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Program Calendar

February 07

Radisson Hotel 12:15 pm
MEGA-RAFFLE

February 14

Radisson Hotel 12:15
Warwick School Dept

February 21

Radisson Hotel 12:15
RI Manufacturing (John Grady)

February 28

Radisson Hotel 12:15
Program TBA

Upcoming Events

- Feb 07 Mega-Raffle
- Feb 19 Board Meeting
- Feb 26-28 NEP Auditions
- Mar 01-02 NEP Auditions
- Mar 15 NEP
- May 02-04 District Conference, Westford MA

Opening

Pre-Opening President Henry reminded us to turn off or put all Cell-phone / pagers etc. on vibration mode or **pay a fine of \$5.00.**

President Henry opened, and broke slightly from tradition by inviting **Kristen Marcks** to the podium, where she proceeded to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PP Earl Pearson provided the invocation.

Brad Logan led us in a spirited rendition of "You Are My Sunshine".

Tom Clarkin reported that we had NO Visiting Rotarians today,

Dick DeGregorio introduced his guests, Ron Allen, former Providence councilman and current administrator in the Legislative Research Analysis office, and Ron's wife Gladys who is with the Providence Police Department

Tony Bucci introduced his guest, Christopher Sanford, owner of Puroclean, a damage restoration company, and **VP Jeanne** introduced her guest, Nancy Baker, Administrative Assistant, at West Bay Community Action

Linda Rhault and **Ed Ladouceur** passed the Charity Baskets.

Announcements

Pres. Henry announced:

- That the next Board Meeting would be hosted by **Treas. Marie Ahlert** on February 19th, 6:00 PM, at the Islander Restaurant.
- That at last weekend's PETS meeting, he had presented **DG Dave Clifton** with a NEP Poster, and asked for **DG Dave's** help in broadcasting to the District, which **DG Dave** obliged via Email.

Mike Armaganian reported that Mega-Raffle tickets were selling at a fast and furious pace, as are Raffle items including Fine Dining, Artwork, Liquor Baskets, Bay Cruises, Scenic Plane Rides, Vacation Homes, Family Portraits and much, much more. This event is a "natural" to invite, friends, spouses, or business associates to witness Rotary Fellowship at its finest.

Dean Scanlon reported that sign up sheets for the NEP Auditions were available. Times are 5:45 PM February 26, 28, and 9:45 AM March 1st, all at Warwick Mall, and 11:00 AM March 2nd at Pilgrim HS. Posters and Brochures are available,,,,,Pick'em up and Pass 'em out.

Dr. Timo asked that **John Howell** approach the podium where **Timo** presented him with a token of appreciation from the Rotary Club of Warwick for all that **John** and Beacon Communications were doing to promote NEP.

VP Jeanne reported to us on her experiences at last weekend's PET'S (President Elect Training). It seems that since 1971 the Rotary Club of Warwick has contributed \$177,084 to the Rotary International Foundation resulting in some 177 Paul Harris Fellowships being awarded to the Club. That amounts to many, many \$10, \$25, \$100, and \$1,000 contributions, something that should make all proud of their membership. **Jeanne** also reported that the Rotary Leadership Institute of Northeast America would



Birthdays

02/05 Vanessa Zampini

Quotes of the week

“In any contest between power and patience, bet on patience”. W B Prescott

“Anyone who considers arithmetical methods of producing random digits is, of course, in a state of sin”.
John von Neumann

“The mistakes are all waiting to be made”. Chess master S. Grigorievitch Tartakower

“It is unbecoming for young men to utter maxims”.
Aristotle

“Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one”.
Albert Einstein

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occur, locally on Saturday, April 5, 2008, at the AMICA Mutual Insurance Co, Lincoln, RI. See **VP Jeanne** if you would like to attend.

BINGO!!!!!! A Cell Phone just cost a loyal Rotarian FIVE BUCKS,

PP Paul Mellon will coordinate our Club’s interest in the District Conference to be held in Westford MA, May 2 – 4, 2008, Country / Western Theme. Pricing information will be forthcoming.

