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Wakefield Rotary Cog

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November, 2014

Honoring Veterans



(above) Club members hand decorated collection boxes for the project during a meeting.

Our club recently completed its clothing drive to benefit homeless veterans. In partnership with volunteer Marine Corps veteran and advocate Jim Carbone, the club collected over \$5,000 worth of gently worn or new clothing for both men and women. All donations were delivered by Carbone to the New England Center for Homeless Veterans in Boston. The center then distributes the collected items to local partners and support agencies in the area. Bob Kimball commented, "This is just one of the projects we want to do over the next two years to support our local warriors and families." He continued, "Our club has over a dozen veterans and we are all committed to honouring our heroes." The club would like to thank its drop off location partners Dockside, Holiday Travel, Wakefield House of Pizza, HD Physical Therapy, and Local Gas Station for their support as well as our members who participated in making the collection boxes. Members would also like to thank the residents of Wakefield, friends and family for their generous donations and Jim Carbone for his partnership and commitment.

Thank you to our 2014 Dictionary Delivery Teams!

Walton School
Tom Stapleton
Barbara Worley

Dolbeare School
Susan Luckiewicz
Amy Luckiewicz

St. Joe's
Suzanne Bowering
Jim Fitzgerald

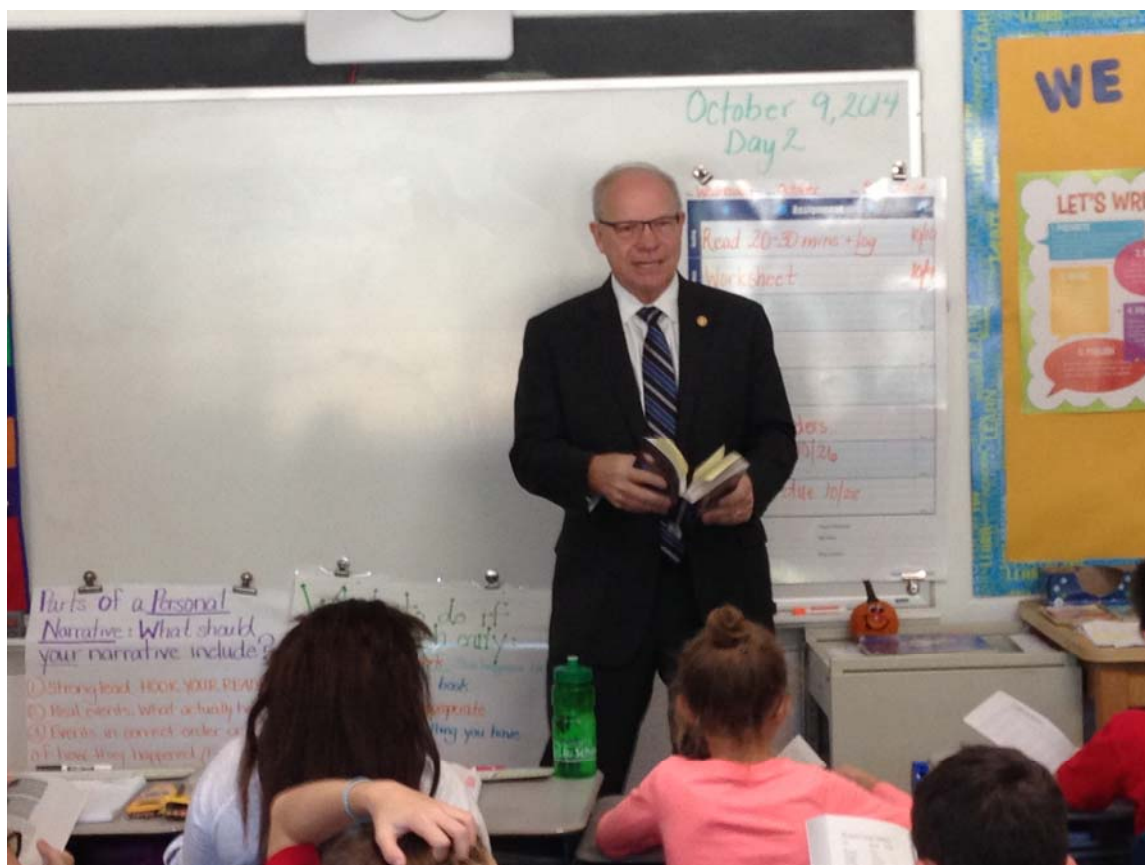
Greenwood
John Tramontozzi
Mario Portillo

