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Beverly Rotary Club Sprocket Newsletter

GROOMING FAIRY TALES

RAPUNZEL DAVE,
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LET DOWN YOUR
FACIAL HAIR SO I
CAN CLIMB YOUR
GOLDEN STAIR TO
BE PRESIDENT?

WHY WAIT
9 WEEKS,
YOU CAN
TAKE IT NOW,
THIS YEAR'S
BEEN WACKY!



Marshall Handy will be our President in 9 weeks if you don't get the narrative.

Facemask Smackdown



Only one submission this week from the Cosa Nostra of Higher Ed. To us looks like underwear but in these troubled times people have a right to lose their minds. Send us your favorite mask event. Formal, prom, Date night we print anything.

Peanut Butter Challenge



In a first, and possibly last the Yaffa PB Challenge. Lee had his Cheerio stuffed with PB, Heidi and Lex sported PB PPE with what looked like ritz crackers. Rachel Hand took the self awarded prize with a stunning portrait of her cat in PB. Cat looks on and comments "meooow, purrrr, meow" (translation: why couldn't this be tuna fish or catnip, something I like?)

As mentioned by Sgt Jamie the secret talents of the club have emerged in this troubled times, and proof that Rachel is mighty bored at home. next week she will reveal an ode to Picasso in Nutella. Stay tuned it will be delicious.

Rotary Coloring Book



To help celebrate Earth Day in 2020, we are providing a coloring book of scenes of Nature and Beverly for kids of all ages to color in and enjoy all that Mother Earth gives us every day. Please share with your friends who have kids or grandkids, the parents will thank you. An art contest is also available to show off kids talents. Details at link on our website www.beverlyrotaryclub.com

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Last time at the Beverly Rotary Club...

Sprocket Notes: By Rachel Hand

Meeting called by: Dave Olson
Pledge of Allegiance: Dianne Paltergill

Song: Matt Piaker - solo of "Here Comes the Sun"
Invocation: Thad S.

Visitors: Kevin O'Reilly

Announcements:

- Birthdays: Jen Freedman, John Shuka,
- Lee Yaffa: Peanut Butter Challenge - participants: Lex and Heidi, Lee Yaffa, and Rachel Hand. Rachel won, in my humble opinion.
- Finance Committee: Met to discuss investment accounts. Two accounts add up to about half a million dollars. Made a decision to make an adjustment of the allocation of the funds, to make it less risky. These are well-balanced accounts. Looked into accessing money for their scholarships. Will take 10k from each fund, and then from our annual fundraising account. Total being \$25k. Good to go with scholarships!
- Brian D'Apice said he would pledge \$100 in spirit of Don Kelley's generosity. Chet, Al, and Matt, helped us raise within 72 hours. We raised more than 11k for a COVID 19 Emergency Relief Fund! 95% of the club members pledged!
- All 40 of notes to Bootstraps have been written and have begun arriving.
- Next Rotary Project: Care Packages for Family Promise. Dave will send out details.
- Harborlight: Leslie Gould and her kids are writing up notes/drawings for residents.
- Moiph: Earth Day Coloring book for kids. People can send in their kids' drawings and win a gift card. On the

Beverly Rotary website!

- Fall Fundraiser: Theoretically set for October 30th.

Sergeant: Jamie

- Fines:
 - o Zoom Backgrounds: Dave (Best Background Award, also blamed for pandemic because he wished he could mute everyone in Rotary). Sean G. (Tiger King background), Jones (Depressing background), Jackie (Zoom etiquette on point, fine for awesomeness). Lex and Heidi (Bonnie and Clyde Award).
 - o Rachel H. fined for having a hidden talent.
 - o Jo fined for gorgeous hair. Sean fined for hat.
 - o Working while Zooming: Thad, Larry H (mute yourself if you take a call!)
 - o Jim and Chet both walked away mid-meeting.
 - o Andrew D. for his great head-gear. Ready for Pilot Training.
 - o Derek is fined because he got a plug for his workshop and Jamie did not get a shout out for her stress workshop! Stress is changing our brain to be less empathetic. Interesting stuff! Fear makes us do things that are reactive, not responsive. Try to decrease stress!

Guest Speaker:

- Anna Langstaff introduced our speaker, Kevin O'Reilly, a retired history teacher from Hamilton/Wenham. Kevin is an activist lobbying to combat climate change in our world. He suggests we do two things:
 - o Listen to the warnings - we may not agree but we need to listen.
 - o Help the most vulnerable - our children and our children's children do not have a choice but they will be suffering the consequences.
- Single most effective way to combat climate change is to vote for a carbon tax! Talk to your local legislators. One legislator can make all the difference! (Jerry Perisella is the best contact)

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- What can we do in our homes and towns?
 - o Go solar, shop local, travel less or more efficiently, check your investments and make sure they aren't supporting the fossil fuel industry.

Rachel's Actual/Lengthier Notes on speaker (NO NEED to include in Sprocket) BUT WE WILL SINCE WORDS ARE GOD:

- Anna is introducing Kevin O'Reilly. Retired history teacher from Hamilton Wenham, wrote 29 books! Has been involved in Climate Change lobbying. Lived in Beverly for over 30 years.
- "The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Citizens' Climate Lobby
- Lana is his youngest granddaughter and is his reason for advocating for fighting Climate Change. Lana will suffer the consequences but have no part in the choices.
- COVID has affected so many people, businesses, families.
 - o Lessons learned: we were warned about pandemics!
 - o We don't have to agree to warnings, but we should listen to them. We need to be better prepared.
- Climate Change is a slow-moving catastrophe. The warnings have been given for decades. We need to take bold government action as a pro-business policy.
 - We also need to look out for the most vulnerable among us!
 - Effects on Beverly: serious flood zone implications.
- What should we do?
 - o We could do nothing.
 - o People say they are concerned about spending money for client change. But we are already spending money!
- Costs of pollution, subsidies to oil/gas/coal, flood insurance, health

- costs, national security, fire/flood/drought relief.
 - o State Level Legislation - learn about it and support it!
- Carbon Tax to tackle emissions. Single most effective thing right now.
 - 73% of people in Essex County favor tax.
 - Carbon fee is effective because there is unfair competition between fossil fuels and clean energy. The fossil fuels are not paying for the damage caused to the environment. If we put price on carbon for the damage, it would make it equal to clean energy and would allow consumers to make choices based on fair competition. Innovations will be made/encouraged as well.
- Best contacts: Jerry Parisella (best focus), Joan Lovely, Mike Cahill, Paul Guanci.
- Citizens have the power to change government policy!
- Heed the warnings and lookout for the most vulnerable!
- Elevator speech for citizens:
 - o Had high school students go in and talk to the speaker of the house. Speaker of the house has a lot of power. Students went in and said "there hasn't been a hearing on this". An unknown person in the Tennessee legislature, no one knew who he was, was told "do the right thing" by his mother, and that was how we got women's suffrage in the last state. One legislator can make all the difference.
 - o Heat pumps can reduce carbon footprints. Solar panels are good. Don't travel as much. Personal finances: look into your investments and see which ones have Fossil Fuels in them. Groceries from far away have to be transported: buy locally!

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