



Words from President Marshall

'Twas the last meeting of 2020, when President Marshall started the ZOOM;
Over at Danversport, lunch wasn't happening in any one of the available rooms;
An odd year if ever there was with no meetings in person or fellowship of any kind;
Restrictions, isolation and Phases up the kazoo, by summer everyone was feeling the grind;
Year started off with regular meetings, and donations of books to the library each week;
We were ready for Raucous Rotary, a fundraiser that was positioned to be quite unique;
Then the bastard COVID came and forced us to postpone until a safer time for fun;
Little did we know parties, mixers, social gatherings in 2020 would be classified as none;
We still had an installation parade for outgoing Dave with a carrot of pizza for his palate;
Pizza never came but throngs cheered on Dave from a distance and Marshall received a mallet;
Thad as sergeant put some something, something and had some fastball like bits;
And Bob Murphy ever entertaining would match him, fine for fine and master of wits;
Matt Blanchard was married despite weddings plans thought out to the littlest detail;
With Stephanie as his bride if they decide to have kids they will be the blondest without fail;
L'amour was in the air down on Webber Ave for Andrew DeFranza and Dr. Kenann McKenzie;
Perhaps a brief engagement then marriage will quench the fabled DeFranza frenzy;
We lost Don Kelley early on due to Covid, then another "Good" one left us named Jack;
You had to yell at the top of your lungs to the higher being, "WHAT ARE YOU ON CRACK!"
One of the highlight meetings we had was the Wine Tasting and goodwill to schmooze;
Who knew to have a successful meeting was to gather Rotarians and dispense booze!;
Dianne Palter Gil's front porch became a place to run, bike or drive by to see Queen Talker;
It was so intense at one point, facebook was accusing Dave Olson of being a stalker;
Despite COVID BS, we have some new members that have joined our merry team;
Allison from the library, so young and smart will make sure in the future Rotary isn't a dream;
Freddi and Dianne continued with songs from youtube made to share love, peace and inspire;
Pretty good job for a year that Oscar the Grouch would say was a dumpster fire!;
Now it's December and cases are spiking, wave two has arrived, much to our disliking;
It's true that this year has had sadness a plenty, we'll never forget the year 2020;
Outside my window the snow gently falls, and I think to myself, let's deck the halls!
So, I gather the ribbon, the garland and bows, as I play those old carols, My happiness grows.
Christmas is not cancelled and neither is hope, if we lean on each other, I know we can cope.
6 Months to go and we'll have a new leader, strong, smart and never a coward;
I'll pass my gavel, my notes and best wishes to an amazing woman named Diane Howard;
After Diane comes sort of a young man Mike Jones, who rounds the bases holding a beer;
He'll continue great work in the future, Rotarians trust me, you have nothing to fear;
Some say this virus changes the playing field and soon may even worsen;
I only want to host one meeting at Danversport and do the DAMN THING IN PERSON!;
Miss you all and want to get back to my table near the support pole,
and say goodbye to 202 which was one
big black hole! - Marshall



MEETING NEXT TWO WEEKS

Trick question, since we would normally meet on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve this year the club voted to NOT have meetings the next two weeks. Use this time to rest, enjoy small gatherings and look forward to 2021, has to be better than 2020. See you again on January 7th

Pay for lunch, happy dollars, or just a good old donation. Keep the dream alive
<https://beverlyrotaryclub.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/COVIDRESPONSE/tabid/1143470/Default.aspx>

Bell Ringing Glory for 2020

Thanks to all who helped do bell ringing last weekend. A beautiful winter day(not balmy as promised) but still very nice. The generosity of shoppers at all 3 locations is greatly appreciated. Due to all of your commitment to ringing, the ghost of Jack Good has no need to disturb your Christmas Eve sleep... except for Al temkin who decided to walk to North Beverly and mis calculated his arrival by about 25 minutes. Hair was still perfect for those counting at home. Plus Dr. Peterson was able to weather the Kevin Kelleher experience for an hour.





