



WHAT A YEAR!

IPSWICH/ROWLEY
ROTARY 2020-2021

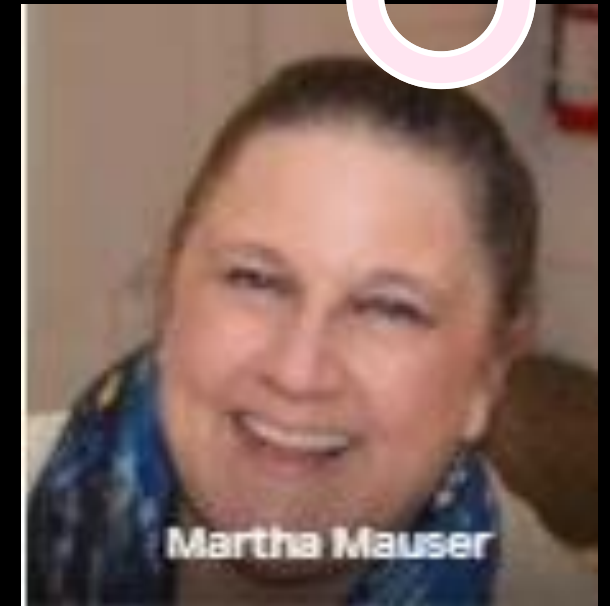
● End the year with reflection -


- Where have we been?
- What have we learned?
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THE GAVEL WAS PASSED...

AND THEN THERE WERE
THREE!!





JULY AND AUGUST, 2020

AND SO WE BEGAN ANOTHER YEAR
IN ROTARY



Our hot
summer was
a challenge
to all



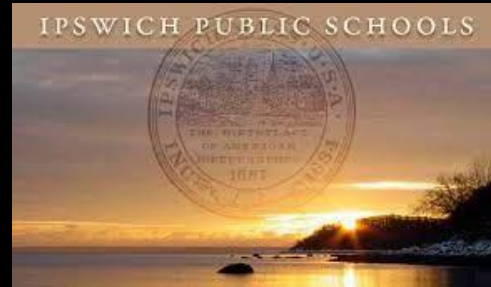
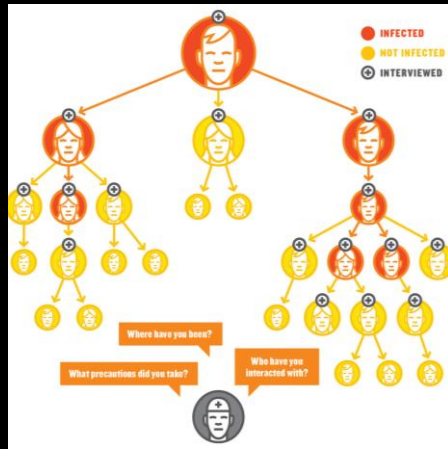
- Remember the DROUGHT?
 - **Kerry Mackin** - Protecting our freshwater resources - What can we do?
 - **Ipswich Shellfish Constable** - Update on the season
- The State of our Small Business Community
 - **Ann Orcutt** - Ipswich Business Roundtable
 - **Ray Morley** - Ipswich Chamber of Commerce

Water, Businesses, and People were Struggling

- **Rachel Schneider** - Ipswich River Watershed Association –
 - Water for People project, Greenscapes, etc.

- **Amanda Donovan** - Contact Tracing and COVID-19

- **Dr. Brian Blake** - Ipswich School Reopening Plans





SEPTEMBER, 2020

THE CHALLENGES SURROUNDING US

W E B E G A N
W I T H
M I R A B E L L A
P U L I D O ' S
W O R D S



● Boston Rotaract family,

- As you're reading this, the world around us seems the most chaotic it's ever been in our lifetimes. Members of our own club, community, and country are hurting right now. Whether it be from the ongoing civil unrest, the effects of the pandemic, or reasons that are unknown to you and me, I hope you are all taking care of yourselves during these trying times.
- As members and affiliates of one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world, we have a moral obligation to support the dignity of every human being. This means we must speak out unequivocally against hatred, prejudice, and violence.





- Boston Rotaract stands in solidarity with its Black club members and with all of those who work to advance greater racial justice for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) folks.
- We cannot claim the values we say we stand for – **Is it fair to all concerned?** – without coming together to support our community. While we pride ourselves on international service projects and youth exchange programs, much of the work that needs to be done is in our own backyards.
- Rotarians and Rotaractors are known to be “People of Action,” so let’s do what we do best. This is a critical time to strengthen our commitment to creating lasting change, especially for BIPOC, by taking meaningful action..





