



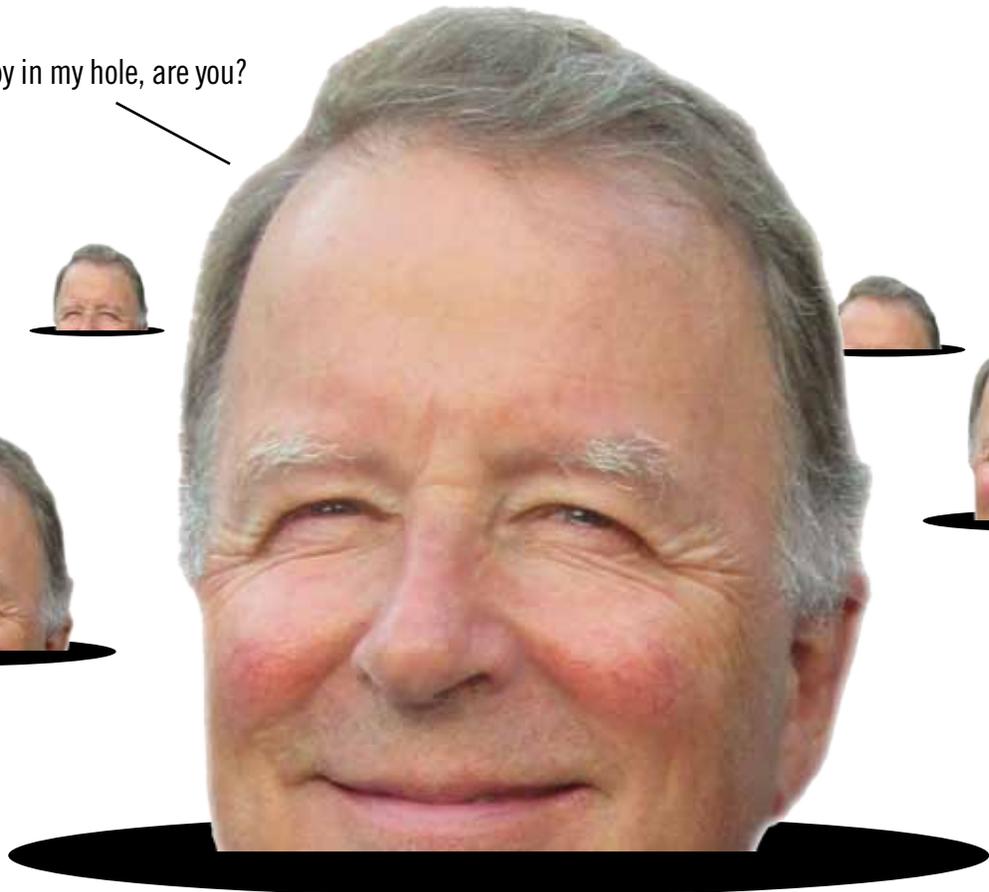
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WHACK-A-ROTARY CLUB IN HOUSE MEETING SCUTTLED (COVID 5- ROTARY 0) CLUB GOES BACK IN HOLES PER GOVERNOR'S NEW GUIDELINES

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LETTER ABOUT JACK GOOD

Friends,

Yesterday was my birthday. My wife Susan and I were returning home to Newburyport after 3 nice days in North Conway. We headed south along Route 16, and as the lunch hour came and went, we surrendered to our hunger pangs and looked for a suitable place to stop. We stopped at the Miss Wakefield Diner in Wakefield, New Hampshire. It's one of those classic "old" diners with the glistening silver facade. We had passed it many times over the years, never stopping.

There were just a couple of other customers in there, and the place was appropriately modified with plexiglas barriers between the booths and the signage we have all grown used to, requiring masks and social distancing. We plopped ourselves down in one of their cozy booths, and ordered an inviting lunch.

As we ate, I noticed that the cook had emerged from the kitchen out back, and he grabbed a seat in the booth next to ours, where he started a conversation with the customer already sitting there who apparently was a regular.

I couldn't help but pick up snippets of the cook's comments to his friend: "...he was a dear friend...had a major stroke...sent to Portsmouth Regional Hospital...died the next day...such a good man...only 77... Jack?...I still can't believe it."

Well of course, with the recent passing of our dear friend Jack, not only did my ears perk up, but I rose from my seat and went over to the cook.

