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# Wakefield Rotary Cog

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October, 2014

## Officers

Bob Mailhoit  
*Club President*

Bob Kimball  
*Vice President*

Bruce Donovan  
*Treasurer*

Paul Driscoll  
*Asst. Treasurer*

Suzanne Bowering  
*Club Secretary*

Frank Fiorentino  
*Sgt. At Arms*

## Directors

Joe Buscaino  
Mark Curley  
Shibu James, PP  
Ed Harding  
Tom Stapleton, PP  
Barbara Worley

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## Kicking Off Our Polio Campaign



Our club again took the lead and hosted the first Polio Campaign Kick Off Party in the district this past month. Members showed support by wearing red and learning about the current global strategies for polio eradication. In fact, members have already stepped up to take the big polar plunge on Saturday, January 31st! Our club goals are to reach the \$25k mark this year with 100% participation (at least \$1 from every member). Members are also encouraged to

participate by being "virtual plungers" and fundraise to collect OPM (Other People's Money). You can also help Bob Kimball, Christine and Joe with corporate sponsors, hold a towel at the polar plunge, or coordinate awareness efforts. Our club is also supporting the district by donating a photo booth for attendees at the Polar Plunge. For more information, see Amy!



## Honored Birthdays

Join us in celebrating our fellow Rotarian's birthdays in October:

Maryesther Fournier, Amy Luckiewicz, Christine Cohane, Elaine Guaetta, Mike Brownson, Shibu James, and Barbara Worley



## Board of Directors Meeting Notes

Submitted by Substitute Secretary Amy (Suzanne was in Ireland): President Bob Mailhoit brought the meeting to order at 11:05am. Present were: Joe Buscaino, Amy Luckiewicz, Barbara Worley, Bruce Donovan, Mark Curley, Ed Harding, and Bob Kimball. District Governor Peter Simonsen and Governor-Elect David Manzi were visiting. The meeting began at 11:05a

- The secretary's report was submitted electronically and accepted.
- Bob reviewed Frank's submitted treasurer's report. \$300 is due to Parent Partnerships for their event we are sponsoring.
- Bob gave a food drive update. Judy, Barb and Bob have decided to wait post-holidays.
- Amy gave a Polar Plunge update. The group discussed having a minimum for plungers. The Board decided to require \$10 for youth and \$50 for adults. Younger children are discouraged but may be allowed with parent at water's edge and if the district sections off a boundary for younger plungers (this policy is now amended to encourage grades 9 and up from plunging. Those younger must be accompanied by an adult).
- Amy updated the team about Veteran collection boxes. House of Pizza and gas station are not filled very much and Suzanne's, HDPT and Dockside continue to be great spots for drop offs.
- Bob Kimball updated the group about the speaker schedule. Joe suggested a speaker for men's health in November. Bob updated the team about the Veteran's Day schedule and the team discussed (without decision) the football meeting.
- District Governor Peter spoke to the group about offering support. He complimented the group on our website, the health of the club, visibility in community and as a leader in communications
- Joe asked about visioning, fact sheet and single sheet hand outs from the district. Amy suggested he check RI resources and we can adapt those. DG Peter said he would bring it up to the District Membership committee.

Meeting concluded at 12:02p

## Meet Mario Portillo!

The Wakefield Rotary Club is pleased to announce that Mario Portillo has been inducted as the newest member of the service club. Mario is a Branch Manager for The Savings Bank in Wakefield and was sponsored by Bruce Chimo. Noting Mario's willingness to help others, Bruce said, "Mario is a person with a lot of integrity and someone who can be relied on. He's a great fit for the club!" Already, Mario has offered to participate in the club's dictionary project which aims at providing every third grader with a dictionary. He commented, "It's clear that this club is thoroughly involved within the community. The club's members have been incredibly welcoming." Mario resides in Melrose with his wife Lauren and their two daughters Sonora and Aurelia.



## Mario is Tweeting!

Mario has already stepped up to the plate and is serving as our official "tweeter" on Twitter. He shares photos, creates trends and ties it all into our Facebook page! Make sure you follow us @WakefieldRotaryClub and use our official hashtag: #wakefieldrotaryclub when Tweeting! We currently have 35 followers including 27 non-Rotarians and/or organizations!



