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## Bell Ringing Ding-A-Lings

We quote the late great Jack Good with the ding-a-ling line NOT Chuck Berry's naughty song. Sir Al Temkin (moiph) sent out a sign up sheet and at press time we still have 5 slots to go. Lets fill all those places filled. Dress festive, dress warm 12/20 at locations around Beverly. Take a picture if you can Moiph can't be everywhere at once.



## ABBA at Cabot

NO Not the original band but a tribute band.

To reserve tickets for our fun ABBA show at the Cabot:  
<https://bit.ly/ABBAMUSICCONCERT>

You have a month to learn Swedish! Get going



## Speaker

Todd Rotundo was our speaker last week. Editor screwed up photo opp so we went to google for pic. Todd spoke to us about the plans for Independence Park and celebration of Beverly's 400 birthday celebrations next year. So many activities you could n't keep up.

We do know it won't include a 50 tall statue of Pee wee Herman, but it will have some improvements to

Independence Park Birthplace of US Navy (eat paste Marblehead) Stay tuned much more to come. Yummy

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## Words from President Connor

'Twas the last Thursday lunch meeting of 25', when all through the Rotary house;  
 President Connor asked where his dad was traveling to, said not sure maybe in Laos?  
 Upon arriving you're greeted by the Peter Hersee smile and outstretched hand;  
 Temkin, Beckman, Krall and Munoz all heading south soon to get winter tanned;  
 Andrew and Kenann make quite a special pair in a club full of special folks;  
 Although election results from past fall results have the MacKenzie DeFranza team crying hoax;  
 Rare that Diane Palter Gill shows up each week to sing to our collection of Rotary quacks;  
 Although you must have noticed the slimmer Diane, who we guess needed to buy new slacks;  
 Brad Hunt like clockwork weekly, he can't tell time or is he just dedicated to his bank;  
 If we ran our club like Captain Jack Sparrow, he would be forced to walk the plank;  
 When you walk into the Waterfront room sits the all powerful Commish all bubbly and smiley;  
 Almiris is usually at her side as Assistant Treasurer who skills are valued highly;  
 Recently Thad wore a shirt made of the shiniest red you ever did see at a meeting;  
 Bob Butterworths jacket colors are so brilliant and bright your eyes will take a beating;  
 Julie, Matt, Rachel, Lorinda, Thad, and Dave said prayers positive and bring some levity;  
 The length of invocations sometimes makes us harken back to the Jack Good prayers of brevity;  
 The sergeants tasked with raising funds and making sure their routine doesn't cross the lines;  
 Weekly the varied styles keep most amused with more shticks than the folks at 57 Heinz;  
 North of Forty this year was out of this world, Dave Olson's take on Star Wars and a Wookiee;  
 Moiph sold 42 tickets to grab the Jim Davies Champion Belt, big deal give him a f'in cookie;  
 We had Ice cream for seniors, Summer Scratch Fever Raffle and best EVAH Toys for Tots;  
 A fund raiser that never make the cut was to have Rotarians do karaoke with shots;  
 Sean at times brings along his kids Alyssa and Sammy to bring down average age by forty;  
 Most people dress up for meetings but Kyle takes the cake since his clothes are always sporty;  
 Dr Jamie wrestles with the sergeants to stay on the schedule she puts out twice a year;  
 Dr Beckman, highly skilled in pharmaceuticals, obviously married up since Becky is quite gear;  
 We gots new members, Andrea, Gwen, Adam, Ellen, Carlos and lets not forget Celia;  
 Pop culture Taylor Swift kicked serious ass penning smash hit "The Fate of Ophelia";  
 Carla at the high school is a bundle of energy and is a lively, energetic bubbly spratl;  
 You know some members by their look or vibe, you know Yaffa will always wear a hat;  
 Rebecca keeps running marathons all over the world we can only categorize as bionic;  
 Leslie and Chris love to dance and maybe do a sing-a-long, is the right kind of Rotary tonic;  
 We miss Neiland and his calm sense of aura, we'll just say it, he is a gentleman what the heck;  
 On the other side of the coin sits Brian DApice who is more akin to a friggin' train wreck;  
 Matt Piaker golfs so much but his best shots are still described politely as colossal turds;  
 If this was London, Ellen D, Diane H, Maureen T, Virginia J would described as smashin' birds;  
 Anne Curry takes on getting people to take notes each and every week of the year;  
 Given their lack of responses to her emails to remind them, she has decided to not give up beer;  
 Jonesy the younger was wondering if we forgot to put him in our annual list of holiday goo;  
 Guanci makes steak bombs, Walter will advise where to send your money and checks;  
 Right now Linda's in Aruba, but you bet she's on a beach thinking about her year coming up next;  
 If you didn't see your name on this list by accident or omission don't think editor is a jerk;  
 Believe it or not he has a job besides Rotary which is called get back to freaking work;  
 And I heard President Connor exclaim, as he headed out to enjoy a holiday tradition;

Only 6 months to go on this Rotary Kool-aid crazy mission  
- Connor Mooney

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Dec 1  
Jazz Band  
Holiday Cheer





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# Last week at Beverly Rotary

Meeting started at: 12:15pm

Pledge: Crushed it

Reflection: Kenann shared some thoughts inspired by How to Know a Person: the art of seeing others deeply and being deeply by David Brooks. She focused on the importance of slowing down, making connections with others, acknowledging that we each bring our own perspectives, and to meet each other with compassion.