"Excuse me, are you talking about a friend named Jack, who recently died from a stroke?" "Yes" the man answered, with a tear in his eye. "Was it Jack Good, from Massachusetts?" I asked. "Yes!" he shouted. "Oh my God," I said, "Jack was a very good friend of mine. We'd been friends since I met him in 1979. He was a mentor to me all throughout my career!" We wanted to hug, or at least shake hands—but because of the virus, fought the impulse to do so.

The week before, I had ignored the statement in Jack's obituary indicating that the services at the gravesite would be just for the family. On the morning of the funeral, I went to the gravesite anyway, where indeed none of the throngs of people who would normally have been there, were there. I arrived early and stood off to the side. It was cold, rainy and foggy. The funeral procession had not yet arrived. As another car approached, I was surprised but very glad to see old friends Mark and Karen Kostegan get out of their car. We hadn't seen each other in years. And standing under our umbrellas, we had a chance to catch up and talk about Jack, while we waited for the procession to arrive.

Mark told me that Jack had been at his cottage on the lake in Wakefield, New Hampshire. He had spent, for the first time ever, most of the summer there, because of Covid. Jack and Mark had continued to communicate via email, and not surprisingly, they shared a lot of stories and laughs over the summer.

I asked the cook his name. He was Scott (photo attached). He owned the diner, and he occasionally pitched in to cook, especially during Covid. I said, "How well did you know Jack? Did he come in here often?" "Every day, for breakfast. For years" "Every day?" I said. "Yes, Every day that he was up here, and this year he'd been here every day since April."

Scott continued, "He was a dear friend for many years. I know Sue, I know the whole family. If you line up 10,000 people who knew Jack throughout his lifetime, you wouldn't find a person who had a bad thing to say about him." "Couldn't agree more," I said, "He touched so many people in so many ways, a very special man. Like Jack, I spent much of my career in hospital fundraising. He got me started in the business. Jack was a teacher and mentor to me, and hundreds of others over his career."

Scott directed my attention to the counter across from us, and there it was (photo), a sign that had been taped to the counter, reading "This seat Reserved for Mr. Jack Good." The Advisory Committee reference? It was Scott's nod to Jack's career-long involvement in committees and Boards for dozens of organizations.

"Wow!", I said, "Did you put up the sign after he died, as a tribute to him?" Again with a tear, Scott said, "Oh no. That sign's been there since April, when I knew Jack would be up here for a long time. He would come in every day and sit at his seat. I would never let anyone else sit there. We're going to get a permanent plaque and put it there. I don't want anyone else to sit there."

For the next 20 minutes, we talked about Jack, his life and legacy. It seemed like our stop at the diner, meeting Scott—it seemed so random. Or was it? As we got up to say our goodbyes, Scott pointed to the sky and said, "We love you Jack. I know you're up there."

For me, on my birthday, it was a very Good birthday present.

And if you're ever traveling up or down Route 16 in Wakefield, NH, please stop in to the Miss Wakefield Diner for a good meal, to see Jack's seat and to say hello to Scott.

And please share this with anyone who knew Jack who might be interested.

Jay McGovern



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Last weeks news, Thursday Oct 29.20

VP Diane 12:15pm
Welcome/Call to Order

Pledge Maureen Trefry
Song: Diane and Freddi "This land is your land"
by Woody Guthrie

Guests and visitors - numerous from North Shore Unitarian

Sprocket: Paul Drinkwater
Invocation: Rachel Hand
Guest Speaker - Jean Koulack Young

Birthdays:
Dubman, Jillian Oct 31
Ruggieri, Brandon Nov 03
Shafiq, Zaka Nov 03

Announcements:
Meeting at NYC on 11/5 - also on Zoom (act as a table) Hybrid meeting

Jack Good Fund is up and accepting donations. Best if paid by check to Beverly Rotary Foundation (Memo: Jack Good)

Beverly Main Streets pumpkin carving contest - vote online!

Tricks Treats and Trivia - 10/29

Al Temkin/Mike Harrington recorded rotary show featuring Moiph

Reminders/Updates: "Tricks, Treats and Trivia" Tonight!