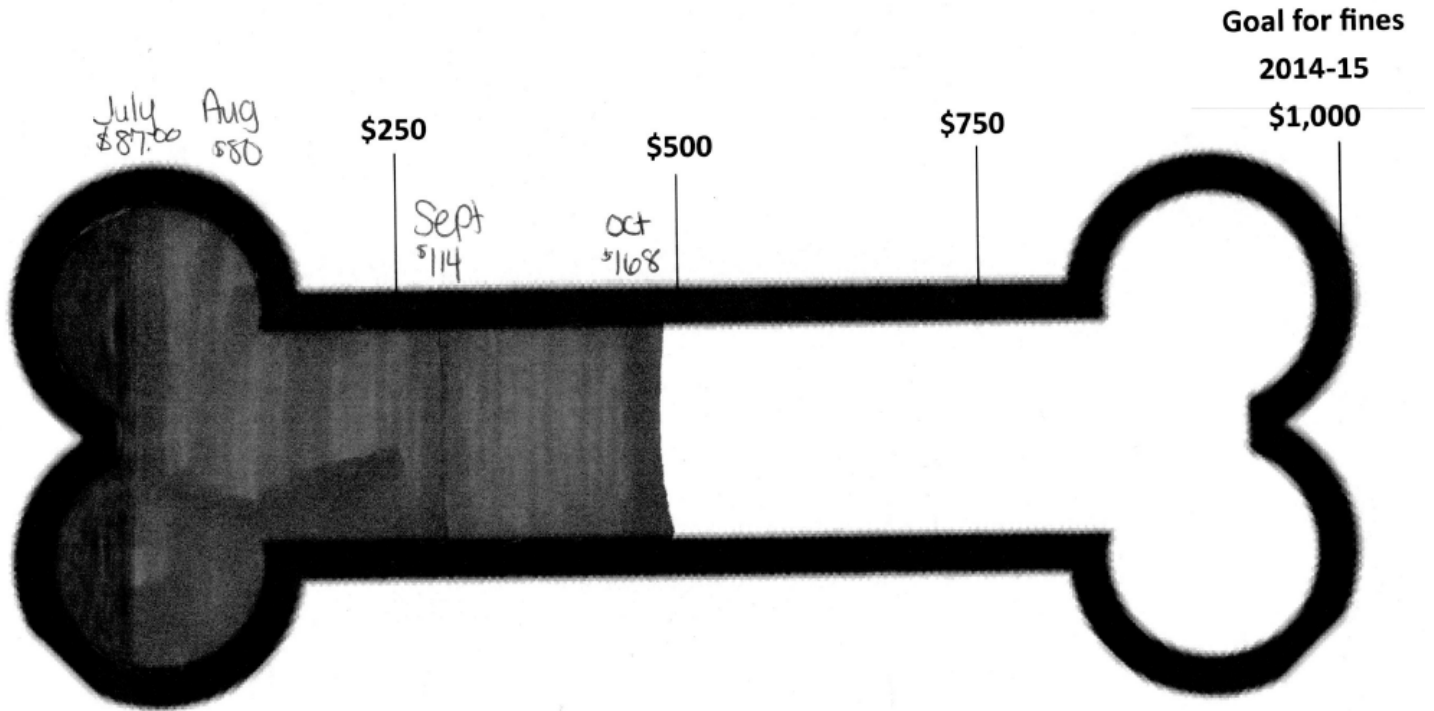
## Lookin' Good for 92!

This past month, our club turned 92 years young! We celebrated with a great cake, party and a mini food drive. The club aimed at collecting 92 items for the Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry during the meeting. Food Pantry volunteer and our Foundation Chair Judy explained, "We wanted to give something locally for our club's special day. We hit our goal and then some." Members were asked to each bring in a few items for donation to this week's meeting. In total, the club collected 180 items, almost doubling its goal of 92. Judy noted, "We were so happy when we hit 92 and members kept coming in with more bags! Even our guests brought in items. It was the perfect way to celebrate 92 years of service above self in Wakefield."



# K-9 Contributions

The club continues to plan for the eventual return of a K9 unit to the town. All fines collected during the first Tuesday of the month have been earmarked for the new K9 fund. This fund will be part of a larger community-wide effort to purchase a new pup for WPD. We collected \$168 in October, bringing our current total to \$449!



## Featured Speaker: Maureen Buzby

Earlier this month, we welcomed Maureen Buzby from the Mystic Valley Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention Program. Maureen came highly recommended by Wakefield's coalition on substance use prevention, WAKE UP. She educated the group about the current trends with smoking and tobacco use in the 21st Century including e-cigarettes, vaping, e-hookahs, and spitless tobacco. She answered questions about what to look for in teen use and asked us to urge our local governments to put restrictions on the non-sanctioned e-tobacco products.



## Important Save the Dates

**October 28th** - John Potter and Amy will speak about Facebook

**October 31st** - Last day to bring in items for our homeless veteran's project

**November 4th** - Paul Harris Fellowship Dinner. Sign up with Judy or Suzanne (no lunch meeting)

**November 11th** - Veteran's Day program at our meeting

**December 16th** - Our clubs annual Holiday Party

## In the News & Social Media

Here is the Public Relations report for October, 2014:

Wakefield Item Press Releases: 1

Wakefield Patch Articles: 1

Updates to website: 2

Friends in our private Facebook Group: 128 (up 6)

Likes on our public Facebook Page: 164 (up 6)

Our biggest fans: women ages 45-54




## Getting to Know Rotarian Judy Gordon

Our current Foundation Chair and first female President Judy Gordon shares some of her interests!

- Hubby tom and I love our place on Cape Cod. We hike, go bird watching, dine out and swim at Scargo Lake.
- We love to have our family out so we can cook out and walk the beach.
- My all-time favorite trip...so far...was our boke and barge trip on the Rhine and Mozel in Germany and France. Beautiful castles, vineyards, and Roman ruins. We even had fresh foods prepared for us on the barge.
- My first project after I retired was cleaning the attic! After that, I did fun things!
- The overall "highlight" of my presidential year was the support and encouragement I received from my fellow members. My goal was to provide so that the club could survive a female presidency!
- I enjoy Harrington's fish, chicken masala, and the great pasta salad with lots of garlic!

# Photo of the Month: Chilling with the Bear



At the Membership and Foundation Forum, Barbara ran into the district polar bear! Thanks to Melody, Judy, Bob Mailhoit and Kimball for attending!



Check In with Us!

Each week be sure to “check in” with Wakefield Rotary Club at Harrington’s through your social media accounts. Mention that you’re excited to be there, note the speaker, tag your Rotary friends, and highlight our featured projects. Be sure to take pictures and tag us!

# Rotary



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## The 4 Way Test

of the Things We Think, Say, or Do...

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Is it BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Join us at Harrington’s each Tuesday at noon or  
visit us on the web at  
[www.wakefieldrotaryclub.org](http://www.wakefieldrotaryclub.org)