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# Beverly Rotary Club Sprocket Newsletter

# TORA, TORA, TORA!

(Translation: Surprise, Surprise, Surprise - No DG Bob Wood today)



Due to circumstances beyond our control our beloved District Governor, Bob Wood couldn't make it today. We already had this great image of President Matt dropping a payload of Bob onto our unsuspecting club.

As usual we would have made some kooky connection to carpet bombing kool-aid from the district or some other thing about the DG coming to town to make sport of. Since he isn't here were still running the photo and when he comes again, we will be ready with another jab at his eminence etc., all in good fun of course. Isn't that what they say at all these district events? Been to a bunch of them and most of the fun seems to start with someone from Beverly causing a ruckus, and that's the way we like it.

On a more serious note, tomorrow is the 77th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor which thrust the United States into World War 2. 2403 people died, the most in a surprise attack until 9/11. In part because of this, George H. Bush enlisted to serve his country, the last of our Presidents to serve in WW I. Called the greatest generation for good reason. I like being free - editor

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Dear Matt,  
Given the choice of Bing Crosby or Tiny Tim singing Christmas songs, which one would you prefer?  
– Bubba on Bartlett Street)

Dear Bubba,  
Well bust my buttons I didn't even know Tiny Tim had a Christmas record (see moiph for proof). If you didn't know I'm Jewish and I'm in the middle of Hanukkah right now. I don't listen to too much Christmas music but when I do, its usually the Back Street Boys or N'Sync, which I LOVE! I guess Bing is okay too, do this answer your query. May all your putts drop and drives stay true.  
– Matt

**Bell Ringing**  
We will be doing our annual Bell Ringing on Dec. 22 from 9am to 5pm at the usual places Crosby's, Shaws and Stop & Shop all in North Beverly. Sign ups will be going around very soon, let's make Jack Good's life easy by signing up early and filling all those slots so scrambling isn't needed.



**Finnish word of the day**  
Something to keep you warm and toasty  
**Kastanjoiden Paahtaminen Avotulella**

**Current Bad Weather Policy**  
With Winter Coming we now have a policy in place about cancellation of meetings due to snow storms. If we have a significant snow storm, and the Beverly Public Schools are closed on a Thursday due to snow we WILL NOT meet. Even if its one of those that starts out at 5am like a bear but by 11am its bluebird skies, if Beverly Schools close, WE DO NOT MEET. We hope this clarifies any confusion about meetings on bad weather days.

**Waitstaff props**  
Nadine and Sandy do a great job for us all year. You may disagree with the food or it disagrees with you, but these two ladies are the best week in and week out. Starting this week we will have a basket to show your appreciation. Any amount is fine but we suggest \$20 if you can.

**Holiday Cheer**  
Sort of a slow newsweek so we thought we would give the ladies a reason for the season, a picture of Ryan Reynolds for your wish list.  
Happy Holidays.



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

### SPROCKET – The Grumpy Old Man Addition -

Meeting started by Matt Piaker at 12:15pm  
The pledge was said by Marshal Handly (I think).  
Song was My Country Tis of Thee sung by Freddie & Dianne.  
The prayer was given by – Jack Good (I think??)

Matt Gave us a memorable joke that unfortunately...no one remembered.

#### Guests were:

Beth Francis (our speaker from the ECCO) , Brian Dolan and Aku.

**Sergeant fines – were done by Diane.** Some got fined for the fact that they did not have turkey on Thanksgiving – a little money for happy dollars, some fines for some late comers – thank you Rick Ciolino for being old reliable. Some additional fines for parade goers as well.

#### Announcements:

\*There are ticket sales for a very cool event at the Cabot for sometime in April for a musical act you probably want to see – but damn if I can remember.

\*Bell ringers, for those of you that are willing to stand outside the super market and raise a bucket for the salvation army, we welcome your support.

There was probably some other stuff mentioned, but I didn't pay attention.

#### Guest Speaker:

Beth Francis – President of the Essex County Community Foundation.

Beth is the President of the ECCF and shared with us all that the ECCF was founded in 1999 to achieve two goals in the philanthropic/nonprofit sector of Essex County. The group promotes philanthropy in Essex County by managing charitable funds for donors, providing grants and services to nonprofit organizations, and engaging in community leadership initiatives. The group is involved in managing charitable assets, supporting non-profits and stepping in to help Community Leadership. She focused a lot of her time in discussing the help and efforts that she has been involved with to work with the Merrimack Valley Gas explosion disaster in September. She mentioned that as of now there are still 2,000 households that they are aware of, that have not been able to return to their home or do not have fully functioning appliances/heat. We learned from her that part of the issue is that the disaster exposed the fact that there are several housing projects, particularly in Lawrence, that are very old, out of date and their electrical is not up to code. This problem has delayed something that would have taken an hour up to a whole week to resolve. The replacements of the actual services are all restored, the problem is that very last part of making sure all consumers have access to a dryer, oven, stove top, or in some cases heat – requires a complete renova-

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tion of the actual electrical systems in their respective domiciles. Although many have been promised that they will be in their home prior to the Christmas Holiday, there remains a big disconnect on fixing these code issues so that people can continue to reside in their homes safely, and the number issues and particular type of work that needs to be done to each household. Beth did share that Governor Baker stepped up the minute that the disaster happened and had a plan to help resolve and restore homes as quickly as possible. The plan has been executed, and behind the scenes, the actual work on the Columbia Gas project was completed ahead of schedule. Overall Beth shared that the ECCF gave out over \$10MM already to victims of the disaster and they continue to raise money and get increased support from Columbia Gas and donors to help address the needs of the victims. Beth thanked the club for our support. Matt thanked her and presented her with an awesome Rotary mug.

#### Raffle

The winning ticket was drawn – damn if I can remember who it was, but I remembered yelling “fixed” because the person had won before. None the less, he didn't win.

That's about it.  
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Dylan Jones in place of Eileen Duggan



Last weeks Speaker Beth Francis with M

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