Sergeant: the one, the only, Star of Stage & Screen Bob Murphy

- Jillian Dubman - born of Halloween
 - Ian Goddard - On two screens at once
 - Allison Babin - Librarian - Ian is "outstanding volunteer"
 - Mooney's - not in attendance..fine - axe throwing fine
 - Larry Herman - also a great axe throwing, paying fine
 - Andrew DeFranza - Anchor Point facility - state funding - will charge board member - Al Temkin will pay for
 - Macaw Mortgage Broker - Matt Blanchard
 - My Baboon Banker/Bonobo Banker - Adam Winn
 - Border Collie Baker - Maureen, Ellen, etc
 - Fox Financial Planner - Matt P, Al Temkin, etc
 - Emu Editor - Dave Olson
- Happy Dollars:
- Rachel Williams - Just Happy!
 - Sue Gabriel - Happy to see Jean
 - Diane Howard - daughter was sworn in as

- assistant district attorney
- Jackie Rap - for President Marshall - operating went well
 - Al Temkin - \$100! Honored will take over Salvation Army bell ringing program - Following Jack Good's footsteps
 - Allison Babin - Library has added more movies!
 - Ed Cahill - Bending the Arc - Netflix documentary - go watch
 - Mike Jones - "Getting out of the doghouse" - Jackie helped for trivia - excited for trick or treating
 - Bob Murphy - 43rd wedding anniversary

Speaker:
Our speaker this week is Jean Koulack-Young, who will speak about Racism on the North Shore.

Jean has worked as a teacher of the Deaf-Blind at Perkins School for the Blind and a teacher of the Deaf at Beverly School for the Deaf and in the Boston School System. During summers she worked as a Park Ranger at the Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site. She has also worked as a technical writer for computer software. Since retirement, she has volunteered in a program teaching English as a Second Language to refugees in a homeless shelter, and organized a homework program for children there. Through her church, she has taught English to refugees from the Congo and supported the families as they acclimated to our society.

Submitted by Paul Drinkwater

SIX WORD STORIES
I hope you'll consider telling us your pandemic story in six words. We want to preserve Beverly's collective experience of 2020, a most unusual year. Add to Beverly's pandemic stories by submitting yours. We will submit your entries to the Six-Word Memoirs website and add them to our local history collection.

Submit your entries by Monday, November 30.



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Last Weeks Speaker Jean Koulack-Young

Jean Koulack-Young, who spoke about Racism on the North Shore, and her own personal story as a person in a mixed race marriage. And as a mother to 3 mixed race children. Powerful story on coping and living in this area not too long ago dealing with prejudices and fears from mostly white community.



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Tricks, Treats and Trivia

Okay you only had 5 kids show up at your house for Halloween this year. fret not, because the real action was on the Thursday before when the "Cool Kids Table" came back with a furious last second splurge to winning bragging rights for our first ever Trivia Night. thanks to Jillian and Rachel (they wait didn't RH's team win????) for organizing Fun watching teams crash and burn near the end, this. It was fun to see how little you know or thought you knew. losers. Splendid time for all.



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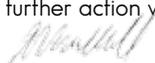
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Did I ever tell you about my adventures in the Algerian outback on caravan. I was travelling by camel when I came upon a Bedouin village led by Sheik Iderim. We exchanged pleasantries and it turns out he was looking for a driver for his Quadriga. I told him as an accomplished horseman I would like to see his steeds. I met the snow white Aldeberan, Antares, Atair and Rigel. These magnificent white horses would be the envy of the entire Saharian plain. He entered us in the games against hi arch rival Marsala, heir to the wine fortune who was known for his cheating ways. Well upon race day Marsala didn't disappoint, his chariot had greek Spiked Wheels to foil any passing chariots. A spirited race ensued as team after team crashed or withdrew from the track, down to only two drivers. As the last lap was signalled Marsala edged in closer to my chariot , I held my line and our wheels became entangled. Suddenly his wheel fell off and he was thrown from his chariot as I crossed the finish line, victorious. Checking on his damaged body her muttered "know any good lawyers?" I reached into my satchel and gave him my card. No further action was pursued and I was Algerian champ. Until our next adventure.