Odyssey Day
Mike Sullivan

Woodville
Joe Buscaino

Dictionary Project

Each year our club delivers a dictionary to each Third Grader in the entire town! Encouraging literacy, members visit the classes and introduce Rotary as well as an overview of the information in the dictionary. The kids especially like the longest word in the English language. We delivered a total of 260 books! Thanks to all volunteers who made this year successful!



(Above) Tom Stapleton visits the Walton School.

Did you know...according to The Rotary Foundation, sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. The Foundation's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.



Honored Birthdays

Join us in celebrating our fellow Rotarian's birthdays in November: Jim Tarpey, Tom Stapleton, Eric Sidmore, Fred Singer, Melanie Head, Dave Fionda and Melony Gaeta. Only Jim and Fred were at the meeting for cake. See page 11 for their reaction to our singing.

Honorary Member: Larry Kirby

Our Club installed Mr. Larry Kirby as an Honorary Member and Paul Harris Fellow at its awards dinner last month. An author, Mr. Kirby is a two-time guest speaker at the club, where he spoke about his experiences on Iwo Jima and amphibious landings on numerous Pacific islands as a Marine in World War II. He returned several times and attended many of the clubs fundraisers and fellowship events. Kirby noted, "The first time I came to speak at the club, I felt welcome and that made me comfortable speaking about my experiences, some of which I haven't spoken about in a long time." Rotarian Mark Curley noted, "He opened up his heart and went back to the most horrific years of his life. He shared these painful life and death experiences with us which I cannot imagine was easy to do." In fact, during his presentations to the club, Larry recounted multiple experiences that left marks on his memory. Mark recounted, "Larry took us back to when he was a scout and his best friend died in his arms. We saw him liberating the Guamanians from the Japanese and we could see the emotion in his eyes when he recalled a Guamanian woman kissing his muddy boot in gratitude for freeing her, her family and many others." For these and many other acts during his service to this country, the club installed Kirby as an Honorary Member who clearly defines the Rotary motto of "service above self." Additionally, the club awarded Kirby with a Paul Harris Fellowship, a recognition given to those who demonstrate commitment to humanitarian service.



Paul Harris Dinner

The Club recently recognized several members and community volunteers with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award at a dinner event at Harringtons. This award is in recognition specifically of the member or volunteer's commitment and support of The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation seeks to support 6 key areas of focus including maternal health and wellness, basic education and literacy, peace and conflict resolution, water and sanitation, and economic and community development. The sixth focus area, disease prevention and treatment was the main area in which awardees received recognition. Club Foundation Chair Judy Gordon explained, "Last year our club led the entire northeast Massachusetts area in supporting the global eradication of polio. With the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation match, our club provided over 90,000 polio vaccines to Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. And we'll do it again this year." The club recognized the following Rotarians for their support: Chief Rick Smith, Paul Discoll, Mark Curley, Maryesther Fournier, Dick Reidy, Fred Singer, Ed Harding, Frank Fiorentino, Elaine Guaetta, Shibu James, Tom Stapleton, Judy Gordon, Jay Curley, Suzanne Bowering and Amy Luckiewicz. Among the non-Rotarian awardees were Toni Bowering, Susan Luckiewicz, Ed Luckiewicz, Dorrie Stapleton, Ava James, Anne Reidy, and Hee Won Livingstone. Check out the photo gallery on pages 5-7.



