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Last Weeks Speaker

John Young, renegade runner, athlete bar none and quite a good speaker, was our honored guest last week. And a mighty good speaker as well. He has run numerous triathalons, marathons etc. much to his doctor's and mother who said a person with dwarfism can't run. His many races prove that you can and will for your own good.



Who Dat???

Usually behind the lens, moiph had the rare opportunity to get in front with the Colleen of Cork (Maureen) for some St. Patrick's Day dress up. Not as much green as we expected from club but it was offset by a regular lunch not the typical Irish gag fest. All is well in the world with happy people, song, dance and perhaps just a wee bit of nonsense at the bar. The luck o' the Irish to get a day of fun and swizzling.

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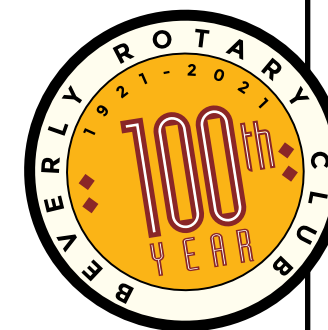


BEVERLY ROTARY CLUB SPROCKET NEWSLETTER

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Coming Up

- Mar 24**
Caitlyn Small
Project Adventure
- Mar 31**
Tom Day
Polar Ice Cap melting
- April 7**
Is it April already?
Topic to come



SPRING IS HERE!

40 DEGREE TEMPERATURES SIGNAL SWIMSUITS



Happy Spring you lovely Butterfly. I'm so happy spring is here, do you know what it means?

*I'll die from pollution?

No silly, it means next season (summer) Mike Jones will be President and I'll be happy tiptoeing through the Tulips...la, la, la, di, da...

← not a swimsuit

*No Butterflies or Tinkerbells were harmed in the creation of this issue. It was produced with plant based inks and recycled pixie dust-editor

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Last meeting news, Thursday March 17, 2022

Welcome/Call to Order 12:15

Happy dollars and toast for Don Kelly

Pledge: Nick Pirrotta

Song: by Dianne Palter Gill, When Irish Eyes Are Smiling

Guests and visitors:

Dean Sidell, Joyce Herman,
Neil Bernstein

Sprocket: Margaret Belmonte

****Birthdays** – Tom Chatellier,
Peter Frasca, Julie Flowers

Speaker: John Young

Invocation: Rachel Hand

Announcements –

SGT \$ toward Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine - \$1500

-Prospective new members: Lorinda Visnick, Kenann MacKenzie-DeFranza
Eric Immerman_ Endicott needs volunteers for 4/3. 50 spots available.
Lots of time slots.

Brian Murphy: claims commemorative books are done. will have at next weeks meeting.

Sgt: Matt Piaker:

Happy dollars
Sue Gabriel gave happy dollars for her visit with Francesco one of our exchange students

Brian Murphy had an opening at Satanic Temple. Brian Murphy painted a portrait of Alison not a nude.(spelling) which will be showing at a gallery in Gloucester.

Joe Broderick Seth Moulton will be at Monserrat Gallery to celebrate the 28th year of high school artists. 128 pieces of work from 23 schools contributed art work.

Speaker: John Young

Great speaker talked about his background and how he came to be an athlete with dwarfism against doctors and others advise.

John was born in Canada and has dual citizenship. Taught high school in Hong Kong. 2002 came back to USA. Works at Pingree for 18 years.

John once weighed 192 pounds
He has completed 50 triathlons,
20 1/2 marathons
19 full marathons (26 miles)

Most proud of
*getting calls from other parents with children with dwarfism
*His own son with dwarfism is now an athlete competing in track, cross country and ultimate frisbee. John's wife also has dwarfism.

Speaking only for himself the following expressions annoy him.
*Only hardship is a bad attitude
*I don't see you as small or disabled.
To John, this person is ignoring an important part of his personhood
*You are so inspiring . John hears this as a statement based upon what he looks like.

John's talk inspired very honest and vulnerable conversation at my table. Thank you to John Young and the welcoming committee .

Present Jack Good orange to Speaker

Weekly Raffle:

Jackie Rap

meeting adjourned at 1:35
Submitted by Margaret Belmonte

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022

Registration is now open
For this year's District Conference on **Friday, May 6th** at the Marriott Newton,
Commonwealth Avenue (Rtes. 30 and 128)

We will be joined by Rotarians from District 7910 for a full day of fellowship.

12PM The day begins with a Paul Harris Luncheon at noon. You will have a choice of Herb Crusted Chicken, Mushroom Strudel or vegetable Lasagna. <i>Early bird price until April 1 is \$50.</i>	2PM We'll head into Charles River East and West to have our respective District Business Meetings. These will be followed by breakfasts covering Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, the Environment, and Youth Services (Orchestra, RYA, and Youth Exchange).	5:30PM The Cocktail Hour begins at 5:30 pm outside the Grand Ballroom.	6:30PM Dinner begins at 6:30 pm. You will have a choice of Beef, Fish or Lamb Chop. We will be entertained for the evening by DJ Demetri so bring your song requests that will get you up dancing. <i>Early bird price until April 1 is \$90.</i>
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PLEASE CONTACT JACKIE AT rappy57@me.com IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING. TELL HER WHAT ACTIVITIES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN. EARLY BIRD PRICES ARE ONLY UNTIL APRIL 1ST.
PLEASE NOTE: IT IS NOT AT DANVERSPORT THIS YEAR.

The Swierczynski Swizzle Schtick

Do you know what the highest court in the land is? Nope. Even higher – read on. This week in history: In 2006, Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey sent the first public tweet, “Just setting up my Twtrr.” (duh) In 1980, WHO SHOT J.R.? was shown this week, one of the most famous cliffhangers in American television history (well, television only has three stations in those days and, uh, never mind) . But I'm burying the lede here: this week in 1939, Ohio State Coach Howard Olsen (no relation, not even spelled the same way, just ask Dave and while you're at it ask him why it's spelled LEDE and not LEAD) started a single elimination basketball tournament for eight colleges, yup, the original March Madness which now wrangles 68 schools (including the pride of Jersey City, the St. Peter's Peacocks, which only Andrew DeFranza picked to beat Kentucky). MARCH MADNESS, that's right. Which brings us to the highest court in the land: the basketball court/gymnasium above the Supreme Court chambers. Which reminds me of the most accomplished athlete to serve on the Supreme Court, Justice Byron Raymond White. White was nominated by JFK, the first Supreme Court Justice from Colorado, and served from 1962 – 1993. “Battering Byron” which he was never called played football, basketball, and baseball for the University of Colorado, was a Heisman Trophy finalist, and a first round draft pick for the Pittsburgh Steelers where he led the NFL in rushing his rookie year. After he was accepted at Yale Law, White played two seasons with the Detroit Lions 1940 – 1941. You can bet this guy used the gym upstairs when the Supreme Court was not in session. So this month's Madness mixture is called “A Long Drink of Anything But Water” in honor of the Justice White and made with Colorado Spring Water: ½ oz Tequila; ½ oz grapefruit juice; 1 tsp Orgeat Syrup; Spring Water. Shake with ice and strain into an old-fashioned glass. Fill with spring water and garnish with mint sprigs. Cheers to March Madness!

Kool-Aid, all for free! How much can you take?

Need more Kool-aid? Need to see how the big dogs at the District get their swerve on make us all proud in the peon gallery. If you want to see how the district ticks you don't want to miss!
Contact Jackie Rap if interested and start the first step towards Rotary enlightenment, or just a place to get a drink and schmozz with your Rotary peers.

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