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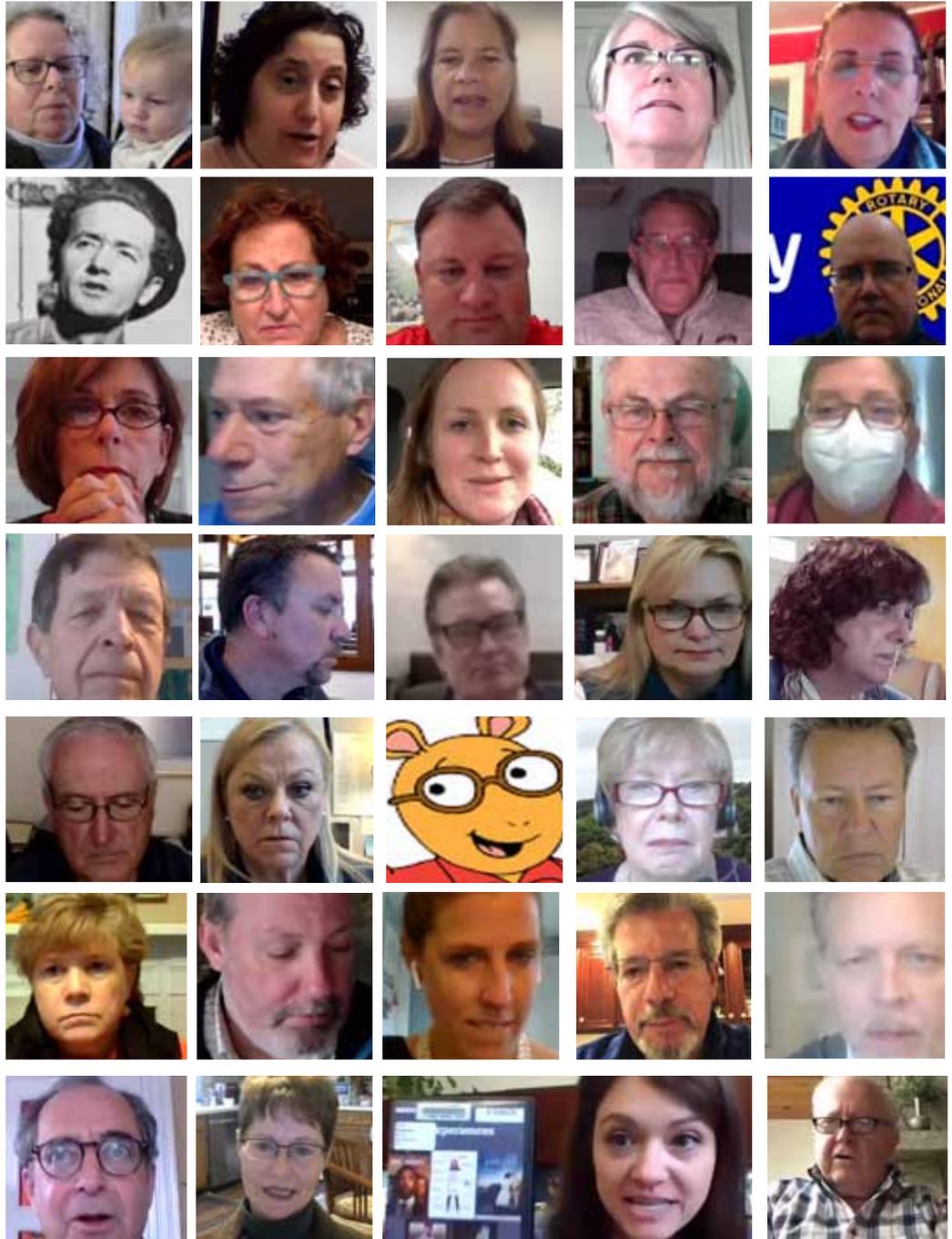
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Zoom with Beverly Rotary

Woody Guthrie and Anna's grandson made the cut this week, along with an Aardvark Architect. As Mr Roarke would say "smiles, everyone, smiles" I just take pictures can't help it faces look kind of sad.



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Zoom with Beverly Rotary Guests

So many guests last week we need to give them their own section. That and we are having a slow news week with election and all that



You pick the Pic?

We rapid fire picture grabbing during meeting and don't know what we'll have until thursday morning when we assemble Sprocket. You can choose which picture you like best and send in to our tabulation team in East Providence. Ranked choice is not an option since it went down in flames. But you can fix you're car anywhere you like.

- 1. Eric taking a siesta
- 2. Bill scanning the news
- 3. Write in _____

