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# Wakefield Rotary Cog

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December, 2014

## Project Warm



Earlier this month, our club completed an in-meeting project and worked as hard as elves to assemble 200 "warm kits" for homeless in Boston. Our team assembled the kits including a thermal blanket, hat, socks, dental supplies and more. President Bob and Barbara Worley recently delivered the 200 kits to Rosie's Place in Boston. According to their website, Rosie's place was founded in 1974 as the first women's shelter in the United States. Its mission is to provide a safe and nurturing environment that helps poor and homeless women maintain their dignity, seek opportunity and find security in their lives. Today, Rosie's Place not only provides meals and shelter but also creates answers for 12,000 women a year through wide ranging support, housing and education services. They do not accept any city, state or federal funding. Thanks to these donations, 86 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to services for poor and homeless women. Thanks to Lisa Roderick for the leadership and development of this project. Additional thanks to Bill Fiore and Maryesther Fournier for their donations and to Morira Ragonese of Atterson Dental. More pics on pages 6-7.

Did you know that the Wakefield Chapter of the Salvation Army keeps donations and gifts local to benefit Wakefield families?

Frank and Jay (photo top right) were among bell ringers this year along with Jim Tarpey (photo below) with Interactors Waverley Stanfield, Brianna and Austin Collard. Waverley, Brianna and Austin are also committed to participate in the polar plunge!

## Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We kept up the tradition of ringing the Salvation Army Bell this year. Thanks to Rotarians who were generous with their time and to the Interact Club for coming to work with us again this year!

