you don't have to hear him talk.

Dave Hicks: yesterday went to the boat show and bought a brand new boat. Oh Happy Day!

Jay Walker: has known young Mike since he was less than a year old. Consider him a friend. Teresa: what year did you graduate.? There is no Alaska Russia coastline. Missed last week due to a retreat/ seminar????????? Worked on progressive number theory and odds and all kinds of crazy stuff. Jim G was roommate and saved him from losing tons of \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Gary Rayberg; returned from 10 days in Guatemala. Saw his daughter who is doing great and he made up a Rotary meeting. Took a sponsor family out to dinner. They had never been in a restaurant before.

Tom Tanner: Mr. Walker you are crazy to take on Teresa Tanner Roth.

Larry Cassese: Jay and I went to high school together and I think he was asleep when they talked about Russia and America being close.

Jay Walker: Tom, bring it on, bring on the whole family !!!!!!!

Jim Gustafson: Last year I was away learning statistical analysis skills. Couple bucks for the Pats. People asked about us cheering for the Pats. Jim responded: it is exhausting : parade after parade after parade. No wonder everyone else hates us!





NVNA and Pat Roche Hospice Home
Speaker: Michael Rogers
Chair: Richard Smith



Richard introduction: These people do wonderful work their actions speak louder than words. Welcome Michael Rogers, on behalf of NVNA and Bob West's nephew.

Michael is a Weymouth kid, a townie, graduated from Weymouth North and now a home owner in Weymouth.

The NVNA celebrates 100 years in 2020. Back in 1920 every town had a visiting nurse. Then in the 1980's 14 local VNAs got together and decided to form one VNA organization. At the eleventh hour Norwell and Braintree pulled out of the consolidation. The newly merged group did not last, opening the market for Norwell and Braintree. Norwell changed their name to NVNA because they were servicing locations beyond Norwell.

Today they have close to 300 employees, in 28 communities across the south shore. Revenue of \$35M. 610 patients on service rolls. Today NVNA sees patients that have higher level of illness and more complicated medical needs. Having quality home care agencies is very important. Cancer is the #1 diagnosis served. We also see mood conditions, heart conditions, and dementia. NVNA provides a team approach. Several years ago, it was determine that hospice services were needed. And they created Hospice Senior Home services, providing

service to people who wish to die in their own home. On average we serve 80 hospice patients each day. 6-7 years ago the nurses saw a need for a hospice house. The Tedeschi's nonprofit, Campus of Caring, supported NVNA to create this home which is now located in Hingham on Turkey Hill. The house has 12 Patient rooms, average census is 10. The goal is to have patients move in when they have a month of life, to provide a pain free dignified death and to support the entire family during that process. The house is designed for families as much as possible and to take pressure off the family.

It may be surprising that we see a large number of younger patients. Average stay is three weeks. There are two family suites on the campus that allow family members to stay round the clock and a large dining room that families can use.

Medicare and private insurance cover some of the cost of hospice services. Not covered is room and board and that can cost \$450 per night. Many families can not afford that. Michael and his team raise funds to help cover these costs. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, no patient is turned away.



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