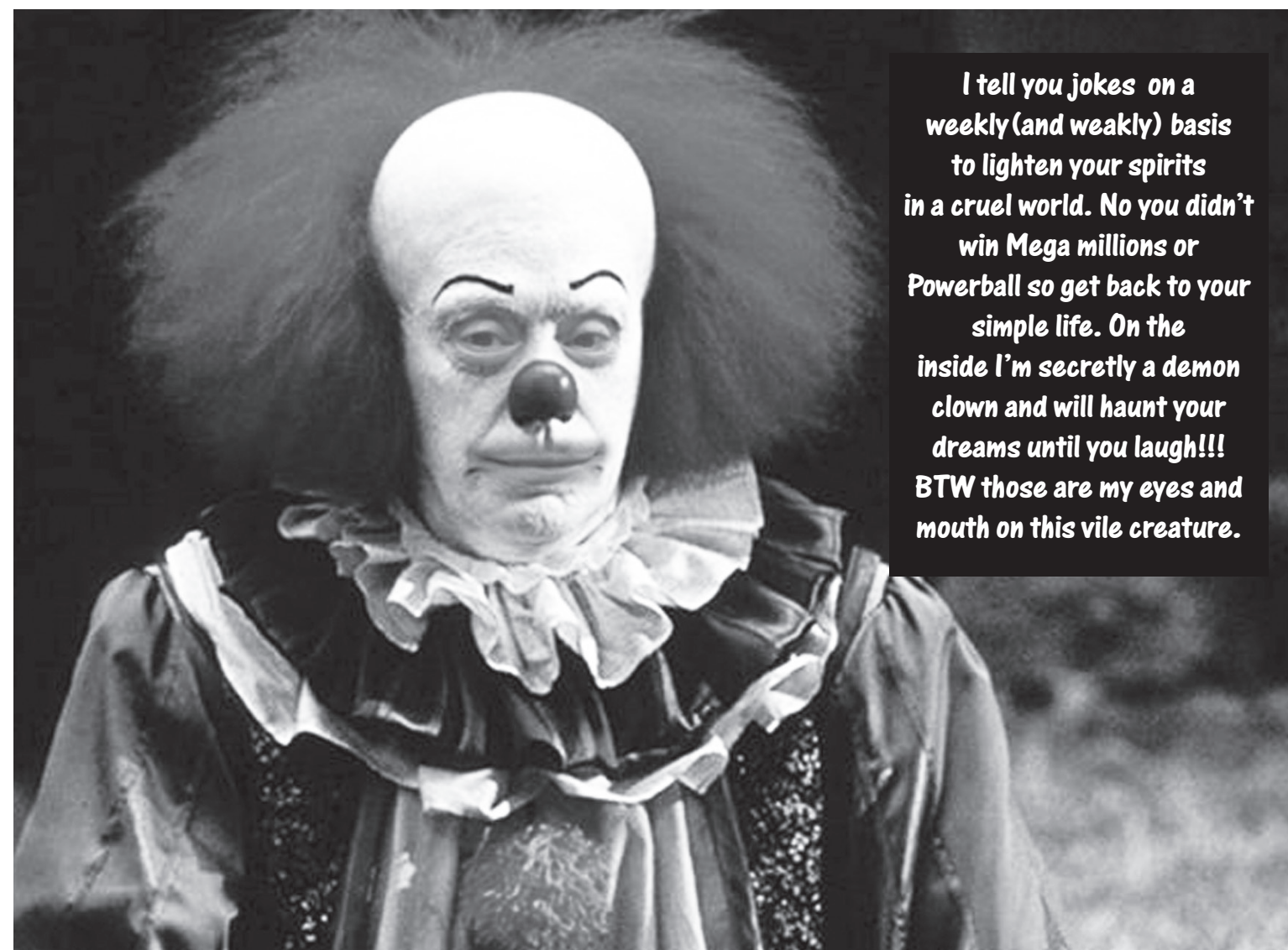


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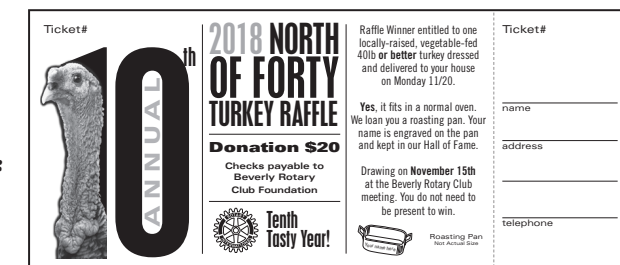