- We must continue to work in Rotary's Six Areas of Focus by:
 - **promoting peace,**
 - **creating economic opportunities,**
 - **supporting women and children,**
 - **and educating all – especially ourselves.**
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- Whatever position we find ourselves in, we must play our role and make a difference





- As I considered writing this letter, I struggled searching for others in my district who look like me for guidance.
- It should not be an anomaly to be a young, brown woman in a network of 1.2M Rotarians. Let's start internally and look at our own clubs. Our membership must reflect our communities and those we serve.
- I have enormous faith in and love for Rotary International. Our life's work is to better our world and we must use this moment in history to drive and accelerate positive change for the future.
- It has been an incredibly high honor to serve as this year's president of Boston Rotaract.
- In service above self,
- Mirabella
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Students and New Members Inspire Us



The Interact students updated the Club about their activities.

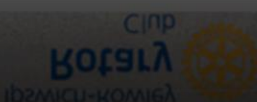
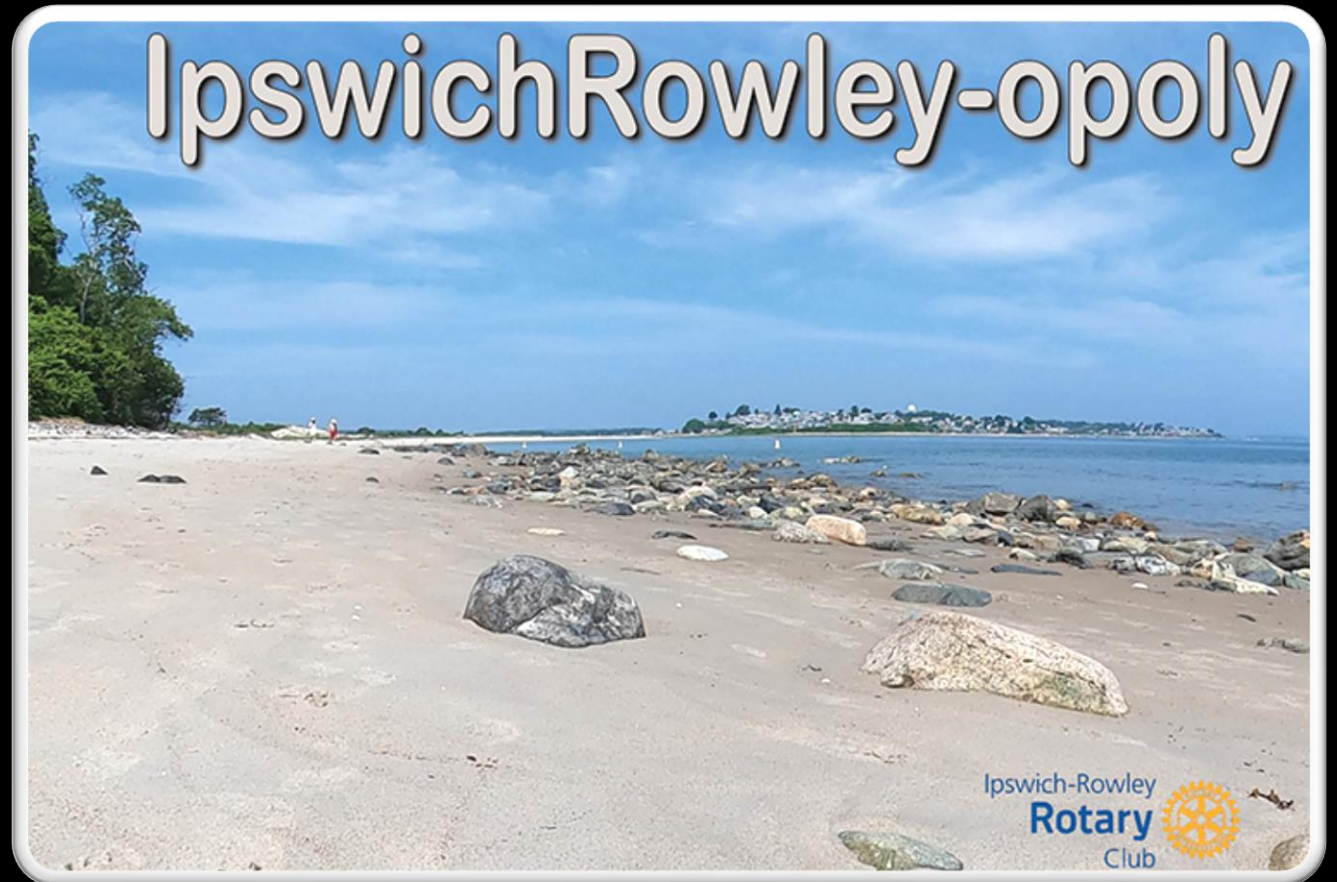
We met Interact officers President Audrey Berger, Vice President Louisa Roesler, Treasurer Sam Orroth, and Secretary Rowan Galanis.

