

## **Beverly Rotary Club Sprocket Newsletter**



## PREZ GOES ALL TOM SAWYER

### TAKING A CUE FROM MARK TWAIN ROTARY WHITE WASHES LAST YEAR INTO OBLIVION



Fellow members, as I head into the back nine (piaker's idea of mirth) of my term, I just want to point out that NOT ONCE have you had a dry chicken dinner on my behalf. In fact we have saved over 6,240 miles of driving to DYC since no one had to traverse Rte 62 at any point. I don't know about you but I'm going to enjoy this apple. Looking forward to next 6 months of my term.

## **Speakers Coming Up**

Jan. 7 Sue Gabriel food insecurity
Jan. 14 Peter Johnson Water project
Jan. 21 Rachel Freedman Global Poverty
Jan. 28 Mayor Cahill city update



## Burn it Down, Live it Up! Grand Prize Winner

Lauren belmonte (who never won anything) stepped into the winners circle with our Grand Prize Award. A New Years Eve gift card for Farm to Frank, two boxes of Prides Chocolates, Lottery Tickets, bubbly, and so many other gifts too lengthy to mention. PLUS wood to burn, bad memories to toss into fire and a DVD set of Contagion and Outbreak. Never seen her so happy to win such an illustrious prize. Husband Patrick played the no mask card and avoided holding the 30lb crate fro social distance. Even in bottom right he clearly didn't want to man up. Note to self: don't take on Lauren in Arm wrestling match. Prizes delivered in holiday truck by Sanity and evil Elf. Neighbors have asked the young couple to pursue new living accommodations by spring.













## Burn it Down, Live it Up! Winners Corner

While you were all snuggled in you're bed over the holiday break, our intrepid elves and trolls, delivered the glorious gifts won on our first ever (hopefully last!) Burn it Down, Live it Up! raffle. Clockwise from top left: Freddi 2nd prize winner with delightful bubbly and Harbor Sweets, 3rd prize winner Dylan with Sardines, Baked beans and Sparkling Cider, Connor Mooney with support animal for future travel, Dave Olson with Cracker Jacks and surprise Moderna vaccine enclosed, Bob Murphy with neighbor unmasked and part two masked, Maureen with Hot Cocoa, Fran with Mardi Gras cosplay kit, Don and Nancy Brown with Moonpies, Rachel with Murder Hornet Wings. Shots of gift packs and wood in center to fill out secret squares. No animals were harmed in the distribution of gifts and junk. Thanks to all for being good sports.



































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## Last weeks news, Tuesday Dec 22. 20

Not really a meeting but a Raffle pick to consummate our Burn it Down, Live it Up! Raffle.

Marshall Handly at 7pm and messed around a little bit and handed over the reins to Mistress Jackie and the Evil Elf. They explained the rules which didn't exist and how the game was to be played.

After a brief show and tell of the fabulous prizes by Evil Elf, Jackie tried to explain to the eggnog induced crowd how it works. Simply put name goes into a raffle wheel with through modern technology spins and stops on a name. A few Rotarians had a hard time grasping this but game went on despite calls for recounts and other legal maneuvers.

BUT FIRST some entertainment from Jay Daly who reminded us to unmute and applaud after each song. We were treated to "Fanfare", a selection from Mel Torme, "Let it Snow", "Joy to the World", "Silent Night", and "Jingle Bells". Request for "Bridge on the River Kwai" were met with silence. A very nice way to hear some live music if not actually live.

#### Burn it Down, Live it Up! Raffle

Wheel of Fortune was spun and Lauren Belmonte (not present) was our Grand Prize Winner, 2nd place was pulled and Freddi Doeringer was the lucky winner, lastly Dylan Jones name was pulled for 3rd place (also not attending because eggnog was flowing through system). The judges panel had additional gifts to raffle off (previous page) These winners included Dave Olson, Pam Sweet (friend of Bob M). Connor Mooney, Al Temkin, Don and Nancy Brown (friends of Moiph), Rachel hand, Bob Murphy and Maureen Trefry.

