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Backstreet Boys got nothing on this
Although not really boys anymore (even Matt is above teen level) The Essex County Four regaled with song and harmonies not heard in these parts since Bell Biv Devoe. Matt joined the quartet and we overlooked the no red tie look but we'll get over it. Don Kelley would have been proud. to be part of this.

PUMPKIN PAINTING
in the park

Our club is partnering with Beverly Main Streets to let kids get their inner artist on and decorate Pumpkins on the common. Right now were looking at Oct 23 from 1-4. 100 pumpkins, 1 red truck, 1 bail of hay and lots of paint for artists of all ages. If you can help it would be great. BTW if you have unused paint that hasn't dried up talk to moiph and maybe we can use it. Has to be kid friendly so they don't get too messy.

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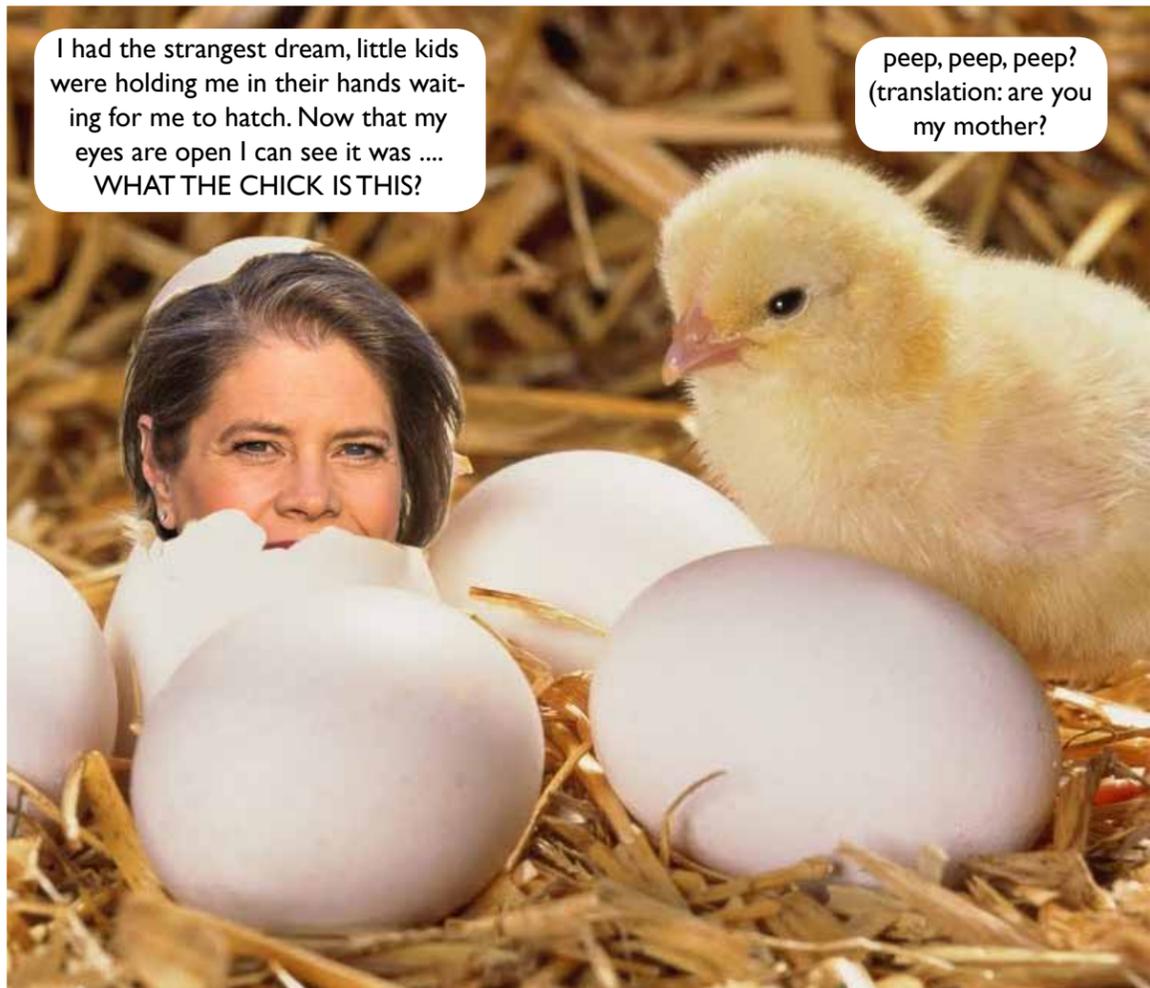
Coming Up

- Oct 9**
Oktoberfest 1pm-?
- Oct 11**
Indigenous People Day
- Oct 12**
Tim Murphy Birthday
- Oct 23**
Pumpkin Painting



ROTARY

AND YOU THOUGHT TOPSFIELD FAIR WAS ONLY SHOW IN TOWN?



