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- Following trends
- Not having the correct lighting
- Not having enough time
- Too much retouching

Sean closed the meeting reflecting on his term as president. He didn't like public speaking for a long time. On a work trip to Mexico recently, he was approached by a colleague who said there was an open slot and they wanted him to speak; you're going up in 3 minutes. Doing this (Rotary), has made me very comfortable with public speaking. No winning ticket. Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm. Submitted by Rebecca

#### MAY 22 MEETING

The recording captures a Rotary Club meeting featuring a guest speaker, Colleen Michaels, a poet and educator. The meeting includes a recitation of a poem, recognition of guests and birthdays, and a series of 'happy dollars' where members share positive news and make donations. Colleen Michaels discusses the importance of poetry in everyday life, sharing personal anecdotes and poems, and highlighting the value of community and collaboration.

**Key Points**  
A short poem called 'Wonderful' is recited.

Guests and visitors are welcomed, including Colleen Michaels.

Birthdays are celebrated for Lorinda Viznik and others.

Members share 'happy dollars,' contributing to the Rotary Club while sharing positive news.

Marshall shares his Volkswagen finally got painted.

Ken shares his younger son proposed on the beach.

A member shares her younger son has graduated from high school.

Walter shares his son got all A's at Whittier.

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Alex shares his mom and Heidi are going on a cruise next week down to Bermuda.

Kyle shares he got to go to his daughter's dance recital. An announcement is made about a free showing of the movie "Rona" at the Cabot.

Announcements are made about National Canadian Immigrants Day, National Maritime Day, and National Musical Instrument Day.

Jo introduces Colleen Michaels, the speaker, highlighting her achievements as a poet and educator.

Colleen Michaels thanks the Rotary Club for a past scholarship and discusses the importance of poetry in everyday life.

Colleen outlines her plan to share four reasons why poetry is valuable, along with a few poems.

Colleen shares that there's always room for poetry.

Colleen shares that a poem can shift your posture and the posture of those around you.

Colleen shares that you can write a poem to win friends and influence people, to build your social capital.

Colleen shares that poetry keeps you on your game.

Colleen acknowledges Jo Broderick's 37 years at Montserrat and her upcoming retirement.

Colleen encourages attendees to share the small package with a poem and confetti with someone.

**Future Actions**  
Share the small package with a poem and confetti with someone.

Read the poem to Jo at every meeting from going forward.

That's it from Walter and Al world

**Well that's it folks 3 weeks of sprocket news in one issue.**

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Pay for meals,  
fines, happy dollars  
basically anything!

### COMING UP

**May 29**  
Kate Fox  
Director, MA office of  
travel and tourism

**June 5**  
Andrea LeBlanc  
Classification  
Ken Krall  
Rotary Foundation

**June 12**  
BHS Scholarship  
Winners

# 5 WEEKS OR IS IT 4 TO GO? SEAN AS PRESIDENT AND LEADER!



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# Last Weeks at Beverly Rotary

## MAY 8TH MEETING

Meeting started at 12:15  
Pledge: Al  
Song: Dianne God Bless America  
No reflection

### Guests:

Taiyo Scanlon guest of Bill Scanlon,  
Brian Ridolfo club guest speaker

**Birthday** - Rick Mooney absent

### Announcements:

Lee: White smoke at the Vatican

Ed Cahill: National postal food drive Saturday,  
benefit bootstraps

Brian: Warrior Weekend, garden cleanup

### Sergeant: “Black Silk” aka Kyle

Happy Dollars:  
Leslie back from traveling  
Tom 71st Birthday

Linda: Dr Jamie shining for women across the north-  
shore and beyond

Jo: back from vacation, grateful for good auction

Nathan: #3 baby boy on the way-September

Brad: Mom continues to improve

Mike: happy to see Tom at meeting  
Sean: daughter bested an adult in her first chess  
match, back from Mexico- climbed Monkey moun-  
tain and survived hitchhiking

Carlos: finger injury healing, surgery cancelled

Lee: glad to see “old guys” back at the meeting

Al: Big Night at Cabot. Paddle Raise funds for  
theater restoration

Dr Jamie: Kyle’s shoes, speaking at Northshore  
women connect and keynote for SCORE women

Moiph: heading to the Vatican and preemptively  
sprinkled holy water about.

Kyle Mother’s Day theme  
Oldest mom in the world 74  
Most surviving children 9  
Shortest interval between children 6 months  
Longest interval between children 41 years  
Highest record #of children 69  
Country that started Mother’s Day USA  
Difference between pink/ white carnations, alive  
mom/ deceased mom  
Country that sings to mom Brazil  
Finland mom b’fast in bed

Country to give mom cake Germany  
First US state to recognize MD as a holiday W VA

**Speaker: Brian Ridolfo** director of Cabot Theater  
This week’s speaker is Brian Ridolfo, the new execu-  
tive director of The Cabot. Brian has extensive  
leadership experience at major arts institutions:  
Founder and CEO of Encore Programming Group,  
Vice President of Programming at the Peace Center  
in Greenville S.C., program management at the  
Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in  
West Palm Beach, FL, and overseeing production op-  
erations at Old School Square Cultural Arts Center  
in Delray Beach, FL.