We also discussed the importance of new membership with the Membership Committee, reinforcing the role of service above self.



- Actions followed with the unique fundraiser!

The IpswichRowley-Opoly Game!!





**OCTOBER,
2020**

FOCUSING ON THE NEEDIEST
MEMBERS OF OUR EXTENDED
COMMUNITY



- **Action.org** - on their social outreach programs for our area
- **Sister Leonore** - Sisters of Notre Dame's International Work
- **Boston Globe Spotlight Team Reporter - Jenna Russell - THE GREAT DIVIDE**



We looked overseas and within our own communities to understand current issues

- **Doug and Kristina Brendel**, Helping Children and Adults in Need - Belarus



- Special Speaker with the District**
- **Dr. Bowtie Jenkins** - Diversity and Inclusion



**NOVEMBER,
2020**

LEARNING TO GET THE MESSAGE
ACROSS TO ALL PEOPLE



...and giving thanks
for our families.

- **Trustees of Reservations - Tom O'Shea and Russ Hopping** will present *their new State of the Coast - North Shore Climate Report.*

- **Bill Sargent** - Book discussion - *COVID Chronicles*

- **TOASTMASTERS Connor Lapresi**

- Joint Thanksgiving Breakfast get-together with **Hamilton-Wenham Rotarians.**

Terror by Error?

The Covid Chronicles

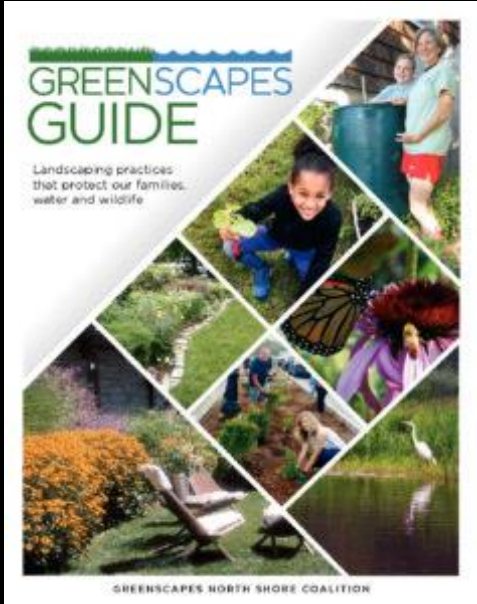
William Sargent





**DECEMBER,
2020**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY,
HAPPY NEW YEAR, FINALLY!!!



What a joy!!

- **Micaila Bittro**, recipient of a big service dog
- First Annual **Zoom Christmas Party!**
- **Greenscapes- Margaret Duffy** - Getting ready for winter!



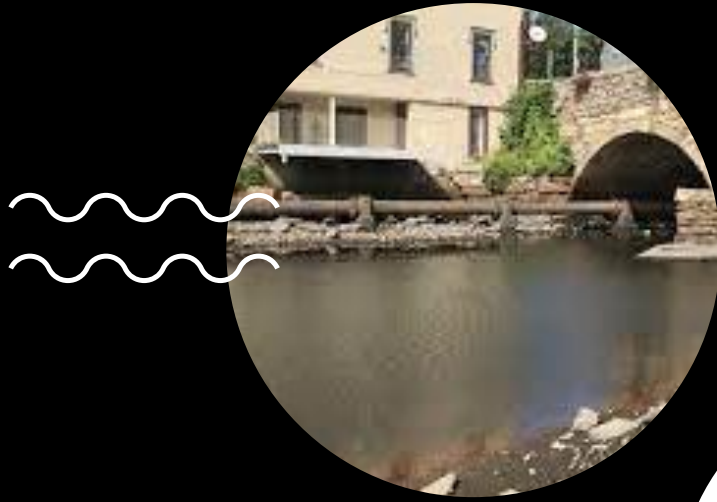
Our Service Projects Continued






JANUARY, 2021

WE STUDIED THE POWER OF
GIVING...AND OF SAVING!



