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Drummer Notes

Rotary Meeting

August 26, 2024

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Opening: Alon Sapir, 12:35 PM EDT

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Pledge: Jeff Warren, Pledge Specialist 1st Class

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Invocation: John Hoover, Invocation Specialist 1st Class

Topic: Commitment, by Wolfgang Somebody (sp)

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Song: Bob Price, Song Specialist 1st Class

Viva la Rotary, (a foreign language title, translation upon request)

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Visiting Rotarians:

None on Sign-In Sheet. None in panoramic photos. Soâ€¦ none.

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Guests:



A whole bunch of themâ€¦ in the illegible order they signed in on.

Diedre Williams, Jo Von Anker, Mary Lou Morong, Ewan Mirlees, Chuck Matteson, Pat White, Deb Mosc, Bigelow Ambassador Linda DiStefano, Lillian Illegible

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Second Posting for Membership:

Chuckwadi Dikko

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Announcements:

Birthdays

Margaret Hodgkins
August 2nd
Stephanie J. Coakley
August 11th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries
Found

Years of Service

Douglas Williams
11-01-1993
31 Years
Thomas J. Walsh Jr.
11-01-1999
25 Years
Robert B. Price
11-01-1999
25 Years
Deborah Clancy
11-07-2005
19 Years
Chad Stewart
11-07-2005
19 Years
Robert D. Russo
11-10-2014
10 Years
Noor Deeb
11-16-2021
3 Years
Wadie Boutros
10-31-2022
2 Years

Announcements.

1 **Bob Vossler, Paddle Fest:** We need sponsors, funds to Operation Hope. Because there is no meeting on Labor Day, why not show up for the Paddle Fest even if you have not shown up to work? You will have a great time. We always do.

Bob Price might lead us in "Row-Row-Row Your Boat." He will bring lyric sheets. **Beverly Balaz** could lead us in "Rounds."

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2 **Bill Llewelyn** promotes **One Club** on November 2, 2024. Sign up sheets are on our website. He didn't mention it but rumors are the goal is \$30,000, aka "Serious money."

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3 **Tom Sansone** is looking for participation for the Alzheimer's Walk on October 27th. The weather will be wonderful, maybe as good as the Paddle Fest, September 7th. A suggested team title: **Don't Fuggedaboutit.**

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4 **Tom Sansone** brought us up to date on membership too. We have a new member application that came in, and applications are available at the sign-in desk.

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5 **Alon Sapir predicts the future:** We will have a Labor Day and we **will not** have a meeting on that day. September 9th will be a meeting updating us on the club's health. The September 23rd meeting will fall on September 24th in the early evening. Those who are shocked by this change can relax by having a beer with everyone else at "Brew Port." Stretching all credulity Alon predicts a meeting on December 15th with Robert Friend, our District Governor. **Bruce Carter** says he is very friendly, as he has met him.

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Just Because:

1 **Rena Fortuna** welcomes back our President, **Alon**. She also mentions that **Bruce Carter** had a birthday Sunday. All gifts to him have been liquidated and the cash will become a sponsorship for Paddle Fest. **Bob Vossler**, take note.

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2 **Bruce Carter** notes this is the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Paris from the Nazis. Paris did not burn.

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3 **John Hoover** told us about his trip to his hometown, Salida Colorado. With a population of 5,000 it has a bunch of art studios and is now a destination.

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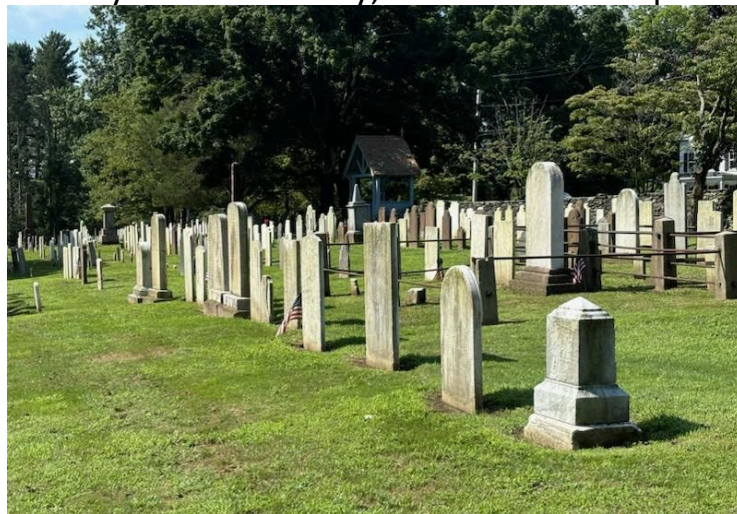
4 **Sheryl Shaughnessy** has a dollar for all the guests,

including the micro-Rotarian, Heidi's four-month old baby.



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5 **Mary Mirlees** went up to the cemetery on Greenfield Hill, having been inspired by our speaker, Jeff Taylor. Fortunately, her visit was temporary.



Permanent Resident's Accommodations.

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6 **Mark Perlman** honored our guest from Bigelow Tea.

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Other Business:

Just something about Monkeys.

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Program & Speaker: Bigelow Tea with **Linda DiStefano**, Ambassador.

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On the East Side of Manhattan David Bigelow Sr and David Bigelow Jr started packaging "Constant Comment," a blend of teas developed by Jr's wife that guests couldn't stop commenting about. The

marketing of the talked about tea grew with the tea's following, and with many variations and innovations the company is incredibly successful. That's not too surprising, as Tea is the most consumed liquid except for water.

It (the tea, not the water) was discovered by a Chinese emperor Shen Nong in the early ancient time, May 17th in 3012BC in the evening. Right after dinner, actually. Tea made its way to Europe eventually, and for a while was very expensive.

Prices were brought down over time, and its popularity grew. Except in Boston in 1773. Things perked up for tea after that, and it is now a beverage enjoyed all over the USA. Especially in the NFL and MLB.




A few tips. Drop your highly engineered tea bag in water that is already boiling. Let seep for 3-5 minutes and don't squish the tea bag when you remove it from the water. Squish tea is not good tea according to Linda, our Bigelow Ambassador.

There was more good stuff in the presentation, and we are glad so many were in attendance to hear it all. The Goodie Bags were, you guessed it, good.

Raffle: Bruce Carter handled the raffle can, and he was glad no one won, as the can had no money in it.

4- way test: always a good reminder of all the things we think, say, or do.

Next Week: Labor Day, No Meeting. Paddle Fest on Saturday, September 7th. Drift on over.



Don't forget Norma and the Gift Cards
If you missed this meeting, more good ones are in the pipeline...