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Club News and Announcements November 26, 2018

PROGRAM

Paul Harris Presentation:
To the McKinnon Family

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December

- 10 Club Assembly– No Guests
- 15 Eddie O'Rourke Christmas Tree Trimmings
- 17 Holiday Party
- 24 No Meeting– Merry Christmas
- 31 No Meeting– Happy New Year



December Birthdays

- 3 MaryLou Sandry
- 4 Richard Smith
- 10 Joe Ciarlone
- 12 Patricia Foster
- 15 Jay Walker
- 16 George Raymond



President Jim started the meeting with a couple of thank you notes from the Pingree and Murphy Schools thanking the Club for the backpacks that were donated from our Club Project.



PP Alden Blaho reminded the Club that a ClubRunner sign up went of for Christmas in the Square, Saturday December 1. There will be two shifts 3:30-5:30PM and 5:30-7:30PM. Our tent will once again be in front of Commercial Lock & Safe, thanks Joe Fucile. Please contact Alden if you are interested.



Shari Goscinak announced that the Eddie O'Rourke Christmas Tree Trimmings is in full swing, the final wrapping will take place on December 15, at The Hall on Broad Street at 9:30AM. If you have any questions please see MaryLou or Shari.

President Jim announced the results of tonight's Board of Directors elections. They are as follows; Paul Corrigan, David Hicks, Teresa Tanner Roth, Don Trudeau and Arthur Connelly was elected Foundation Director.



Director Teresa Tanner Roth had mentioned that the Christmas Party will be held on December 17, at The Hall on Broad. The cost will be \$35 per person and there will be a sign up sheet and details next week.



George Raymond made an announcement that the Masonic Lodge members will be partnering with Weymouth Youth & Family Services to deliver 500 toy bags around Weymouth. They will also be at the Hall on December 15, at 8AM prior to Eddie O'Rourke. They will be staying to help Rotary and invited the Club to help them with their Christmas project.



George Raymond also mentioned that the Weymouth High School is hosting a Blood Drive at the Hall on Saturday, December 22 from 9AM-3PM. The Rotary Club and Masons are also co-

sponsoring the Blood Drive. The goal is upwards of 65 pints, so give early and give often.



Director Paul Corrigan announced that the Auto for the raffle will be a Lexus RX350L or \$30,000 in cash. The raffle will kick off next Monday. The first early bird special will be December 20 at Precinct 10 where you could have the opportunity to win two \$250 cash prizes or one \$500 cash prize.

President Jim gave a Board update that included a donation to Worthy Village of \$4000. It will be hand delivered Friday at their major fundraiser at X1 Boston in Braintree.



Happy Bucks



President Jim had the opportunity to go pheasant hunting. His synopsis was that it is basically golf with guns. Jim went on to say that his first bird was only feet in front of him and he had to decide to hit it with the stock of the gun or let it fly away so he could shoot it. The bird flew away and Jim missed it. He takes a second shot and the bird goes down, and there was much rejoicing. Only to find out that it was his hunting partner who shot the bird and not Jim.



PP Helen Blowers is happy to be back at Rotary after her successful hip replacement surgery. Helen was amazed how fast they required her to get up and walk on her new hip. She is thrilled to be to be pain free and back at Rotary.



Pat Barrett sorry he missed his birthday but wanted to put his money in the bottle.



PP Gary Rayberg is thankful for the Club's participation at Worthy Village and invited the Club to the fundraiser this week.



Lieutenant John Perchard, WPD- Marijuana Laws
Jay Walker-Chair



Joe Fucile introduced Lieutenant John Perchard. LT. Perchard is an 18 year veteran of the Weymouth Police Department. He works in the protective services of the narcotics division.

Lt. Perchard thanked the Club for inviting him to speak on the new marijuana laws and how they will impact the Town of Weymouth. He also thanked the Club for our continued support of the Department, especially the K-9 unit.

Lt. Perchard informs the Club that the court system has been working the police away from marijuana prosecution over the past few years. Since the new laws have passed you can possess up to one ounce on your person, ten ounces at your home under lock and key, and you can grow up to six plants per individual over the age of 21 with a maximum of 12 plants per household. You cannot smoke marijuana in public as it carries a \$100 fine in Massachusetts and a \$300 fine in Weymouth.

Some of the adverse effects of marijuana is skyrocketing automobile accidents. One in five automobile accident deaths involve the use of recreational marijuana. In turn, insurance rates have increased significantly in Massachusetts. Additionally, Lt. Perchard states that there are no standardized field sobriety tests to perform on under the influence operators in Massachusetts like there are for alcohol.

At the passing of these laws to legalize marijuana, the hope is that illegal sales will decrease and become nonexistent. What Lt. Perchard sees is that people will still buy it illegally because it is still cheaper to purchase illegally opposed to getting a medical marijuana card or traveling to a legal dispensary.

Lt. Perchard explained to the Club that with these news laws other issues are starting to arise. There was a recent sting that discovered 7 houses on the South Shore were being rented and used as marijuana grow houses. One of the most notable tactics used is that the houses will tap directly into the electrical wires on the street and steal electricity to grow thousands of plants per household. One recent was estimated that \$275,000 worth of electricity was stolen over an 8 month period.

As for medical marijuana, the statistics out of Colorado where it was first legalized show that out of 107,000 cards issued, two percent of patients had cancer, one percent had the HIV virus, and two percent had glaucoma. The other ninety-five percent were individuals approximately 30 years of age with no current medical illnesses.

Lt. Perchard stated that one of the major issues that has yet to come to light will be individuals who possess a license to carry a firearm and a medical marijuana card. He feels that once individuals begin to renew either card, and a cross-referencing process takes place, the individual will most likely lose their license to carry automatically.

If you have any specific marijuana law questions or see any suspicious illegal activity please contact the Weymouth Police Department with any concerns.



Ray Bean is happy that we are almost done with November and he hasn't been in the hospital. He is also thrilled that he has all his Eddie O'Rourke shopping done and it was the best day.

Larry Cassese geeked out on us and is happy that the NASA Space Program landed on Mars.

PP Tom Tanner is happy that his daughter Teresa got a great surprise on Thanksgiving. Her son, Chris surprised her on leave from the military after being away for 9 months.

John Reilly is happy that his handicapped granddaughter has been accepted and will be the recipient of a dream come true vacation from the Make-a-Wish Foundation. She was nominated by her 9 year old brother.



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