

ROTORACLE



Danvers Rotary www.DanversRotary.org

January 8th, 2024

Welcome/Announcements: Very productive meeting today. President Vincent started us off with the pledge and the 4 Way Test. Updates included a reminder on the Calendar Raffle coming up from John Somes.

Freezer Donation: Reported that in October, 2023 the Rotary BOD asked the Endowment committee to approve \$7,000 for a commercial freezer with the funds to be reimbursed in January, 2024. The funds were approved and a \$6,813 check was written in November to United Restaurant Equipment. The freezer is needed for the Danvers People to Peoples Food Pantry. This was a joint effort from Danvers Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions Clubs and the YMCA.

Calendar Raffle Update: John and Lenny will be organizing the Calendar Fundraiser and will start sharing members responsibilities. Goal is to have the calendar ready in February and start selling during the month of Feb/March. We will be looking for sponsors and prizes. More info to come. This is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year. Its fun and the \$\$ raised goes to a number of worthy community projects and support.

Interact Club— Peabody Rotary would like to start up the Interact Club between Danvers and Peabody HS. More info to come.

Invocation: John Somes **Guest:** Chuck Wallace, Cleaner Details

 **Sherriff Report:** Sheriff collected \$54

Lunch: Today we were had a buffet.....and it was fantastic. Cathie cooked up an amazing selection of lunch options and we had the opportunity to try them all....and we did. Sausages with peppers and Onions, Meatballs, Lasagna, Mac N Cheese, Rice Pilaf, Pizza and Chocolate Cupcakes for desert. Chef Cathie was looking for feed back as well bc they are considering catering.

BDAYS: No Bdays Today

Next Meeting: January 22 at Putnam Pantry

BOD—Meeting will be at Danvers YMCA Date TBA at 8:30AM

Attendance: Jacki Shambaugh, John Somes, Richard Vincent, Eric Emerson, Cathie Emerson, Barry Kaplan, Amy Werner, Ralph Ardoff, Becky Kilborn

Citizens Inn: Anyone who wants to sign up to volunteer they can use this link - <https://timecounts.app/haven/opportunities/shifts> Also see Matt Schroeder for additional

Join us at the next social. Always a great time!! Last Tuesdays of the Month. Berry Tavern. Bring a friend, significant other or potential member.



2023 Photos— Please See Page 3 for additional pics. 2023 was a great Rotary Year

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Club Meetings

Putnam Pantry

Every 2nd and 4th

Monday



Service Above Self



Guest Speaker

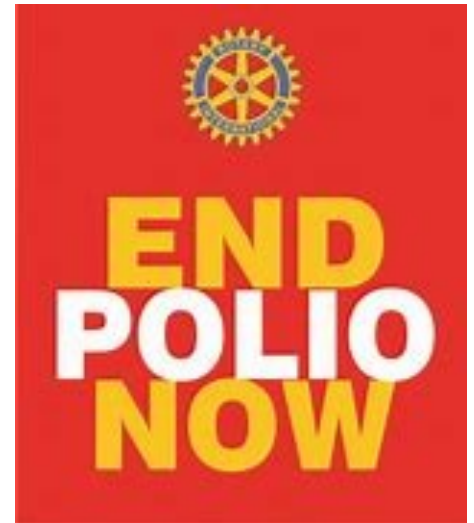
Today's guest speaker was Doug Brendel. Doug is an Ipswich Rotarian who runs a volunteer fundraising organization that supports families, homelessness, youth, orphans and individuals in Belarus who are in need of education, health care, shelters, food, medicine, and orphanages. Doug highlighted the different needs and how the \$\$ that he raises throughout the year and how that makes a significant difference in the lives of those who are suffering. Doug is also a writer. As a gift—he gave each Rotary member a copy of his book, "Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Silliness". He shared his pamphlet on the services they provide. Doug is also accepting donations for those that would like to support his cause.

Note from Doug:

Hello again! It was great being with you at Rotary! And thanks for requesting our New Thing photo reports. We have the joy of helping all kinds of people in need in the former Soviet Union: orphans, abused and abandoned children, the homeless, the poor, the sick, the elderly, children and adults with disabilities, and others. I'll keep you posted on our activities through photo reports like this one from a couple summers ago — it's about some orphans we helped. Just one example of the many kinds of projects we are always doing in Belarus. Please feel free to reach out to me personally if you ever have any questions or comments about our work in Belarus. Thanks again! Much love, Doug Brendel



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*"See, I am doing a new thing!"
 Streams in the wilderness" — Isaiah 43:19*

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 A child cries. A weary grandpa wanders the streets. A family struggles to get by.
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Life, Liberty, & the Pursuit of Silliness

A Newcomer Comments on Life in Small-Town New England

DOUG BRENDEL
 "The Outsidah"

Welcome to the former Soviet republic of Belarus ... between Russia and Poland, Lithuania and Ukraine...

A nation devastated by Napoleon, Hitler, Stalin, then Chernobyl — and still suffering in many ways.

In spite of complicated politics, myriad restrictions, and nagging poverty, the U.S. charity New Thing meets serious needs among the 9 million people of Belarus.

Our all-Belarusian "Response of the Heart" team inside the country brings in tons of donated food, clothing, medical equipment, diapers, furniture, the list goes on.

It's all shared face to face, heart to heart...

- among the homeless (through our soup kitchen)
- in hospitals and clinics
- juvenile detention centers
- senior citizen's homes
- homes for the mentally ill
- and more.

New Thing in the U.S. is all-volunteer. Every penny donated goes into Belarus. So the entire operation happens for some \$8,000 a month.

Please request our firsthand photo reports to see your love in action. Visit the former USSR without ever leaving home!

Yes! Email me free photo reports and updates on New Thing's work of compassion in Belarus.

(Required)
 Name _____
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2023 Year in Review

Rotary Members

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- Rigela Bejgo
- Suzanne Contreas
- Larry DeLorenzo
- Daniel Doherty
- Cathie Emerson
- Eric Emerson
- Rick Gilmore
- Jason Gonzalez
- Andi Hall
- Jim Jezowski
- Barry Kaplan
- Becky Kilborn
- Sarah Lahey
- Lenny Mercier
- Matthew Schroeder
- Jacki Shambaugh
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Raffle: Lucky drawers: John Somes picked the Ace of Spades. We Have A WINNNNNNNNNNER!!!!!!!!!!!!!! \$\$ was donated back to the Club for Y Camperships.



Putnam Pantry Service Staff: President Vincent presented a Holiday/Year End check to the 3 amazing ladies for their year round service at our Rotary Meetings. Thank you for your fantastic work.



Sheriffs Report

Fines included birthdays, anniversary's, Patriot's last game, weather, nice weekends, PP Staff-Speaker, Buffet, Nice Weather. \$54 was collected

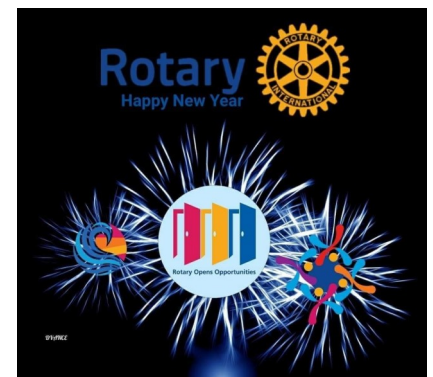
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HAPPY NEW YEAR