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Last weeks news, Tuesday Dec 17.20

Meeting was called to order by President Marshall Handy at 12:15pm

Song: Dianne/Freddie- Xmas medley
Invocation led by Rachel Hand- reminding us to keep those who do not have shelter in our thoughts;
read beautiful quote from Dorothy Day

Birthdays: Dec 19- Judith Cronin; Dec 21- Doreen Ushakoff; Dec 27- Ken Krall, Thaddeus Siemasko;
Dec 29- Derek Maxfield; Jan 2- Peter Hersee, Carmen Marciano; Jan 4- Anne Curry, Adam Winn

Guests:
Eileen Duff, Speaker;
Barry Sullivan, prospective new member;
David Edward Pansovoy, prospective new member

Announcements:
Bell Ringing on Saturday

Burn it Down/Light it up! on Tuesday 12/22 at 7pm- tickets still available and prizes still being added. Even have a chance now for 2nd and 3rd place. Prize will be delivered in a vintage red pickup truck, and Moiph even offered to dress up in something unusual for delivery.
For tix:
<https://beverlyrotaryclub.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/BURNITDOWNLIVEITUP/tab-id/1200215/Default.aspx>

Sergeant: Mike Jones stepped up and offered to pay Rotary \$10 for every hydrant dug out- Take a picture, post on social, tag Mike and your local Fire Dept.

Happy Dollars: Brian Murphy- privilege of seeing Andrew DeFranza in person, even behind a mask

Diane Howard- daughter passed the Bar exam

Walt- Bev Cam recorded 2 bands that will be shown now through Christmas-tune in!

Sue Goganian- thanks Paul Leighton and Salem News for helping with their recent

FB ban. Dave Olson joined in and offered \$ as well
Jo- thankful for a healthy fall semester at Montserrat

Scott Doherty- grandchild due any day
Jackie- congratulates Beverly Public Schools for doing such a great job

Guest Speaker: Eileen Duff is a member of the Massachusetts Governor's Council for the 5th district, where she has represented the North Shore and Merrimack Valley since 2013. In this role, she uses her background in consensus building and public policy to ensure a level playing field for all judicial applicants, with the ultimate goal of ensuring fair trials for ordinary citizens. Prior to being elected to the Governor's Council, Eileen built a career in the telecommunications industry and was a Clinton White House appointee to the FCC during the early 90's. For the past decade and a half, Eileen has worked as an agent at Keller Williams Realty, where she and her wife Jan Pellegrini have established themselves as one of the top teams in the region. MA and NH are only states that still have a Governor's Council and who appoint their judges. The Council's meetings are open and transparent, and now more accessible than ever since they are on YouTube. Eileen has uses her position to leverage opportunities; she insisted that there needs to be more representation within the courts, and the Governor reopened the process to get more diverse candidates. Governor Baker has appointed all 7 Justices in the Supreme Court for MA- something that hasn't happened since John Hancock. Eileen wants to provide more opportunities for youth to learn about the legal system and to have exposure to lawyers, judges etc. Eileen optimistically concluded by saying together we achieve more. And she expressed her gratitude for all that Rotary and the Chamber does in the community.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:15pm
Scribe: Lauren Belmonte

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Cat nap



Grizzly Adams




Daydreaming about Aruba



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Worldwide Adventures of Handly

Have I told you about my experience with ghosts in London on a fact finding adventure looking for the secret ingredient of Stilton Cheese one Christmas Eve? My mate, Lord Clancy MacGillcutty and I were hot on the trail of the cheesy congestibles origins. For those not in the know, Stilton is an English cheese, produced in two varieties: Blue, which has had Penicillium roqueforti added to generate a characteristic smell and taste, and White, which has not. Both have been granted the status of a protected designation of origin (PDO) by the European Commission, requiring that only such cheese produced in the three counties of Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire may be called "Stilton". The cheese takes its name from the village of Stilton, now in Cambridgeshire, where it has long been sold. I seemed to have wandered, any way we consumed copious amounts of the cheesy treat and decided to take a nap. As I slept I was awoken by bells and the locked door to my chamber was entered by a spirit dragging lock boxes, with chains attached. My thought was first of fright then wonder why a spirit would be visiting me? The spirit starting talking in a low guttural sound that sent chills up my spine. The spirit said he was my partner in life and work and he came to warn me of a visit from 3 other spirits that night, at this point I interrupted the spirit and queried "are you looking for Mr. Scrooge? He's in flat 3A, this is 3C. The spirit checked his ledger and realized he had the wrong flat. He seemed miffed that he had to drag all that hardware around again. I fell back into a sleep dreaming of even more Stilton. Until next time.