We had some fun and spirits were high. Most likely due to a distilled or fermented beverage. President Marshall thanked all in the club for their energy to make this happen, including Moiph who thought of the thing. To be fair we need to thank many on this, including:

Fundraising Committee

Sue Gabriel for name of event, plus lottery tickets, COVID paper mache

Jackie for being hostess and master of the wheel of fortune PLUS shirt. puzzle, Harbor Sweets and Rubik's Cube Games

Anne Curry for two bundles of lumber

President Marshall for DVD's

Bill Beckman for transportation and general mayhem

Plus all the people and friends who bought a raffle ticket to make this such a success

If we forgot anyone dems da berries

We toasted a few departed friends and went our merry way for a well deserved end of year break.

#### For those keeping score at home

This fundraiser raised roughly \$3500 for the club. Not too shabby for fairly light lifting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15pm Scribe: Fvil Flf

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## **Zoom with Beverly Rotary**

Well sometimes even the best photographers have lousy days. These are the only usable shots for last meeting. Others are a mishmash of blurry or crummy shots. We can only surmise that the shots were lousy because of the "Claws" being consumed on the evening in question. Any rate we have Jay Daly literally blowing his horn for our entertainment prior to any raffle hi-

jinks. Below in grand picture is the Evil Elf, a "horny" Dianne PG, and many other festive attire wearers. Yes we blew it on ugly sweaters and jazz band but HEY its COVID! We can only do so much. Enjoy the new year you'll need it.







## **Worldwide Adventures of Handly**

It was the summer of 63' and my brother and I were skipping stones across Echo Lake at the base of Cannon Mountain around sunset. We heard a faint sound of distress from across the lake. Upon inspection we discovered a young Beaver's head caught in a can of spam, obviously tossed away by a unresponsible hiker or camper. My brother held the body as I formed a lather from mountain moss and pond scum and gently removed the troublesome can. At first when freed, the beaver seemed to want to attack, but our gentle nature soothed the animal and we let it go to swim back to its mother in the dam. Years later snowmobiling across a frozen Echo Lake, my ski-doo became stranded, dipping into the cracked ice, and freezing water. I was by myself since Carla was reading 50 Shades of Gray back at our Inn. No cell service and grasping for anything to help me avoid a watery grave. My life flashed before me and I recalled that day many summers ago on this very lake. Suddenly the sound of hundreds of marching feet across the ice caught my attention. The Beaver I befriended years early, came with his numerous relatives to make a human chain (in this case Beaver) to create an unbreakable link to safety. We avoided disaster on that cold day, and to this day I have boycotted any and all fur trade involving this noble rodent. In addition I also wrote a scathing letter to the networks for showing reruns of "Leave it to Beaver" which turns out has nothing to do with this nocturnal creature. Until next time and next adventure.

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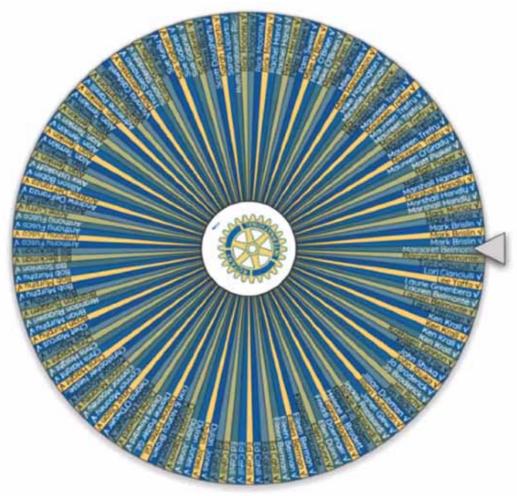
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## **Zoom with Beverly Rotary Wheel of Fortune**

A screen grab of the wheel of fortune used for the Burn it Down raffle. Jackie found this somewhere online, WE HAVE TO USE THIS FOR SOMETHING ELSE!. That's all we have to say.



## Coming Up so stay tuned

- 1. Super Bowl Squares -YES EVEN WITHOUT PATRIOTS WE STILL BET!
- 2. Ground Hog Day Yes we already live it but why not enjoy a groundhog
- 3. P.E.T.S. Diane will be taking the last step to be annointed
- 4. Moiph's Birthday In July but please plan early. If food gift ONLY GF
- 5. Sacco and Vanzetti Day August 23



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