I had the strangest dream, little kids were holding me in their hands waiting for me to hatch. Now that my eyes are open I can see it was
WHAT THE CHICK IS THIS?

peep, peep, peep?
(translation: are you my mother?)

EXPERIENCE THESE FANTASTIC EVENTS AND SHOWS!!

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|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Gould's Gourds | Butterworth churning | Trianon Temkin |
| Beckman's Bee's | Jamie's Jam/chutney | Ozzy Pull |
| Jones Sausage tent | Carmen's cavies | Dianne the |
| Thad's sheep pen | Udder Moiph | bragging mother! |

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Last weeks news, Thursday Sept 23, 2021

Call to order at 12:15
Song: Dianne Palter Gill

Guests and visitors?

David Deutsch, guest of the club.
Steve O'Connell, Irwin Cohen, Mike Klein, and Charlie Coogan, aka the "Essex County Four," our speakers today.

Jason Dingle, guest of Brian DApice.
Francine Temkin, guest of Al Temkin.
Paul Gentile, guest of Dr. Jamie.
Mike Duda, guest of the club.

Sprocket: Eric Immerman

****Birthdays –** Doug Peterson, Meng Lee, Kim Manetta, Dave Olson, Mike Harrington

Invocation: Julie Flowers read a poem - change sings by Amanda Gorman

Announcements

Any interest in a social? 10/9, Saturday afternoon for a Beer Mile? F & F

Hurricane Diane is at the Huntington theatre

HCP fundraising gala called homeward bound, oct 7th 6pm
- Rotary has sponsored the HCP event - 6 tickets available

Al Temkin: Matt Blanchard and he want to thank the ad committee for the tremendous work in securing ads and donations for the upcoming book

Sergeant: Dave Olson

Because we had a lot to do today, Dave abbreviated the Sergeant routine. He prepared a Beverly Rotary Crossword; everyone was to give 5 dollars in fines instead of listening to a Sergeant routine, and we'll go over the crossword answers after lunch.

Happy \$

Rachel Williams - a lot of friends in Afghanistan, Massachusetts is going to have 1000 Afghan refugees come

Sue - recognizing Brian and Jason for their great work to get the photo done.

Here is the completed crossword courtesy of Jamie and Jillian:

Speaker(s): Welcoming Committee
Bob Murphy representing

Bob watched the "who are these people" promotional Rotary video recently, and it still holds up. He remembers joining the club 25 years ago, and it would be another 3 years before we had our first woman President; and 10 years after that until we'd have our second. At the time, the vote to admit women as Rotarians was 34-30.

Back then, there were still vestiges of the idea that Rotary club was really intended for executives at the bank or the hospital. There was also a concern about the growing number of nonprofits joining the club. And we now realize how much nonprofits contribute.

Bob challenged us to think about how we all became a Rotary member. Was it a through a friend, family member, neighbor, business connection? Imagine not having any of those relationships with people in Rotary, and imagine walking into this room and not seeing anyone who looks like you.

We didn't plan for this Club to be 100% white, but it is what we have. The population in Beverly is 12% people of color, not counting those who work in the city. So we have to ask how can we make this club welcoming to all?

This is a concern on the district level, as well as the National level. Rotary has 35,000 worldwide clubs, which makes it one of the most diverse organizations on earth, but diversity is still a concern for Rotary International as well.

So let's look at the 4-way test- we believe working intentionally to foster diversity in our club is the best way to fulfill the 4-way test. It may also be important to the survival of our club. You all know about the closing of the Saugus club. It's gone.

It will take a lot of reflection and hearty conversations to achieve this goal. Everyone admits that having a vibrant club full of amazing people. The sole purpose of the welcoming committee is to bring in MORE such people. We can do this. We learned during the pandemic about our inventiveness and improvisation. We simply need to deploy this to bring the

club into the 21st century. Let's get to work.

Rachel added that we should look out for a survey, and the welcoming committee hopes to get everyone's feedback and eventually create a DEI statement for our club. We will continue discussions, so anticipate more conversation. There is also a governor's citation from the district and that will help us not recreate the wheel. The committee has been working on this since April, and committee members stood to be recognized and let everyone know whom they can direct questions to.

Raffle

Raffle picked by David Deutsch. David picked his own number as the winner. Pick a 4 of clubs, so not a winner there.

Meeting concluded at 1:19
Submitted by Eric Immerman



Random photos from last week to keep you mellow



Welcoming Committee

First Bob, then Rachel spoke about the important work the Welcoming Committee has been working on the past months. All done to make us a better, stronger club, and that's without even eating wonderbread. More to come stay tuned folks.

Swizzle will return next week

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