# Beverly Rotary Club Sprocket Newsletter



*I tell you jokes on a weekly (and weakly) basis to lighten your spirits in a cruel world. No you didn't win Mega millions or Powerball so get back to your simple life. On the inside I'm secretly a demon clown and will haunt your dreams until you laugh!!! BTW those are my eyes and mouth on this vile creature.*

**For those of a certain age you'll remember classic Les Nessman as his take on the North of Forty Raffle was to throw Turkeys out of a helicopter to waiting fans. Some 40 years later we know that Turkeys aren't the greatest flyers and now only auction them off in raffle tickets. WKRP rules!**



If you haven't received your North of Forty raffle tickets, this is basically what they look like. Don't let them fester on your pocket, sell them to family, friends or even buy them yourself! Funds will go to Rotary Foundation which fights Polio and a better way of life in the world. Sell baby sell, only way to feel good about yourself.

Financial Advice



## MONEY MATT-ers

Dear Matt,  
Last week you had preferences for Halloween Candy, how come you didn't mention Halloween Pot that may be coming to 4 stores in Beverly at some point?  
– Burnout on Bartlett Street

Dear Burnout,  
Typically no one hands out reefers (Pot, Mary Janes, Wowie) on Halloween since it may cause severe munchies later that night. Plus the fact it is much more economic to hand out tiny "fun size" candies than nickle or dime bags. After all this is a finance column. May your drives be true and your putts delightful as they drop.  
– Matt



### Last weeks speaker

Sam Khatibi was our speaker last week, talking about the "White Helmets" and the difference they have made in Syria for thousands of people who are in need of medical attention, and other basic needs at their own peril. A trailer of a film which won an Academy Award was shown outlining the basic issues Syrians face in their ongoing civil war and struggles to gain peace.

### Alex, I'll take Potpourri to fill out space please



### Red Sox Corner

Hi I'm Tommy Lasorda, long time coach for the LA Dodgers, back in the 70's I lost two World Series to the Yankees and now it looks like I may lose to another AL East Team. What do I have to do? Lose weight? Done? Star in some crappy TV Sitcoms? Done? Get a team that can put together a string of hits in cold weather? Not done. Can't wait to get back to sunny LA.

### North of Forty Turkey Raffle

Pictured at left is a section of a NOF raffle ticket. By this time you should have sold all or most of the 5 tixs you received. Now what to do? Well you can hand in tickets to Dave Olson and checks too if you like so its off your hands. If you have numerous friends you can get Dave to dole out a few more tickets for you to sell. Dave is the go to guy so go to him and free your mind.



### Downtown Halloween

Downtown will close from 4 to 6:30 tonight so children of all ages can do a pre Halloween candy gather courtesy of downtown businesses and Beverly Main Streets. No car traffic will be allowed but lots of kids with a sweet tooth jones will be running amok. This event is sponsored by Dr Meng Lee for all your dental needs including filling candy cavities from Halloween.



### Drug drop off and disposal

Beverly residents can drop off unused prescription or over the counter drugs this Saturday at CVS No. Beverly. If you can't make it Moiph will be glad to take your drugs. No Estrogen or Birth control pills please.

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## Last week at the Beverly Rotary Club...

The May 18th 2018 Beverly Rotary Club meeting was called to order at 12:15pm by President Matt Piaker at 12:15pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was led Tom Chatellier, followed by Diane leading us in one more time for good luck, Take Me Out To The Ballgame, and Thad led us in the Blessing.