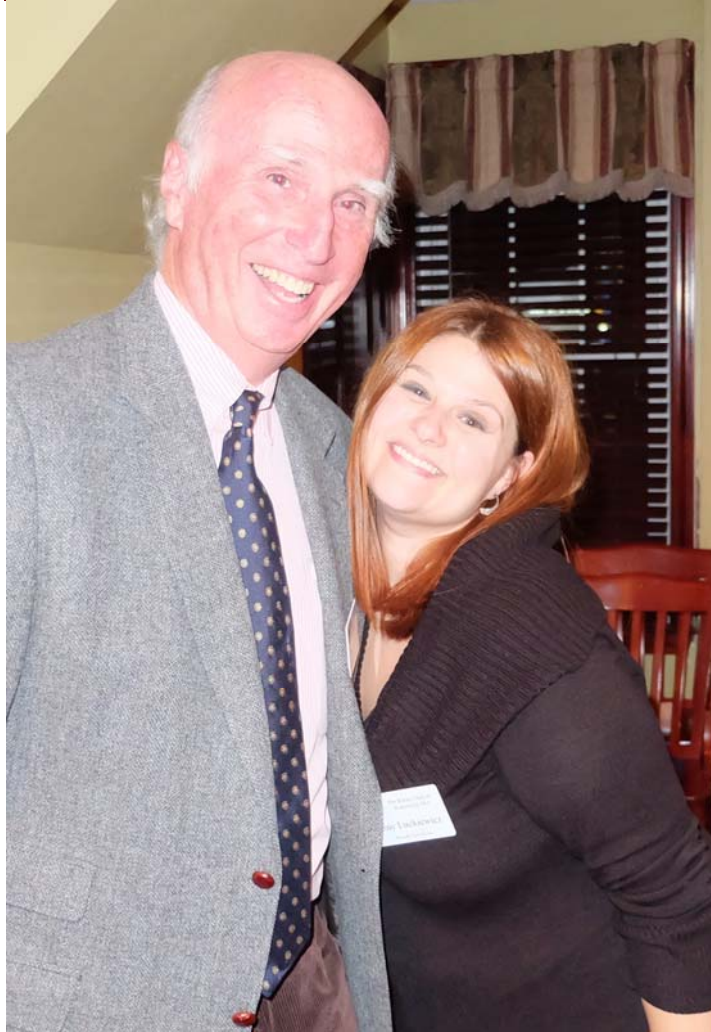
President Bob introduced Jay Curley who presented a history of the Paul Harris Fellowship.

Paul Harris Dinner Photo Gallery



Paul Harris Dinner





Perfect Attendance



The Wakefield Rotary Club recently recognized 15 of its members who have reached perfect attendance during the Rotary year 2013-14. Although the minimum attendance requirements by Rotary International have eased, many of the Wakefield Rotarians take pride in attaining or maintaining perfect attendance. This is achieved by attending regular weekly meetings, by visiting other clubs both locally and world-wide or by attending an e-meeting online. "This just demonstrates the commitment our members have to Rotary and the community," commented long-time member Lisa Roderick. Roderick along with fellow members Bob Kimball, Dick Reidy, Bruce Donovan, Shibu James, Tom Stapleton, Amy Luckiewicz, Bruce Chimo, Elaine Guaetta, Suzanne Bowering, Judy Gordon, Fred Singer, James Tarpey, Frank Fiorentino and Jay Curley have accrued a cumulative number of 227 years in perfect attendance. Curley received special notice for his 43 years straight of perfect attendance.



Getting to Know Rotarian Kathryn Boyle

Our newest member to the club, Kathryn joined us in November. A native of Waltham she resides in Wakefield with her husband Rob and 3 children Robbie, Kylie and Patrick. Kathryn is most excited to focus on projects involving basic education, literacy, maternal health and wellness and food drives. She is an Account Officer for Eastern Bank Wealth Management. Kathryn noted, "I'm looking forward to joining this great group of Rotarians and working together to serve the community."

