

## Weymouth Rotary Club - No. 6685 District 7950

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#### **PROGRAM**

Food Packaging
Chairs: Donna Foster
and Helen Blowers

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS** 

March
Water and Sanitation Month

25 Sex Trafficking
Joan Vercollone Barry
April
Maternal and Child Health
Month

- Susan Sered PhD-Opioid Abuse in Weymouth Chair: Cook-Ivan
- 8 Early Intervention for Children-Rhonda Meisel Chair: Cook-Ivan
- 15 No meeting-Patriot's
- 22 Care packs for Soldiers Chairs: Raymond II

## Club News and Announcements March 11, 2019

**Pres. Jim Gustafson** welcomed all to this evenings meeting.

Jim Cavanaro: RLI training sessions coming up. The Club will pay your fee

Pres Jim presented Dr. Jennifer Curtis -Whipple, Superintendent, with a grant for a drug prevention program with the 6th and 7th grade students. We are very excited about this . As you know we are trying to do a lot more on preventative measures.

**Dr. Curtis-Whipple** Thanked the club for the donation and described the drug prevention program to be implemented with the 6-7 grade students. The program includes teaching kids "how to speak your mind". We use Sonny's story as a teaching tool. Kids relate well to the story as told through the eyes of a pet.

**Pres Jim** says we have a drug prevention committee and the last few years we have been setting aside funds for to sponsor programs just like this one. If we can save one child –it's a win.

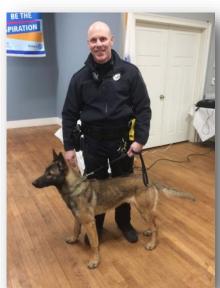
Jim Cavanaro: RLI training sessions coming up. The Club will pay your fee to attend. March 16 in Concord NH and March 30 in Lincoln RI at the Amica Center. A third in April in Wakefield. Contact Jim if you want to attend or go on line to register.

**Pres. Jim: Bridgewater Club** has invited us to a celebratory breakfast meeting on April 17 at 7:30 am. Love to see nice strong support from our club members.

**Donna Foster:** Food packaging next Monday it is a fun and give back event. We hope to package 20,000 meals. We will have interactors here and we would love you to bring family and friends. We want 60 people so we can meet our target goal.

**Joan McCann-Hartigan**, Club Treasurer: Dues bills for 2nd and 3rd quarter are out. Any questions contact her. Will appreciated payment in April.





Welcome Chuck! The Weymouth Police Department K9 Unit new recruit!

He's a delight, young, full of energy and will be the perfect addition to the force. Weymouth Rotary presented a grant of \$8300 to the police department towards the investment of Chuck. Chief Grimes had wonderful words for the Weymouth Rotary Clubs support over the years and this generous support for Chuck who will be trained as a patrol dog for our community. Chuck is Czechoslovakian AND German Shepard.



# New Chapman School Project Ted Langill, Chair of School Building Committee Program chair: George Raymond II

George Raymond II introduced Ted Langill, Chair of School Building Committee and his team.

Ted Langill Introduced Supt. Whipple; Chair of the School Committee, Lisa Belmarsh; principle of Adams, Mat Meehan; and designer, Pip Lewis, project manager.

This is a significant project with impact on all residents of Weymouth. Have been at this for over three years. Chair of School building committee with 15 members now working 30 months- 30 meetings. They have had visioning sessions and group forums across Weymouth. All this work will culminate with an April 30 debt exclusion vote.

# All information can be found on the dedicated website www.anewchapman.org

Superintendent Whipple talked about the detailed education plan designed for the middle school students. The building was designed around the new education plan. We looked at What is best for our kids and what will work well into the future. One goal was to provide an opportunity for kids to stay in the school long enough for them to develop relations so new school will be for 6,7and 8 grade kids. Our technology has to be robust and provide

high quality connectivity so all kids can use devices as needed. Current school is like a bunker and kids don't have connectivity. School environment needs to provide project based learning opportunities and space for hands on learning experiences. Special Education spaces need to accommodate life skills education and need to be redesigned. Collaboration key. We want a learning environment that supports opportunities for students to work together. Our current classrooms are too small. The new design incudes collaborative work spaces. We also want an environment that promotes movement and good health.

The new building will also provide opportunities for the entire community, it will effect our elementary and high school kids, and provide a full day kindergarten option for our entire town.

Ted addressed the many deficiencies with the buildings. Cost to correct deficiency close to cost to cover town share of cost to build new school. \$100-\$110M

Pip provided overview design of the new school. Excellent graphics are on the website. Continued on Page 3









## **Happy Bucks**



Pres. Jim Gustafson: I am Happy that when I got to Rotary today it was still sunny!

Lois Drukman: I was at PETS training this past week. It was intensive and I came back inspired, energized and ready to lead for the club! The PETS trainers did a great job.

Paulet Boudrot just returned from a few weeks in Florida and spent some quality time with family. Visited with four siblings and did not have to cook once.

Paul Corrigan: you may remember our speaker on Cause Marketing mentioned Realtors for Recovery. I met with some people of the program. They work on dealing with the opioid crisis. I received Narcan training and met with the Police chief of Kennebunkport. He is a very active Rotarian.

**DJ Shah** just returned from a two month visit to India. Happy to be back!

Jay Walker first I want to say hi to my friends in the police dept! and to the principal. One of our Rotary scholarship winners went to Italy on Saturday. She is presenting her research at an international convention in Lucca province it is her research work relative to cancer biology. Who is this wonderkid ?! it is Melanie.

**Congratulations Melanie!** 

### **Chapman School Project Continued**

The new school has a pinwheel design with a grade housed in each wing creating "neighborhoods". This way the large space will not be overwhelming. The school is large to house 1470 students and designed for efficient use of space. The perimeter of the building will have a fitness walk with exercise stations. 3 two story high classroom wings are clustered around the cafeteria area. Will retain and renew the gymnasium. There are a variety of specialty spaces: small group meeting, teacher support, special ed, exploratory, library, culinary arts, broadcasting. At the end of each wing is a neighborhood collaborative space.

Ted talked about the goal of this building to benefit the entire community as well as an enriching school environment. There will be a health and wellness center for students and families. This center can be used for the whole community such as CPR training, and clinics.

The multipurpose court, gym, auditorium, and a memorial garden will be available to everyone.

#### Timeline:

March 4 was public hearing before town council.

April 10 the MSBA will vote to approve schematic design and project budget and to finalize reimbursement of \$54M and we hope it will be higher.

April 30 will be the vote for debt exclusion. If that is successful the next five months will be for more detailed design, then next 8 months to prepare the RFR.

Construction to begin late spring of next year, with estimated opening September 2022.



## **March Birthdays**

21 John Ransom 22 Brian Haggerty 27 Doug Shep-





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Sergeant at Dave Hicks Arms

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