



Beverly Rotary Club Sprocket Newsletter

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WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF CLUB?



The stars say: 1. Our Club will turn 100 next week, 2. A Woman (gasp!) will run club in next term, 3. By 2029 we'll have a satellite club on Mars, Yaffa's home planet. 4. Chicken dinners will be replaced by Soylent Green, 5. We'll be in Phase 35 stage 2 of social distancing. 6. Rick Ciolino will still be running late, 7. Sprockets will be embedded into your skin, as a chip. 8. I don't like that kid in corner.

that's' the future of our club as I see it

Ack, ack, ack, ack!!!!

(Translation: Marshall I think the kid is a Kiwanian, I'll take care of him!)



Is that the man in the moon?
He's scary...



Speakers Coming Up

- Feb 18 Andrea Capodilupo creative writing
- Feb 25 100th Birthday of our club/Evening meeting
- Mar 4 Domenic Copeland new councilor
- Mar 11 Rob Cerandulo Motorcycle museum

NEXT WEEK 100th BIRTHDAY OF CLUB

We will be celebrating the 100th year of our club's existence. It will be an evening meeting and a champagne tasting and toast will be happening. More details will be coming out in the following days, stay tuned.

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Zoom with Beverly Rotary

Just because you can play a song doesn't mean you can sing the **WHOLE THANG**. But Matt Piaker did last week with the ghost of Don Mclean. Perhaps that's why we had a small crew last week. Doubles, even triple pictures to fill space. Don McLeans ghost begging for a stop.



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Last weeks news, Thursday Feb 11. 21

The meeting was called to order by President Handy at 12:22 pm.

New member David Edward led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Matt Piaker, on acoustic guitar, serenaded the club with Don McLean's "American Pie", which at 8:36 minutes is the longest song ever to crack Billboard's Top 100.

Guests: Joan Arsenault

Scribe: Ken Krall

Dr. Bill Beckman pinch hit for our Invocation, a solid double to left-center field.

Birthdays: Nick Biancucci Feb. 13th.

Announcements:

-Zoom appreciation with Mayor Mike Cahill set for 4:30 of the afternoon (2/11) for Rotary's support of the reading initiative.

-There will be a "drive-by" for Jim and Bev Davies on Saturday at noon. Also dropping off Valentine's Day cards for the senior residents there.

-Diane Howard has selected a slate of officers for her term, which begins in July, subject to approval by the board of directors. She is also signing and bringing Valentines to the residents of Turtle Creek.

-Jackie Rap mentioned the "Interact" gathering of business people and students (virtually) that night at 7 pm.

Sergeant: Bob Murphy, with a stream-of-consciousness routine.

Fines: Allison Babin \$5 for leaving the meeting and returning maskless. Matt Piaker was jabbed, but emerged fine-free.

Happy Dollars:

Brian Murphy for Chinese New Year

(Ox).

Bill Beckman, for being back after having extended his Florida week to a 2nd, then 3rd week.

Back to fines: Who can spell Diane Howard's maiden name? Not this scribe. Also falling short were: David Edward, Maureen Trefry, Brenda Campbell. Fined 10 zloty each. Marshall Handy dinged for complaining about his free cheese platter.

Poetry Slamski: Neiland Douglas passed, but failed at the spelling bee, Julie Flowers knew the meaning of "fungible" and told a joke to offset her fine.

My Funny Valentines...for Diane Palter Gill, Ed Cahill, Jo Broderick, Larry Herman, and Jim Davies.

Speaker: Joan Arsenault.

Joan is the immediate Past District Governor of D7930 and has been a Rotarian since 2006. The Rotary Foundation, has a 4-star charity rating, and is devoted to six areas of focus: Promoting Peace; Fighting Disease; Providing Clean Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene; Saving Mothers & Children; Supporting Education; and Growing Local Economies. A seventh area, The Environment, will be added in July.