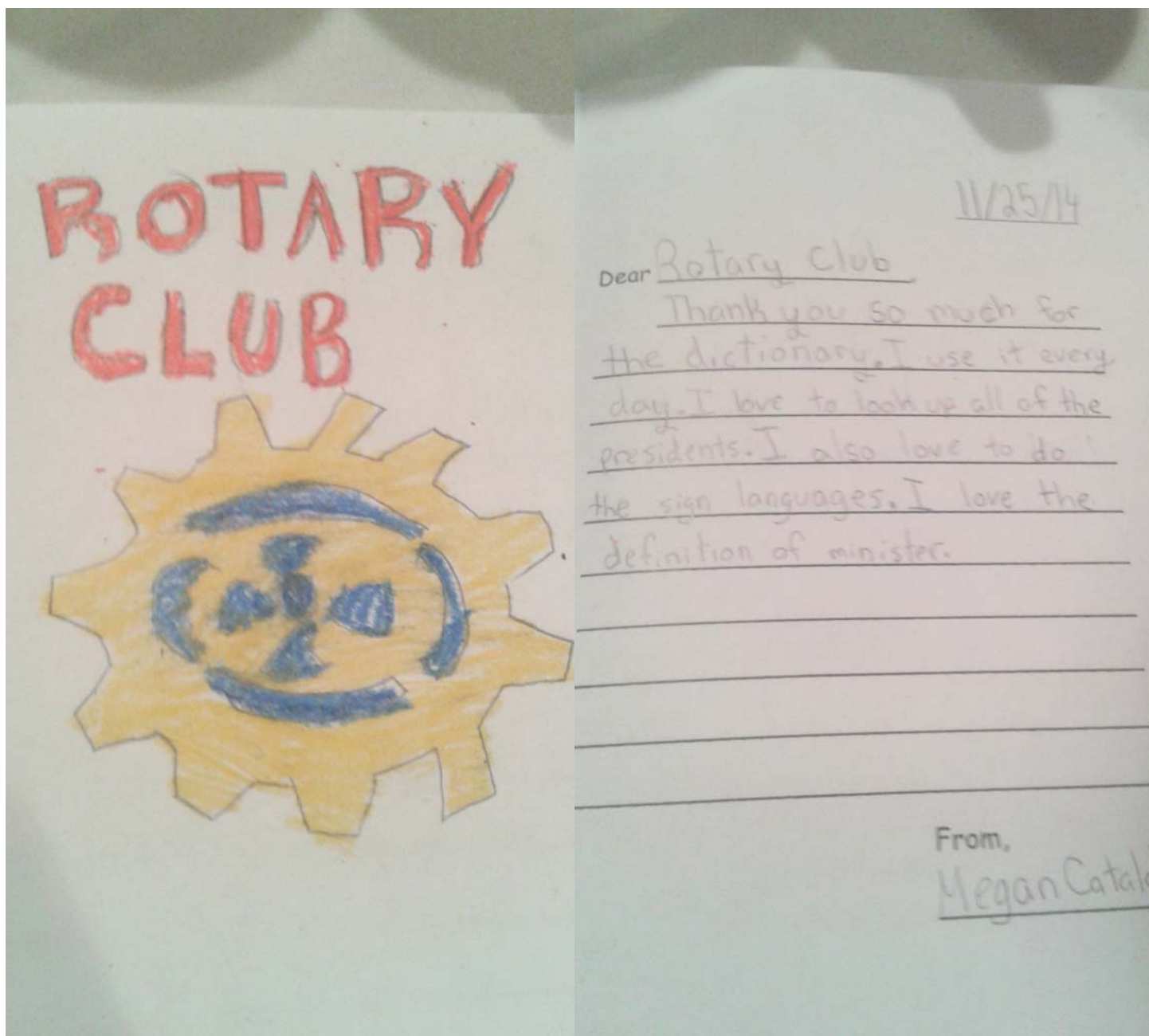


## Honored Birthdays

Join us in celebrating our fellow Rotarian's birthdays in December: James Taylor, John Potter, and Christine Fisher!

## Dictionary Letters

Our club recently received some hand-made thank you letters from the Dolbeare School in response to our gift of dictionaries to the third grade classes. Among the hand-written notes, one child noted that he particularly liked that the book included sign language for, "secret messages and other cool stuff."





## Spreading Holiday Cheer

This year we were again fortunate to adopt a family for the holidays through the Salvation Army. In fact, we adopted TWO families, each with a single mom. With five children between the two families, the club spent about \$500 to make their holiday wish lists happen. Thanks to Judy and Amy



for using their coupon-savvy shopping skills to get everything on the lists and some items for the moms as well. The pair was careful to include the gift of literacy and buy several books for each family. In addition, our club generously donated gift cards and items for teenagers at our annual Holiday Party. Coordinated by Judy, all items were presented to Salvation Army representatives and given to teens and tweens in the area.

The club also sponsored a decorated Christmas tree for the Holiday Stroll. The trees were raffled off and the proceeds benefited the Wakefield Boys and Girls Club. Barbara, Melody and Amy met on the Saturday morning and decorated the three-foot tree purple in honor of polio. The purple tree was a hit as several other donors noted that they wanted to win our tree! The team also included a sign that read, "This year the Wakefield Rotary Club is thankful for the gift of health. Help Rotary eradicate polio from the world by visiting [wakefieldrotaryclub.org/polio](http://wakefieldrotaryclub.org/polio)." Amy made sure the opportunity wasn't lost and invited viewers to join our plunge team. So far, no takers!



## Congrats to Maryesther!

Congratulations to Maryesther Founier who was awarded another Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of her support of last year's Polar Plunge campaign!



## It's Finally Arrived!



President Peter Scott visited the club to show us the plaque that will recognize the gift reading, "Given to the Center for Performing Arts, Inc. by the Rotary Club of Wakefield, 2014."

Beginning in what we think was Eric Sidmore's Presidential year, our club agreed to purchase or rehabilitate a piano for the Center for Performing Arts at Wakefield High School. After many years of searching, the organization finally picked their piano and CPA



## Working as Elves for Project Warm







## Holiday Party Hit

This year the club again welcomed the Trinity Choir from Nazareth Academy. The girls performed several songs and a video of their performance of "Have a Holly Jolly Christmas" can be found on our Facebook page!



## Getting to Know Rotarian Barbara Worley



Barbara says she joined Rotary after meeting Eric and Suzanne at the Farmer's Market and realizing Rotary, "had what I needed - a place with people similar to me who help others and have a weekly lunch out." She noted that she stays in Rotary because, "Rotary was what I was looking for and more - including finding out how international and solid/healthy the organization is." If she could visit anywhere, Barb noted that she would love to visit the International Convention in Brazil this upcoming year. When asked about her plans once she retires, she noted, "I feel like I am retired since I am not as employed as I'd like to be. My imagination is that there is more year-round employment waiting for me in my retirement." As a child, Barbara loved roller skating, Girl Scout resident and troop camping, playing multiple solitaire with cards, making cascarones and paper flowers and selling Girl Scout cookies at Texas A&M. This year, Barbara also took on the "Jim Fitzgerald" spirit and served multiple shifts of ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, often jumping in last minute to fill a shift! She also stepped up to help Bob Mailhoit deliver the warm kits to Rosie's Place in Boston just before Christmas. Thanks for all you do Barbara!