At home and
across the
seas, Rotary
projects have
impacts

- **Open Door - Andrew Dunn,**
Director of Grants
- **Joan Arsenault - Annual Fund**
- **Sister Lorraine, Sisters of**
Notre Dame de Namur
- **Vicki Hallman, Ipswich Water**
and Wastewater Director



FEBRUARY, 2021

MIDWINTER FUN MIXED WITH
SOCIAL AWARENESS

**Social and
Environmental
Justice themes
with a mixture
of fellowship
and fun**



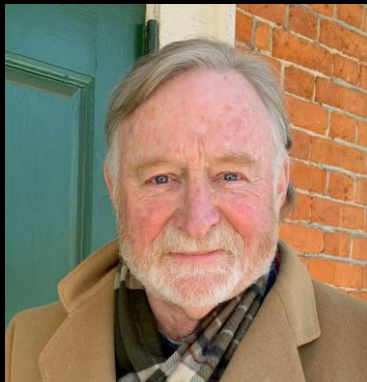
- **Rotary Exchange Students** –
Where are they now?
- **Auction** – Do you have UNWANTED TOYS??
- **Mal Stanton McCunney**
 - Director, Marketing & Events
 - School on Wheels of Massachusetts
- **Dr. Marcos Luna, Salem State University**
 - -- Defining Environmental Justice





MARCH, 2021

MARCH BROUGHT STRONG WINDS
OF CHANGE AND COMMUNITY
AWARENESS



Focus on our local and statewide community actions

- **Jim McAllister** – North Shore Stories
- Sarah Simon - Transportation and Climate Initiative Program (TCI), a regional cap and invest program
- **Clarissa Hurley** - The Borgen Project -- leaders of the most powerful nation on earth should be doing more to address global poverty.
- **Change is Simple** - Sustainability and Env. Education.



APRIL, 2021

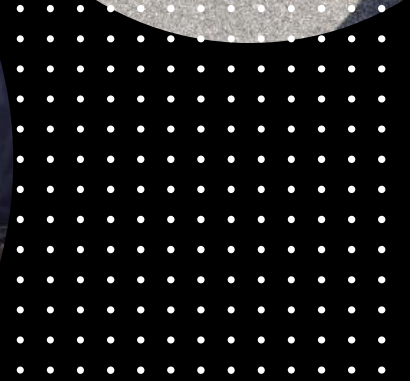
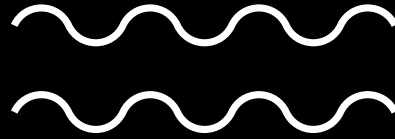
A SPRING BOUQUET!



We crisscrossed
the US and the
Globe for our
April bouquet of
speakers

- **Jay Stanbury** - Ipswich Agriculture Committee
- **Ipswich East, England** - Making Our Way Thru COVID
- **Roseann Bongiovani** Green Roots Chelsea
- **Mark Murphy, BBC** and Ipswich East Rotarians – COVID continued.
- **Juan Galledo** - Chelsea Rotary Goes to Texas

FEEDING THE NEEDY





MAY, 2021

A MONTH FOR DIVERSITY,
EQUALITY, INCLUSION



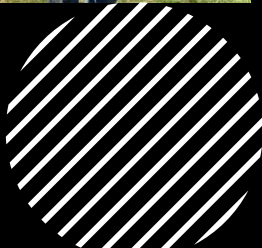
Defining and exploring DEI in Essex County

- **Heather McMann** Groundwork Lawrence Director
- **Dr. Siddhartha Shah**, Director of Education and Civic Engagement - Curator of South Asian Art
- **Senior Lunch**
- **David Hart** - District 7930 DEI Initiative






S E R V I C E
A B O V E
S E L F





JUNE, 2021

PASSING THE GAVEL AGAIN!!



And the cycle
begins
again...



- Classification talks with - Shirley and Glenn Holt and Mike Stewart
- Flag Dedication Ceremony on the Village Green
- Passing the Gavel at the Ipswich Inn, June 30



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