

The Beacon

Official Monthly Newsletter for the Camden Rotary Club



Speakers

August 4: OceansWide Founder and CEO Buzz Scott shares the adventure of helping students explore the depths of the Gulf of Maine with SCUBA gear, remotely controlled vehicles, and other tools.

August 11: New Camden Rotarian Liam Paige presents his classification talk.

August 18: We host Rotary District 7790 Governor Serge Poulin.

August 25: Avid bicyclist Shawn McCarty will tell about repairing bikes and donating them to people in need.

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86907761655?pwd=HzzXObCCfe6TVz2RAzpgAv92Hars4d.1>
Meeting ID: 869 0776 1655
Passcode: 126689

This Month's Rotary Theme:

Membership and New Club Development



Upcoming Events



Board Meeting at MRC - 8/13 8 a.m.

Membership Committee meeting -
8/18 following regular meeting.

Evening Social with President Clark
8/18 5 p.m. — location pending

Windjammer Festival Pancake
Breakfast – 9/5

Quote of the Month:

“Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.”

Maya Angelou



Upcoming Sergeants at Arms:

Graham Phaup 8/4

Bruce Cole 8/11

Barry Timms 8/18

Jeff Hamilton 8/25

Member Profile: Joan Phaup

I began my career in Santa Monica, California, as a copy messenger at our local daily paper, eventually becoming a reporter and human interest columnist. I can regale you with stories of the hobbyists, adventurers, and many other people I interviewed, including strangers sitting on park benches.

Lured by higher salaries, I moved into technical writing and a wonderful stint writing editorials and documentaries for KNX NewsRadio in Hollywood.



After marrying Graham in 1984, I moved to Edinburgh, Scotland, and took my writing experience to a small public relations firm, then did the same after moving to London three years later. After a career break when our daughter and son arrived, I took up part-time public relations work for a tech startup selling the world's first testing and assessment software.

I continued working for Questionmark after moving to Camden in 1994. The company let me work from home via a desktop computer, fax machine, and an 800 number! Email and a website soon followed, and the firm grew during my 20 years there to 100 employees and a worldwide distribution network. I still work with the company's former CEO, co-authoring a book with him about the changing world of work and editing for the nonprofit Foundation for Talent Transformation he started.



I appreciated the freedom of working on a flexible schedule at home but missed in-person connections. My desire for camaraderie and more community involvement led me to join Rotary.

I've learned a great deal from working alongside fellow club members who care deeply about others.

Rotary's ethos of service above self makes it easy to set aside opinions about politics and other issues to support good causes and improve our community.

For instance, our strategic planning effort six years ago included talking among ourselves and with community leaders to discover how our club could best help the region. Our subsequent focus on economic and workforce development brought us to play a key role in creating the MidCoast Regional Housing Trust, strongly support childcare initiatives for working families, and provide vocational education scholarships.

President's CORNER

QUICK ITEMS OF HIGH INTEREST

I thought summer was for vacations, but since I took over the presidency of the club from Bruce, this one has been VERY busy! I anticipate a great year ahead, including these initiatives:

New Volunteer Super Raffle - This reimagined fundraising effort is having very impressive results. Revenues have been very strong so far, there has been more positive interaction with the public than in previous years, and volunteers have had fun and developed new and deeper friendships with fellow Rotarians.

The only problem so far has been scheduling of volunteers. To that end, please volunteer early if you can and bring your schedule to club meetings. Please save me from making phone calls all day before raffle days! Finally, remember that fundraising success equals more help, more service that we can provide to those in need!

The 2027 Camden/West Bay Auction at the Camden Yacht Club benefiting the Knox Clinic is shaping up nicely. We have met twice with West Bay and formed a joint committee to work with Clinic Executive Director Meredith Batley and her team. Many thanks to Dawn Harlor for initiating this effort. We will announce the date of this special event planned for next June.

So far, the auction will include a one-week stay at a beautiful camp on Lake Megunticook and a historic house tour and gourmet dinner for six in Camden. We need to line up more high-end experiences but will also welcome gift certificates from local businesses, golf outings, art, crafts, and so forth. Use your imaginations, call in favors, and help us line up exciting items that will ensure this venture's success!

President's CORNER CONTINUED

Assisting Kyiv: Given our success raising funds to purchase much-needed electric generators for the people of Kyiv, I would like our club to establish an ongoing relationship with Ukraine with the involvement of other clubs, our community, and perhaps our Rotary District in this effort. I welcome your thoughts about this opportunity.

Growing Our Membership: The Membership Committee, chaired by Dr. Barry Timms, is continuing to hit home runs! We have two proposed new members in the pipeline. Please think about new people and continue to talk up the club wherever you go – and think about what we can do to retain members. You can help by thoughtfully answering our upcoming member survey about how to broaden and improve the content of our meetings and activities.

I want to hear from you!

President Clark

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Kim and Joe show off their raffle tickets.