## Plunge Update

We're about one month away from the plunge and our team is hitting stride! We are also currently working on a post-plunge party and our Eat Out to End Polio event on January 8th. Be sure to download and print the coupon on page 12 and visit Bertuccis on January 8th. Our club will receive 15% of the proceeds that night! Share with your friends too! Our team is off to a great start! We currently have 35 people registered with our team including 10 teen members (6 Interactors and 4 from North Reading). We have also received generous donations from WCAT, Wakefield Co-operative Bank, and Jay Curley. Please join us in welcoming the following registered plungers:

### Rotarians:

Lisa Roderick  
Suzanne Bowering  
Elaine Guaetta  
Mario Portillo  
Tom Stapleton  
Amy Luckiewicz  
Shibu James  
Dave Fionda  
Bob Mailhoit  
Ed Harding

### Friends/Family:

Susan Luckiewicz  
Shelley Finley  
Olga Gomas  
Kristen Flaherty  
Mark Flaherty  
Terry Holmgren  
7 more from HD Physical Therapy!

### Teens:

Marc Flaherty  
Aaron Douglass  
Kalei Griffin  
Josh Taylor

### Interact:

Morgan Chavez  
Kim Green  
Waverley Stanfield  
Noelle Dellano  
Brianna Collard  
Austin Collard

### Current Numbers

- \* \$7,433.30 in for Team Wakefield
- \* \$19,042 in for District
- \* We have the largest team registered!
- \* We are currently representing 39% of the total district

### Member Donors

Last year we had 100% of our club members make a contribution. Please join the plunge team in thanking our Rotarian donors!

Joe Buscaino  
Barbara Worley  
Judy Gordon  
Bob Kimball  
Jay Curley  
Norm Theriault  
Melody Gaeta

Thanks also to Lisa Roderick, Bill Fiore, and Jim Tarpey for donating goods and services to help raise money!

**END POLIO NOW** **MAKE HISTORY TODAY**

From 2013 to 2018, every US\$1 Rotary commits to WHO and UNICEF in direct support for polio immunization will be **tripled** (up to US\$35 million per year) by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

**YOUR DONATION US\$25 + BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION US\$50 = TOTAL CONTRIBUTION US\$75**

**150 VESTS FOR VOLUNTEERS** **75 VACCINE CARRIERS** **600 PURPLE FINGER MARKERS**

Rotary **DONATE ROTARY.ORG/CONTRIBUTE** **LEARN ENDPOLIONOW.ORG**



## Press and Vision Statement

Here is the Public Relations report for December, 2014:

Wakefield Item Press Releases: 3

Additional Published Mention: 1 (Beebe Library)

Wakefield Patch Articles: 3

Updates to website: 3

Followers on Twitter @wakefieldrotary: 33

Friends in our Facebook Group: 168 (up 5)

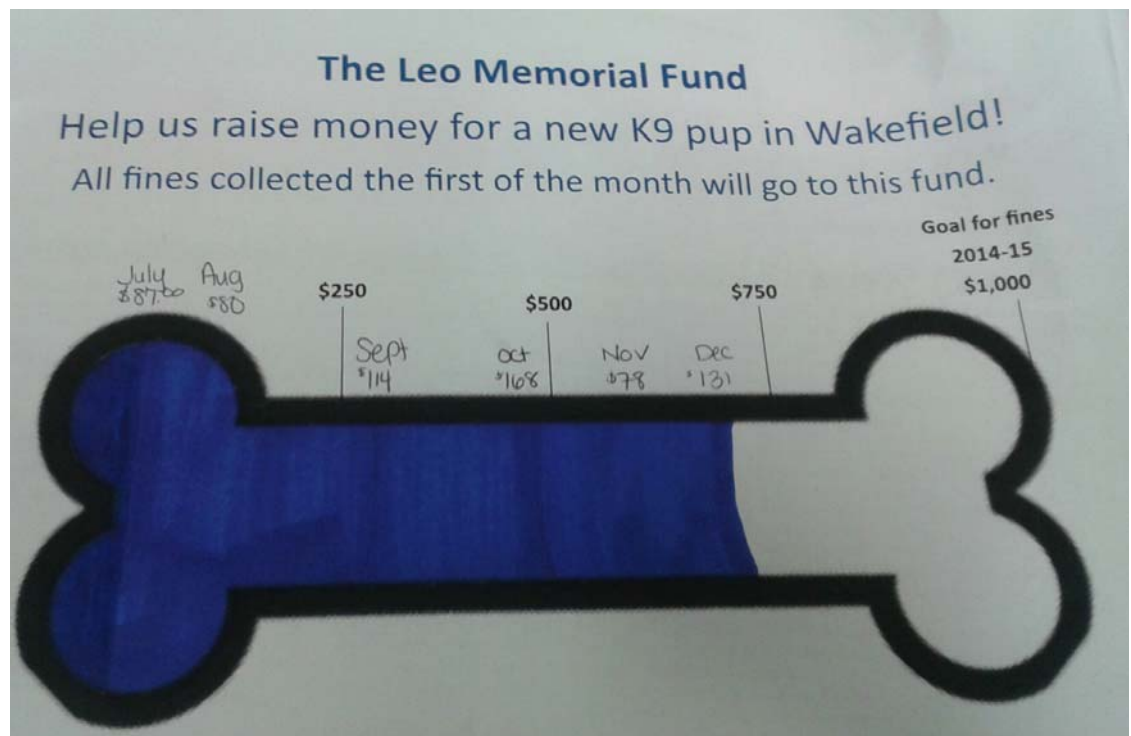
Likes on our Facebook Page: 183 (up 11)

