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January is Rotary Awareness Month

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Program Calendar

January 10

Radisson Hotel 12:15 pm
Cardi Brothers

January 17

Norwood B&G Club
\$Million Meal 12:15 pm
Dreidel Contest????

January 24

Radisson Hotel 12:15 pm
Cong. James Langevin

January 31

Radisson Hotel 12:15 pm
RI Employee Asst. Prog.
Judy Hoffman

Upcoming Events

- Jan 22 Board meeting
- Feb 07 Mega-Raffle
- 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, by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob Ridgway provided the invocation.

Carolyn Dutra and **Brad Logan** led us in a spirited rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee".

Fred Corbett reported that we had NO Visiting Rotarians today.

Marie Ahlert introduced her guest, Patricia St.Amant, City of Warwick, Human Services and Truancy.

Jan Cervenka and **Michael Grande** passed the Charity Baskets.

Announcements

President Henry announced:

- That this month's Rotary Board Meeting would take place on Tuesday evening, January 22nd, 6:00 pm, site TBD.
- That a memorial service is being held for former Area 10 Assistant Governor Jack Everling on Friday January 4th, 10:00 am, at the Quonset "O" Club.
- That a letter of thanks had been received from Honorary Rotarian Mrs. Shirley Bentley accompanied by a check payable to the Foundation.

Editor Dan Pendergast took a moment to explain that the December 31st Holiday Edition of the Rotary Way was evidently too large for many of our Rotarian's computer systems or Internet system providers. Dan received approximately 40 messages indicating "Failed Delivery due to 'message size exceeding maximum size allowed', or similar verbiage. The issue contained 17 pictures of the Children's Party and Holiday Basket Delivery, and contained 13,580 KB's of information compared to normal 900 KB's. Color copies were made available at the Sgt-At-Arms table for those who did not receive through the internet.

Lara D'Antuono and **Bob DeGregorio**, Children's Party Co-Chairs, once again thanked all the Rotarians who participated in the event, also the Radisson for providing Cookies (twice), Domino's Pizza for 15 large cheese Pizzas, and Wal-Mart for the \$2,000 worth of "Coat" vouchers. **Lara** told of hearing, from a school principal, of three non-attending children who would not be receiving any gifts for Christmas. We had several extra gifts, which were donated to those particular children.

Dr. Timo announced that the 2008 edition of New England Performs was "ready to roll". This was one of our top fund raisers in 2007, contributing approximately \$10,000 to our charities and scholarships. Auditions will take place on February 26th and 28th at Warwick Mall, and March 1st and 2nd at a dance site, possibly Pilgrim HS. Registration is now open on the Rotary



Birthdays

01/05 Tony Bucci

01/07 Joe DesRoches

Quotes of the week

“Luck is the residue of design.” Branch Rickey

“Tragedy is when I cut my finger, Comedy is when you walk into an open sewer and die.” Mel Brooks

“Most people would sooner die than think; in fact, they do so.” Bertrand Russell

“Wit is educated insolence.” Aristotle

“My advice to you is get married; if you find a good wife you’ll be happy; if not, you’ll become a philosopher.” Socrates

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Club of Warwick Web-site. There will be an ample supply of Brochures and Posters available within the next few weeks for Rotarians to distribute.

\$Happy Bucks\$

PP Joe McGair substituting at the helm and **Treas. Marie Ahlert** collecting garnered a very respectable \$70.

PP Joe McGair disclosed his New Year’s resolution as to give up shopping in “Big & Tall” stores, also extended kudos to the Rotary Way editor.

Tom Sweeney recognizing the many years of New Years day salt water swimming with the “Penguin Plungers” of our own **Dan Scanlon Jr.**

Bob DeGregorio thanking **John Howell** for the excellent pictures and story in the Warwick Beacon of the Children’s Party.

Carolyn Dutra something about leaving a picture?????

Dan Scanlon Jr. and **Heather** finally got around to a honeymoon, at a wonderful resort in the Dominican Republic.