**Guest List:** Todd Rotondo, Steve Roge, Jhene Marsh

**Birthdays:** Mike Cahill (12/12), Ed Cahill (12/13) - neither present

**Announcements:**

Save the Date! Saturday, April 11, 2026. Big Rotary Fundraiser with band chin Friction.

Next week's meeting will start at 12pm sharp and feature the BHS Jazz Band.

Kyle Marsh encourages support of the Beverly Main Streets banner program. For just \$365, your business or company's name will be featured on a locally designed banner from spring 2026-spring 2027. That's just \$1/day!

Brian reminded folks that there are still some open slots for bell ringing.

Jackie reminded Rotarians of a fun Rotary night on January 10 at The Cabot. Tickets are just \$40 and there are 20 left. Rotary will have a reception before the event begins and primo seats.

**Sergeant: Thad "I put the NO in NOEL" Siemasko**

Highlights included the WSJ etiquette test, an "Italian Smackdown," and an auction of deluxe goods

**Happy Dollars:**

Larry H - standard \$5  
Sean's child - getting picked up after dad forgot he had a half day  
Joey - fourth grandchild  
Leslie - Sterling Insurance for sponsoring the GBCC holiday party & vacation in St. Croix

**Speaker:**

Todd Rotondo, President & Founder of Beverly 400+ spoke about Beverly 400+: A Celebration of our Past, Present, and Future.

In addition to serving as a Beverly City Councilor, Chair of the Beverly Youth Collaboration Board that oversees the McPherson Youth Center, board member Of Greater Beverly Y.M.C.A. and co-owner of Salerno's of Beverly, he has spent many years working alongside local organizations that care deeply about Beverly's future.

Todd says, "That's exactly what Beverly 400+ is about – a community-driven celebration of our city's 400th anniversary in 2026 that honors our past while creating lasting impacts in equity, engagement, and sustainability."

Todd shared lots of great sneak peeks into upcoming events and Legacy Projects.

Legacy Projects include revitalizing Independence Park and the installation of a vibrant pollinator garden in the Beverly Commons. (Rotary is committing \$20,000 over 2 years to the Legacy Projects.)

Almost all events will be free, except those which have a fundraising component.

January 14 at the Cabot: Beverly at 400: A Celebration of our Past, Present, and Future

January 17 at Lynch Park: 400th Anniversary Kickoff: Winter Wonderland Festival featuring skating rink, curling, alpine slide, alpacas, food trucks, and more!  
March 7 at North Shore Music Theater: Trivia in the Round

May 9 at Kelly's Classic Cars and Restoration: Adult Mixer: "Night Circus"

May 30 in Ryal Side & Downtown: Beverly Porchfest

August 8 on Beverly Commons: Garden Party

October 10 at Independence Park and Hale Farm: Authentic Hale Farm Muster & Historic Battle of the Hannah and Nautilus Reenactment on the water

FilmFest at the Cabot showing movies with Beverly connections: CODA, The Tender Bar, and The Proposal

Homecoming will be expanded to 2 weeks

Many thanks to Todd and the other volunteers for all of these amazing events! Check out the website at <https://beverly400.org/>

**Raffle:** Brian had the ticket, but no luck!

Adjourned at 1:24 PM

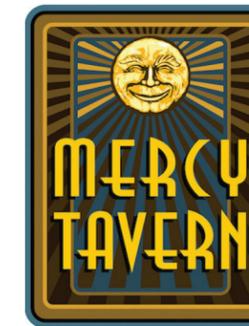
Respectfully submitted,  
Allison Babin



**ADVICE**  
**Connor**  
**Corner**

Dear Connor,  
I have a best friend (I'll call Susie) who insists that eggnog is not only a more nutritious drink than chocolate milk, but also has healing powers from hidden ingredients that promote digestive health and contain high concentrations of probiotics. I say she is crazy, the holiday concoction is just for pleasure at this time of the year. Can you add anything to prove my point?  
Egghead on Elliott Street

Dear Egghead,  
Well my experience with eggnog is more of an outsider. The thick creamy drink is a holiday flavor many enjoy. I know for a fact that many "enhance" the drink with some kind of alcohol which puts it into a different category of "digestive" drink. My experience stems back to high school days when my brother and I swiped a carton from parents and poured in some 151 Rum to give it that extra kick. We enjoyed the drink at the Cooney Field Bleachers at night. Before we knew it we were doing Irish yoga all over the place. Haven't touched a drop since that horrible day.  
-- Nobody backs Connor into a corner except Connor!



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