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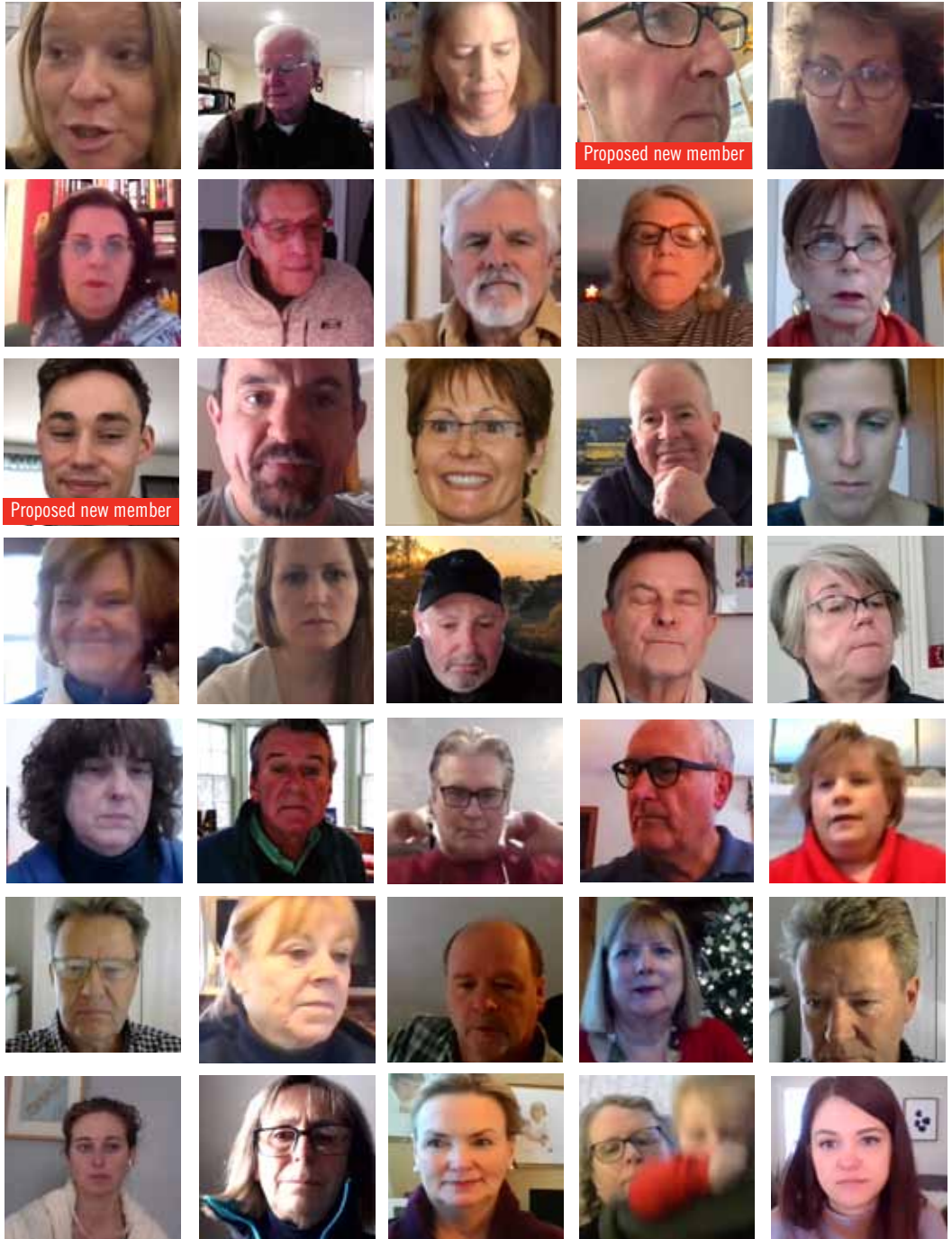
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Zoom with Beverly Rotary

2 proposed new members David Edward and Barry Sullivan and the faces that launched 1000 ships on Troy. You have a double shot of Ken Krall and Annas grandchild hogging the spotlight. Last official meeting of the year, lets hope next year is a better one.



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Three Wise Men

Mike Jones showing the best part of home schooling, although daughter kept on asking why do they have to be reminded to unmute, don't they get it? Sir Egg Nog, Dylan going all Alfalfa with what seems like a chess Bishop growing out of his cabeza. Dave Olson not only enjoying the outdoors but wisely can slurp moisture from beard to keep hydrated. Wise men indeed.



Last Weeks Speaker

Eileen Duff of the Governor's council was our speaker last week. Interesting to see what the council actually does and her first hand access to Gov. Baker. Also fun fact photo opps with Gov. Baker are done with Eileen on chair to sort of see eye to eye. Me thinks Eileen could have gone on for a while. Maybe we need to have her back for a second gig.



New speaker feature in Sprocket

In the ever growing need to attract readers, the Sprocket has provided you with a gallery of images to cut out and put together a flip book and get that real in person feeling. Unfortunately at this point the flip book will be soundless, since technology hasn't caught up with archaic entertainment. You'll need to have a soundtrack in your mind to sing or hum along.