**Matt's Joke:** Not worth repeating, but it had to do with Thanksgiving!

Maureen Trefry personally dropped off Turkey raffle tickets to every warm body in the room!!

Speaking of turkey's we watched an updated Turkey Over 40 a.k.a. Turkey Zone. Lee Yaffa was initially technologically challenged but the video came out extremely well – Thank you Lee, Jim Davis, Brian Murphy, Bob Murphy and several other stars of the video.

### Proposed New member

Jillian Dubman, Chief of Staff at Endicott College is our latest proposed new member. Sponsored by Moiph so you know you have to question a few things, although Jillian is very nice. Go meet her you'll be happy.

### Happy Birthdays

Not one this week!

**Guests:** There were several: Louise Scanlon, Caine Kang Yu, and our exchange student Aku Kavka

### Announcements:

Endicott College Celebration of Dr. Wylie's Life – Friday, October 19th

Rotary has four tickets to the event and three are still available. Please let President Matt know if interested in attending ASAP.

Beverly Main Street – 2030 Vision. First Baptist Church Nov. 14th 7:30PM

Montserrat College of Art – Reception for New President; Wednesday, October 24th 5-7PM Hosted at the College

Young Life Dinner/Auction – Monday, October 22nd @ Danversport YC. Nick has seats available at his table.

### Sergeant at Arms:

First VP Dave Olson.

The Meeting Went to Happy \$'s:

- 1) Tom – 50th year HS reunion & played one song while there!!
- 2) Sarah – To Her Good Savior Marshall
- 3) Sue – Son playing a leading role in What The Dickens
- 4) Diane – Mother's 92nd birthday
- 5) Bill Beckman – Dublin instead of TX and saved \$'s!
- 6) Jo – Key West Vacation she's already forgotten

Sargent At Arms – Paisley Shirt Smack Down - Brian Murphy vs. Sean Goudreau

Sargent Dave Olson Then took a "Pivot" (on Fines) and Came up w/ an Ernest Hemmingway Theme!

Btw, do folks know that Ernest

## ...Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018

Hemmingway's first wife taught Dave's grandmother how to read??

The following received fines b/c of specific stories tied back to Ernest Hemmingway and resemble the following Members:

Old Man and The Sea – Larry Hench Man - Tom  
Son Did Nothing – Diane  
Hipster Mustache – Brian  
Turkey Director – Bob  
Better Late Than Never – Rick  
Quiet Power Behind the Throne – Ed  
Don't Blame Me, I'm New Here – Leslie

### Our Guest Speaker:

#### Sam Khatibi

Sam provided a very detailed conversation about the "white hats" of Syria and the difference they have made in tens of thousands of Syrian lives over the past 6+ years. White Hats offer medical evacuation, assistance and essential service delivery, more often than not at their own life peril to Syrian civilians. These bombings were inflicted by Syrian and Russian forces in 60% of Syria's cities where its dictator Bashar al-Assad had lost power. The movie – White Hats won an Oscar for Best Short Documentary and a trailer of the movie was shared with the Rotary Club.

Since the White Hats first began operating in 2012, 204 White Hats have lost their lives, rescuing 114,000 civilians. They are still operating in North West Syria in Idlib, where a loosely negotiated cease fire has taken place. Idlib before the

civil war had a population of 1 million civilians and now has over 3½ million residents.

Sam shared some additional statistics with us before taking several questions. Syrian's population before civil war broke out was 22 million. There are now 6 million refugees and over 1 million civilians have been killed. Interesting Sam shared that Russia has tested over 180 new weapon systems since they started supporting the Assad regime! Their bombing mythology is to first bomb the hospitals, then the schools, which causes resident to flee a city!

Interestingly, Russia evidently has it out for the White Hats, because the White Hats have been trained by the United Nations to collect evidence of weapons used against civilians, including chlorine bombs. It's this evidence that will ultimately be used against the Assad regime and Russia for crimes against humanity in the World Court, Hague, Netherlands.

**Raffle:** Adam "won" the drawing but Adam drew the 10 of Spades and not THE card.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Sprocket Scribe, Bill Weihs

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