Highest amount of people reached on one post: 813...announcing our new vision statement, "We are dynamic group of community-minded volunteers, who actively welcome new members to participate in our charitable work locally, regionally and internationally. Our efforts are bonded in friendship and energized by each member's commitment to undertake practical projects that help others!" Thanks to Mario, John Tramontozzi, Bob Mailhoit and Bob Kimball for developing the statement after our Club Visioning!



## K-9 Contribution Update

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 Wakefield-wide effort to purchase a new pup for WPD. We collected \$131 in December, bringing our current total to \$658!





## Photo of the Month: Elf Selfies

During our December campaign for the Salvation Army, elves Elaine and Barb took to taking some selfies!



## 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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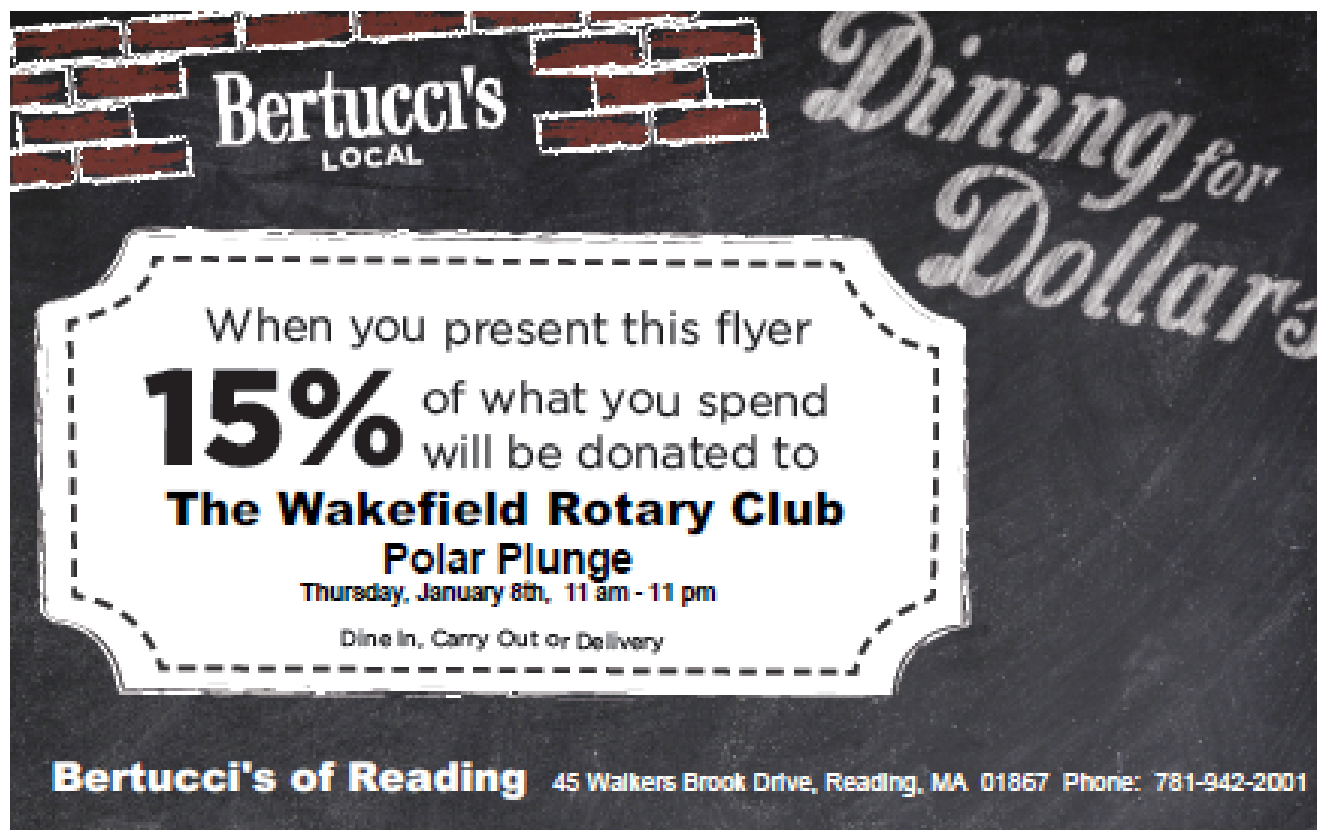
### The 4 Way Test

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)

Print and share these coupons with friends and family and invite them to Eat Out to End Polio on January 8th at the Bertuccis in Reading. Help us earn 15% for our polio campaign!