Armeny informing us that there were only 77 days let until spring.

Ken Quaranto donated “Big” Snow Bucks.

VP Jeanne Gattegno once again thanked the Staff at Kent Hospital for adopting 26 underprivileged families during the Christmas holidays.

Brian Wallin expressed sadness at having missed his birthday announcement at the last weekly meeting, and congratulating **VP Jeanne** on the great achievements of West Bay Community Action.

Louise Marcus wishing all a Happy New Year

Fred Corbett correcting the comment in the December 17 issue of the Rotary Way. That it was his youngest GRANDAUGHTER, not daughter who had been accepted at Emerson College.

Editor Dan Pendergast apologized to **Fred** for the mix-up, stating that he questioned, in his mind, the age mathematics when writing the item.

Pres. Henry disclosed he had given up shopping at the “Big & Tall” stores.

Program

VP Jeanne Gattegno introduced **Roberta Merkle** who introduced today’s speaker Maureen Maigret, RN, BS, MPA, who works as a consultant specializing in health care and aging services. She has served as Director of the State Department of Elderly Affairs, and as Executive Director of the state Long Term Care Coordinating Council. She also served as Policy Director for Lt Governor Charles Fogarty working on a number of successful health care-related and government reform initiatives. She represented a Warwick District as a member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives for ten years, and sponsored the State Open Records law, revision of the state’s burdensome estate tax, and numerous legislative measures to improve health and human services. She worked as a registered nurse in various health care settings for twenty years prior to assuming her positions in state government, and has received awards from a number of organizations for her leadership in health and long term care policy. Most recently in addition to working as a consultant with Cornerstone Adult Services, she has conducted research for the Rhode Island Senior Agenda Coalition.

Ms. Maigret opened by asking how many of us had heard of the term “SILVER TSUNAMI”, a reference used by some experts, such as Dr. Richard



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Besdine, head of Brown University Center on Gerontology, to describe the result of aging or graying of America as the vast wave of Baby Boomers (1946-1964) reaches their 60's. In October of 2007, the first Baby Boomer applied for Social Security eligibility, turning 62 in 2008.



Maureen Maignet

The impact will be felt across our institutions. Businesses are regearing to address the new outlook and demands of the Boomers who want to continue to be active. Some communities and businesses have gotten the message. Senior Centers have become "Centers for Active Adults". Builders are using principals of universal design to attract a mature market, and technology advances allow home monitoring far beyond simple Lifeline systems. While the full impact of the Boomers will not be seen for more than ten years, it is already being felt by a record number of families facing issues of helping older parents or other relatives with chronic care needs. While we hear much about the cost of long term care, the data clearly indicates that unpaid Family care giving is the underpinning of the Country's healthcare system, and is estimated to provide 70-80 percent of the long term care needed in the country. Care giving by family members has a value estimated at \$306 billion per year, more than home care and nursing care combined. As our country ages, middle age Americans face unprecedented issues in caring for aging parents or chronically ill adults, while facing the responsibilities of raising their own children, and experts anticipate that family care giving will only continue to grow.

All of this has major implications for employers. Managing the priorities of work and family, in addition to care giving is stressful and can exact a heavy toll resulting in stress, burn-out and other heath problems for workers, which can result in significant costs for employers. Using results of a 2004 study, a previous 1997 MetLife study of employer costs for working care givers, and other new research an updated estimate of the cost to employers of care giving employees was released in 2007. Care giving costs American employers between \$17.1 billion and \$33.6 billion in lost productivity annually.

Employers can take proactive measures now to address these issues by making eldercare resources available. AARP has long emphasized the benefits of eldercare programs, for older workers, and has labeled Boomers with aging parents the "Eldercare Generation". AARP Points out that providing benefits is simply good business, wherein companies realize a \$3 to \$14 return on every \$1 spent on eldercare benefits. Thank you Maureen for an interesting and thought provoking presentation.