



Weymouth Rotary Club - No. 6685  
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### Club News and Announcements January 28, 2019

#### PROGRAM

Committee Night  
Chairs: Drukman/  
Cavanaro

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

##### February

Peace and Conflict  
Resolution/Prevention

- 11 Chair: Smith
- 18 No Meeting
- Presidents Day
- 25 Chair: Sharp



#### February Birthdays

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



**Pres. Jim Gustafson** welcomed all to this evening's meeting.

**Alden Blaho:** I want to thank all Rotarians who came out for Christmas in the Square: **Paul Corrigan, Steve Gilman, Lois Drukman, Steve Certa, George Raymond I and George Raymond II, Greg Galvin, Judy Rizzo, Joe Fucile, Jim Graziano, Dave Northup, and Joanne.** We had a successful day. Our booth helped our three Interact kids raised \$163.

Valentines for Soldiers went out last week. Participants in addition to our club were: Joe Fucile's daughters class, Archbishop Williams, Sacred Heart, Fontbonne Academy, and Saint Jerome. 633 cards were sent out. Thank you to Theresa Tanner Roth for getting some addresses.

**Pres Jim:** the cards included information about the Weymouth Rotary Club including our Facebook page.

**Lois Drukman:** we are in the middle of our cash raffle. We have had a good start thanks to **Paul Corrigan.** Brochures and posters are available. Several of us stuffed envelopes for a mailing last week.

Committee Night next week is a new concept to make the process for signing up for a committee more transparent and interactive. We want to match people with what they like to do. Be sure to attend the meeting next week!



### Happy Bucks



**Ray Beane:** I would like to make a shoot [sic] out to some of our fellow Rotarians. Especially to **Dave Hicks**. He was stranded in Florida and still made it to Father Bill's and did the shopping. Also to new Rotarians who came to Father Bill's, we had two Interact Club students. Despite the weather we had a great showing of Rotarians.

**Alden Blaho:** I missed George's Birthday.. Happy Birthday George!



**Paulette Boudrot:** For past 2-3 years Paulette has been regional vice chair of Rotary Leadership Institute which involved organizing the sessions, getting faculty, and the hotel among much more. She is no longer the RVC. Now she is the Secretary. In this role she is a facilitator for RLI and likes it very much. **Next RLI sessions are: Concord NH, March 16. District 7950 RLI in Lincoln RI on March 30. Wakefield Ma April 27.** The Club will pay for Rotarians participation. I encourage all Rotarians to attend.

Personal Happy Bucks: Paulette has been translating French/English for years. She is happy to report she has received a royalty advance from a publisher for a translation to be published in 2020.

**Bob Petrelli:** Happy Bucks for **Jimmy!** As president four years ago things were a little different at this time. (Snow?) Five weeks in a row we were snowed out.

**Pres Jim:** My wife and I went on vacation Thursday morning. We can fly free because brother is a pilot. We had a great time! Could not get a free flight home and ended up paying for two direct flights home that cost more than two round trip tickets would cost.



# BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

## Chair: Gary Rayberg

**Pres Jim** introduced **Dirt** who talked about The Bikers Against Child Abuse. Dirt is a member of the Massachusetts South Shore Chapter. Their mission is to create a safer environment for abused children. Bikers empower children to not feel afraid in the world in which they live. They stand ready to provide support. They work in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children. We desire to send a clear message to all that we are prepared to provide physical and emotional support. We stand up ready to shield these children from further abuse. BACA is a 501 C3 non profit organization started in 1995. All funds are obtained by donation and go directly to support the children. BACA was started by a licensed therapist who was a biker. He asked a couple friends to visit one wounded boy. Their support helped the child to come out of his shell. Today there are 254 Chapters world wide, 9000 members worldwide. There are 205 chapters in the US and chapters in ten countries.

Members come from all walks of life, many professionals: teachers, lawyers, accountants to name a few. To become a member you need to go through extensive background checks. There are 24 classes new members have to take. They include how to interact with the child, laws, ect. Members need to commit to being there for a child when needed. People take personal time from work to be in court if needed.

Dirt talked about the different levels of intervention. The goal is to make the child part of the group. More intense intervention can include a presence near the child's house to make them feel safe. The BACA presence in court helps to empower the child to testify. Age range of children supported is up to 17.

You need to have a motorcycle to join! No Scooters!



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