Kids program: In Focus, hands on experience in all  
aspects of film production

Big events: 5/9 fundraiser honoring Henry  
Bertolon,live auction online also

5/22 film, Rohanna Classified WWII documentary

Fundraising for new theater

June 15 theater closes, September 15 opens anew

Grateful friends will host Natalie Merchant

### Raffle:

Mike-AGAIN, no luck of the Irish.  
Close: 1:23  
Submitted Virginia

## MAY 15, MEETING

Prez Sean called the meeting to order promptly  
at 12:15pm and read Instructions for Living a Life  
submitted by Rev. Julie Flowers.  
Mayor Scanlon led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Guests included Ted Wilson.  
Larry Smith is celebrating a birthday.  
Bob Butterworth was thrilled to announce, “The  
Celtics are Back!” after a game 4 come back the  
night before. General consensus from the room is  
that the jury is still out.

Ed Cahill introduced Ted Wilson, Interim Executive  
at Beverly Bootstraps. Ted noted his grandfather  
was president of Rotary International, which was en-  
thusiastically received. Ted spoke about Bootstrap’s  
Backpack Project and encouraged Rotarians to go  
on the Amazon link to purchase a high quality back-  
pack that Bootstraps will fill with all kinds of helpful  
things for local kiddos.

Leslie Gould announced that the Chamber still  
has sponsorship opportunities for its golf event at  
Ferncroft, though disappointed the room when she  
announced that Rev Kitchen has already grabbed  
the lunch sponsorship.

Prez Sean updated the group on a recent grant by  
Beverly Rotary to the Best Buddies Club at Beverly  
High School. The high school students asked for a  
grant to go to a training in Ohio. If they don’t go,  
the program goes away. Rotary doubled the grant  
to fully fund it. The students will be invited to speak  
to Rotary in the future.

**Sergeant Mike Osborne** asked for happy dollars.  
Brad noted that the mites are playing in Marblehead.  
Jackie is glad to be back from vacation.  
Kyle went to his daughter’s dance recital, dressed in  
polka dots.  
Jamie is celebrating her Mass-aversary - having  
moved to Massachusetts on this day in 2008.  
There were no grumpy dollars.  
Late arrivals included Tim, Brad, Sue and Thad (a  
poem in the making!)

As there is an election in Beverly, Sergeant Os-  
borne asked for \$\$ from politicians.  
Entering Beverly had a special election for Beverly  
Farms involving West Beach, fining Farms residents  
(there were none in attendance).  
Anyone who saw the horse on Cabot Street yester-  
day was fined.  
Anyone living in Ryalside, that claims a horse for a

mascot, was fined.  
As it’s graduation time:  
- BPS alumni were fined.  
- Private school alumni were fined.  
- College graduation/Endicott alums were fined.  
- Anyone from NJ or NJ were fined.  
- Any Greeks were fined due to the Celtic’s  
Achilles heel. Groans throughout the room.  
Mike will pay.

### Speaker: Carlos Ribieto

Prez Sean introduced new member Carlos  
Ribieto for his classification speech: My Journey  
to Becoming a Rotarian and a Photographer.  
Brad sponsored Carlos a couple months ago.  
Born in Columbia. Married to Angela with 2  
fur babies.  
Engineer - enterprise applications, field service  
and data analytics.  
1981 emigrated to US.  
1989 - having earned MBA, back to high tech  
career in Columbia.  
2000 - back to US.  
2010 - became US citizen (congratulations!)

2012 - moved to Beverly.  
2023 - had it with stressful job. Became a  
small business owner. In Jan 2024 became a  
photographer.

Why Rotary: 3 reasons.

1. Focus on polio. Carlos had polio. He  
pointed us to track “Rise Together” from April  
24th to May 24th

2. Mission of service. How people feel about  
each other; take positive action.

3. Networking. Getting to know the local  
community.  
Photography started as stress therapy. Became  
good at night photography which is when he  
had free time. He noted, Wings and Beer are  
not his thing.  
His business, RP Headshots, capture images  
that truly reflect who the client is and what  
they need to portray. He considers himself an  
Expression Coach - helping people bring their  
natural smile.  
He concluded with 8 Headshots Mistakes to  
Avoid:  
1. Taking the photo yourself  
2. Selecting the wrong outfit  
3. Not practicing your facial expressions  
4. Using the wrong background

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