John Howell asked that we all mark our calendars for Tuesday, May 20, for a possible “Sweat Equity Day” for Rotary Volunteers to act as judges for the Warwick School Department’s Senior Exhibition Project. More information will be forthcoming on April 14th, when a representative from the School Department will address us.

PP Tom Celona informs us that he is accepting nominations for the annual Hayden Bentley Award, deadline March 15, 2008. The nominee must be a person who best exemplifies the ideal Rotarian, one who serves above and beyond in service to his/her community, may not be a Rotarian or former Rotarian.

We regret to announce the resignations of Theresa Jaquet (Time constraints due to business issues) and Karen Latham (Transfer of work location). We thank them for their service; wish them well, and will welcome them back should their current situations change.

\$Happy Bucks\$

PP Paul Wyrostek at the helm, and **Rob Tingle** collecting, garnered \$37.

Rob Tingle on his Dad, Rob Tingle Sr.’s 80th Birthday.

Dick Collins to **Jeff Vaillancourt** and Amity Electric for their quick response in correcting a problem at Dick’s Church.

Brian Wallin for **VP Jeanne**’s kind words about the Kent Hospital Staff.

PP Paul Wyrostek is happy that the Mega-Raffle gift value is over \$6,000.

Ed Ladouceur announces that the Jonah 500, at 4 weeks is over \$15,000.

VP Jeanne relating that West Bay Community Action was opening children’s resale clothing store. Also updating on the death of her brother in Beirut, some years ago, that President Bush had recently signed legislation, which held countries sponsoring terrorism, accountable for deadly acts against US citizens.

Lorna Ricci for the fact that her agency, OSCIL is celebrating its 20th year, and she has been there since the beginning. Also the agency is starting a home modification program on June 26th.

PP Larry Goldberg welcoming his old golfing buddy, **Dick DeGregorio**, who spends most of the time on the course looking for lost golf balls.

Dick DeGregorio retaliating, stating that **PP Larry** was the only golfer he knows who has had to have his “ball retriever” re-gripped.

Bob DeGregorio thanking **John Howell** and Beacon Communications for all he does to promote not-for-profit agencies, and the excellent coverage of a recent BSA Eagle Scout Ceremony.

Dick DeGregorio asking **Lorna Ricci** to comment, she obliged, on a humorous Super Bowl “Pepsi” commercial, high-lighting the problem solving



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efforts of two members of the “hearing impaired community, entitled “Finding Bob’s House”.

Program

VP **Jeanne** introduced today’s guest speaker, Judy Hoffman, a representative of the Rhode Island Employee Assistance Program. Ms. Hoffman opened by commenting that it was the first time she had ever been the recipient of applause prior to a presentation, and thanked the Rotary Club of Warwick for inviting her to appear today. She has been associated with RIEAS for over twenty years.



Judy Hoffman Pres. Henry Guzeika

Personal Concerns of employees can affect every aspect of the work culture of an organization. Employers need to be confident that an employee assistance provider will be a partner in creating a healthy and productive workplace. RIEAS has been offering high quality employee assistance services in the fields of health care, manufacturing, finance, retail, transportation, education, and public administration for over 20 years. The experience and high certification of their clinicians together with a culture of compassion and respect make them a different type of assistance program. It is a non-profit organization which sets them apart and allows the shift in focus from their bottom line to an organization’s needs. They provide unlimited confidential consultation for the employer, employees, and their families, providing a trusted source of support 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Case management for an employee begins with an RIEAS consultant’s comprehensive assessment of the issues facing an employee. The consultant then works with the employee to develop an action plan and follows through to ensure that the employee receives the required help. RIEAS also works closely with managers to help evaluate and manage problems in the workplace. Offering unlimited direct access to our consultants for confidential guidance in dealing with troubled employees ensures that issues are dealt with quickly, discreetly, and effectively. RIAS also provides support for employers and employees to reduce stress-related problems resulting from natural disasters, accidents, suicides, workplace violence, and other. RIEAS services are aimed at providing better health, morale, and an improved productivity in the workplace.

Thank you Judy, for an interesting and informative presentation.