Plunge Update

Our team is off to a great start! We currently have 24 people registered with our team including 9 teen members (6 Interactors and 3 from North Reading). We have also received generous donations from WCAT (photo below) and Wakefield Co-operative Bank. Please join us in welcoming the following registered plungers:

Rotarians:

Lisa Roderick
Suzanne Bowering
Elaine Guaetta
Mario Portillo
Tom Stapleton
Amy Luckiewicz
Shibu James

Friends/Family:

Susan Luckiewicz
Shelley Finley
Olga Gomas
Kristen Flaherty
Mark Flaherty
Terry Holmgren

Teens:

Marc Flaherty
Aaron Douglass
Carter Ayer
Noelle Dellano
Kim Green
Waverley Stanfield
Morgan Chavez
Brianna Collard
Austin Collard

Current Numbers



- \$3,619 in for Team Wakefield
- \$6,829 in for District
- We are currently representing 53% of the total district!

MAKE YOUR MONEY WORK 3 TIMES AS HARD

Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are extending their partnership during the critical endgame phase of the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative**. Find out how your donation can **triple** your impact!

LEARN
→ ENDPOLIONOW.ORG

MAKE HISTORY TODAY
→ ROTARY.ORG/CONTRIBUTE

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In the News & Social Media

Here is the Public Relations report for November, 2014:

Wakefield Item Press Releases: 2

Additional Published Photo: 1
(see Warriors photo right)

Wakefield Patch Articles: 2

Updates to website: 2

Friends in our Facebook Group: 163
(up 41)

Likes on our Facebook Page: 172
(up 14)



Patch



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 \$78 in November and \$131 in early December, bringing our current total to \$658!

The Leo Memorial Fund

Help us raise money for a new K9 pup in Wakefield!

All fines collected the first of the month will go to this fund.

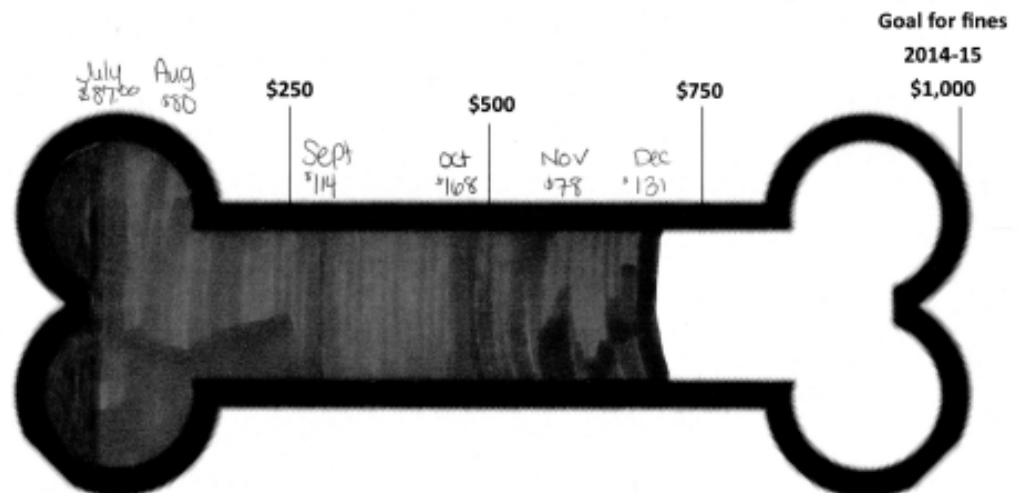


Photo of the Month: The Singing Put Singer Over the Edge



During our November birthday traditional singing performance, Fred made quite a face in response to our singing. It didn't seem to bother Jim, however.

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!



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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