Joan spoke in particular about the Annual Fund, and how that money is used. 50% of the money donated to the AF goes to World Funds, and 50% is directed towards District Designated (or local) Funds. Last year, a total of \$58,323 supported 27 grants over 17 clubs in the district. A service dog was given to disabled Marine vet Mikala Britto.

However you choose to give to Rotary, whether it's a check to your Foundation Chair or a monthly contribution through my.rotary.org, know that your involvement matters, and does great things!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm.
Submitted by Ken Krall

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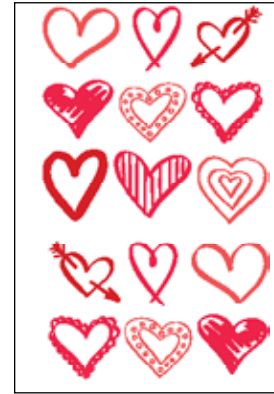
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Valentine's Cards for Seniors

We were already planning a drive by for Jim and Bev at Brightview, then Lori came up with "why not Valentine's cards" for all the seniors. Which turned into me asking Andrew D, why not for Turtle Creek/Woods? All in all we made over 300 cards with a candy for the seniors at Brightview and the Turtles. Such a simple thing which gave hundreds of older folks a smile and a sweet treat. Thanks to Lori scrounging cards and her and Anne Curry signing the. Thanks to Diane Howard (forget Swei...), Margaret Belmonte, Matt Piaker, Bob Murphy for signing the second wave of cards for the Turtles.



You know folks a simple idea can turn into something, Ex. North of Forty Raffle started out over a lunch meeting. Nothing is too wacky, if it benefits the community or people, you have done at least one part of the 4 Way test. Service above self is our motto. Keep it going.



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Worldwide Adventures of Handly

It was fat Tuesday in N'awlins, and our party went on a Vampire Tour of the French Quarter for giggles. I must confess prior to this, we sat in front of Anne Rice's home looking for a glimpse of the author after consuming various liquids in hopes of spooking her. The parties and revelry were fabulous and as the tour started, I found my mind slightly foggy. I gathered my senses and realized most of the tour was lying on the ground with what looked like bite marks on their necks and our tour guide, go figure, Lestat had a dribble of blood coming from his mouth. Perhaps it was just luck but I disarmed him saying he looked nothing like Tom Cruise. He said since the movie he found it difficult to find "pure" blood in New Orleans and resorted to giving tours on the mysteries of the big easy. I queried why he didn't bite me? And he replied he was looking for virgin blood. My mind briefly went back to an encounter in high school that literally saved my neck. I exclaimed forget this Vampire voodoo, lets just have some fun. We went down to a festive rowdy Bourbon Street, drank and ate our fill of Po-boys, Boudin (boo-dan), Beignets, and bottles of Sazerac de Forge. It was deep into the night when Lestat said he hadn't had this much fun since 1764! We went to a club and listened to Buckwheat Zydeco and Al Hirt until the sun came up. I warned my companion about sunlight destroying him. His retort was that's a bunch of HOOEY!, Vampires exist in daylight, in fact he says he needs a goodly amount of Vitamin D to keep from turning fish belly white. We still keep in touch to this very day. Until next time.



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Last weeks speaker

Joan Arseneault, former DG, spoke to us about the district Permanent Fund and how you give comes back to us in grants and various things to help us do even more good. Plus she talked about her Olympic dreams as well. Who knew?



Jim & Bev Drive by

Thanks to all who helped make a scene at Brightview last Saturday for a Jim & Bev birthday driveby. We had I think 30 cars in line to help celebrate the day. Someone brought a Pizza fro Jim, Bob Murphy brought the Turkey tray, and someone else dropped off some fermented beverages, which had to be screened. Jim and Bev's daughter Caroline also joined in to help make it festive. Jim and Bev were overjoyed and it was great to see humans in person that you actually know for a brief bit of time.