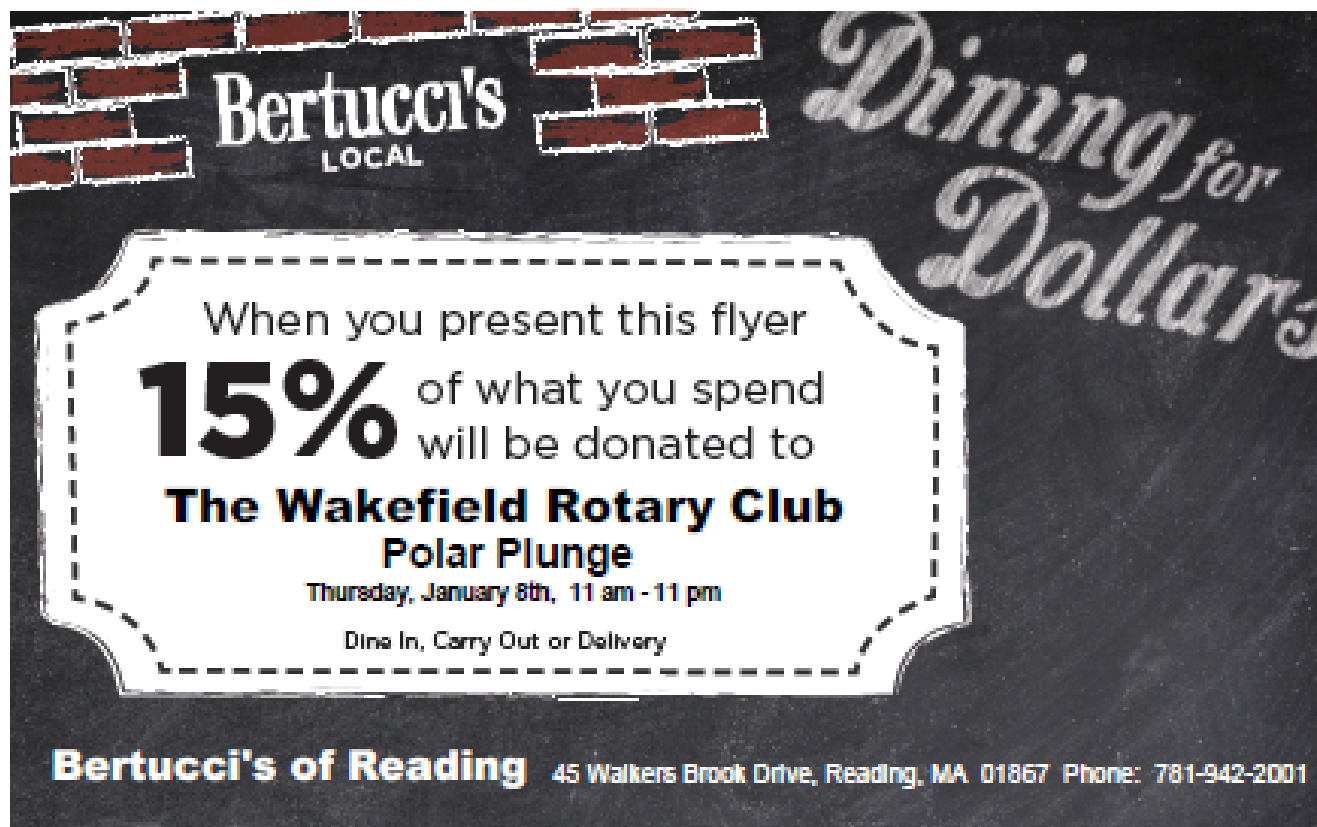
**Bertucci's**  
LOCAL

*Dining for Dollars*

When you present this flyer

**15%** of what you spend  
will be donated to  
**The Wakefield Rotary Club**  
**Polar Plunge**  
Thursday, January 8th, 11 am - 11 pm  
Dine In, Carry Out or Delivery

**Bertucci's of Reading** 45 Walkers Brook Drive, Reading, MA 01867 Phone: 781-942-2001



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