



## Boston Rotaract Club

# Meeting Minutes: Member Meeting – Thursday, February 2nd, 2017

Fisher College Trustee Reading Room; 116 Beacon St, MA 02116 – 8:00pm to 9:00pm

### 2017 Rotaract Board Members

PRESIDENT:	Amy Collinsworth
VICE PRESIDENT:	Chi Luu Tran
COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR:	James Boggie
SECRETARY:	Jamie Kim
TREASURER:	Anu Chhetri
LOCAL SERVICE CHAIR:	Daniel Kallen
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:	Mallory McCoy
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:	Josepha Shu
PROF. DEVELOPMENT CHAIR:	Don Washington

1. Welcome to visitors/guests (8:01pm): Amy Collinsworth
2. Attendees: 21
3. Introductions(8:01 - 8:13pm):
  - a. Happy Dollars
  - b. New Officers:
    - i. Jamie Kim, Secretary
    - ii. Don Washington, Professional Development Chair
    - iii. Josepha Shu, Membership Chair
4. Updates (8:13 - 8:35pm)
  - a. **"Computer slam."** Daniel announcement of alumni search for Rotary Alumni Association of Greater New England. We have a list of contacts, we just need to reach it to them. More details **TBD**.
  - b. **Greater Boston Food Bank** service opportunity on **Feb 11th** is full!
  - c. **Hunger Brunch** was awesome. Rebecca, James, Don and Lexi, 4 course meal for \$25. "It was really good and even had freshly squeezed OJ. Nice place, too." Money from brunch went to Greater Boston Food Bank. We will look out for this event next year.
  - d. **Cambridge Rotary Social**. Chi, Mallory, Lexi, and Nicholas attended. It was at NuBar. Free food. Proceeds went to a **STEM** organization for STEM development in high schools.
    - i. **Cambridge Rotary's** next project: Follow an eclipse in August with an infrared camera on a flying device with the students.
  - e. **Rotary International Convention**. Mallory: Last notice to sign up for the event! Accommodations: Do we want to stay together? Separate? Hotel? Air bnb? Let her know.
    - i. Q: "Is anyone doing pre-convention?"
    - ii. A: "I highly recommend going to it. I thought it was the best part last year!"
  - f. 8:26 Amy says application will open soon for funding support to attend Pre-Convention. This application is open to all inducted Boston Rotaractors who are not currently serving in board roles.

This opportunity is meant to provide access to members who would not otherwise be able to attend. One member will be selected from the application pool to receive the sponsorship.

- g. **Salsa Night** will happen on a Wednesday in **April**! Bring friends who like to dance and/or who may want to join Rotary. Chi: if you have raffle prizes in mind... Please reach out!
- h. **Feb 16th meeting, Susan Murcott**. Clean water NGO founder will come to speak to us at our meeting.
- i. **First meeting at Back Bay Social Club will be April 6th!** No formal meeting that time. Just hanging out
- j. **Cambridge Club: May 7th, Sunday, Mayfest**, need volunteers. Need artist volunteers!!
  - i. Add'tl Announcement: Women in Ukraine event at Liquid Art House. 7-9:30 February 3rd

5. Special Guest (8:35-9:09pm): Keith Harris from Ipswich Club, District Youth Services Chair

- a. Impressed with the our club's energy: Came to see what the group is like. Recently became Youth Services Chair. Role is to educate us on how we fit into Rotary and how we work together. Trying to learn how he can bring our energy to Rotary Clubs. 20 years as Rotarian; wife is 10 years Rotarian. Previously Interact chair. Worked with teens. Rotary pulls everyone together.
- b. Background Rotary information:
  - i. Founder of Rotary: Paul Harris, lawyer. In Chicago. 1904. Women included in 1987. Clubs exist in over 200 countries in the world.
  - ii. RI began vaccinated kids against Polio in 1986. Original commitment was \$100 million dollars for three years with the goal to eradicate it by the end of the three years.
  - iii. Collaborated with WHO and CDC and Rotary was the only private partner in this endeavor. Polio eradicated everywhere but four countries by 2004 (Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria, India)
  - iv. Bill and Melinda Gates got onboard. We've raised over 1 billion dollars. B&M matched our funds.
  - v. Polio will be the only other disease wiped out (small pox)
- c. "Rotary is an organization for change around the world. But we hate change in our own club."
- d. "The Rotary Foundation? Have you applied to Rotary Foundation grants? If you were to come and say you had an idea, we'll try to figure out and make it happen."
- e. Background of Boston Rotary:
  - i. 47 rotary clubs in our district; District 7930, from Boston to Amesbury
- f. Advice: "Go to a different club! See what it's like. See what you like and don't Like and bring it back to your own club"
  - i. "Believing in what you're doing. Some Rotary Clubs may be doing things out of tradition."
- g. "Rotary at its best."
- h. Event: **World peace and Understanding Dinner**. In Lynnfield Sheraton. Celebrating world peace. Last year for this same event Keith and wife created a game, giving everyone an identity. Goal was to survive for two days. This year's event will have another interesting activity to promote awareness and educate on a specific topic. **Next Wednesday night \$55 (\$35 Rotaract ticket) 6-9pm.**

6. Additional Announcements

- a. Mallory: If you're interested in joining a **Boston Rotaract book club**, reach out to Mallory on FB, email, text, whatever!

7. Closing & Fellowship (9:12pm): Amy Collinsworth

- a. Fellowship at Carrie Nation after meeting.

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Links:

Boston Rotaract – [www.bostonrotaract.org](http://www.bostonrotaract.org)

Our Facebook Group – [www.facebook.com/inbox/?ref=mb#/group.php?gid=2229403985&ref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/inbox/?ref=mb#/group.php?gid=2229403985&ref=ts)