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ALL INVITED TO OUR OPEN HOUSE LUNCH-IN!

Thursday, October 2, 2025 | 12:00-1:30pm

Danvensport, Terrace Ballroom | Lunch: \$20

• Enjoy lunch with local business leaders!

• Learn how Rotary makes a difference!

• Meet a fun, energetic volunteer group!

• Hear from inspiring local people like:

The American Revolution: A Story of the War in 28 Paintings

1776 was more than a turning point; it marked the birth of a new world order. A bold line was drawn as ordinary people made extraordinary decisions, declaring independence from the most powerful empire on earth. Driven by youthful fire, they believed in the promise of liberty more than they feared the cost of pursuing it.

Historic Beverly proudly presents The American Revolution: A Story of the War in 28 Paintings, a once-in-a-lifetime exhibition of artwork commissioned by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Sr. in 1898 to illustrate his landmark book. This is the first time, in over a century, these powerful paintings will be displayed together since the collection was donated to Historic Beverly in 1902.

These paintings are featured in Ken Burn's upcoming documentary The American Revolution. This exhibit depicts vivid battle scenes of grief, determination, and victory honoring the 250th anniversary of America's independence.

The exhibit will be on display, at the Cabot House, from September 6, 2025 to July 4, 2026. Tickets are free to the public.

The American Revolution: A Story of the War in 28 Paintings

For more information, or to buy your tickets, use the QR code or visit: historicbeverly.net/revolution

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You've been hearing this for a few weeks, well pilgrims its coming next week. Bring a friend to see the pageantry that is Beverly Rotary. You'll make brownie points with Prez Connor

Last Weeks Speaker

A fantastic talk today by Historic Beverly's Director, Abby Battis. She talked about an upcoming documentary The American Revolution, by none other than the legendary Ken Burn's featuring 28 paintings commissioned by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in 1898! Exhibit at HB from 9/6/2025 to 7/4/2026. You have a whole year to see but don't wait. More to come, stay tuned...

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SPROCKET NEWSLETTER

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OUR 106TH YEAR OF NEWS THAT FITS

NEW NIGHTLY MESSAGE TO LISTEN TO!!

Hi this IS NOT Mayor Mike, but Connor Mooney, your Rotary President, If you live in the neighborhoods of anywhere Beverly and your trash didn't get picked up, send me a message and I'll tell my pseudo uncle to get on the stick and pick up that crap. After 80 something days we can get back to regular business like giving back to Beverly in all ways and means. Next week is Discover Rotary Day, you can bring a guest, or friend and show them the crown jewel of service organizations in Bev Town. Or you could even show up once in a while since we haven't seen you much. AT any rate diving deep into Rotary stuff and need you to help. Hi this IS NOT Mayor Mike, but Connor Mooney, your... (sorry cut off by answering machine time limit)

Vwhat is dis unt Contraption? - Greta vonSloot

Old school recording device - Editor

COMING UP IN THE ROTARYVERSE

Sept 25

Matt Piaker, Former President Memories

Oct 2

Express Yourself Rocking performing Arts

Oct 9

Kevin Grant The Castle Experience

Pay for meals, fines, happy dollars basically anything!



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Last week at Beverly Rotary

President Connor Mooney opened the meeting promptly at 12:15PM.

Tim Flaherty led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Matthew P. shared sage advice for uncertain times. Keep the spirit of Rotary alive through caring deeds, thoughtful dialogue, and kind words.

Happy Birthday this week to Doug Peterson, Kim Mannelta, and Meng Lee.

Announcements
Connor led off with several announcements including a homework outline for our upcoming service projects and outreach including: Discover Beverly Rotary Day at our Oct 2 meeting, our Beverly Bootstraps food drive, and the North of 40 turkey raffle.

Sean asked if we could give cash toward the Bootstraps donations. Ellen Dunn kindly offered to shop with cash donations.

Each Rotary member is asked to donate a minimum of one bag to the cause, donations to include:
Cranberry sauce
2 cans/jars gravy
2 cans green beans
Chicken broth
Stuffing mix
Cream of mushroom soup
Large instant mashed potatoes
Quick bread mixes
Brownie or cake mix with frosting

Also, \$40 local market gift card donations can be made for the families to purchase their protein of choice.

The reflection committee is looking for additions, contact Julie Flowers if interested.

BHS Interact Club is looking for a Rotary representative, reach out to Carla Femino to participate.

Brian shared the “Homework” document with all members via email, see all the details there.

Al Temkin reminded us of the upcoming Beverly 400th’s golf tournament on Oct 20. Get a foursome and join the fun!

Mike Harrington passed around a card

for our friend Larry H., showing a little love from BRC.

Brian talked about the Santa Parade and our Toys for Tots Drive.

The Cabot is hosting a community conversation on the future of downtown Beverly Wednesday night.

Brian was our Sergeant
Latecomers: Rick, Julie, Brad
Starting off with Happy Bucks:

Brian and Brenda are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.

Marshall jived to the amazing Steve Windward.

Carlos’ studio has a new location.

Brian celebrated the life and work Hollywood icon Robert Redford and the humorous “connections” to Rotary members, including:
The Natural - Ellen Dunn’s blonde locks
Indecent Proposal- Adam and Brad for making Rev Julie change seats
Legal Eagles - Diane
The Candidate - Kenann
Jeremiah Johnson - Andrew and wilderness of Hamilton/Wenham
The Way We Were - Bob Butterworth
hairline
A Bridge Too far - Ryalsiders
This Property is Condemned - Linda Turcotte
Ordinary People- Al (who actually isn’t)

Speaker
Our speaker was the dynamic and enthusiastic Abby Battis, Director of Historic Beverly.

Abby has been tasked to bring Historic Beverly into the 21st century. Historic Beverly now has a strong presence on social media and has expanded its outreach to citizens of all ages through new and engaging programming. Abby and her team have digitized over 78,000 of the million artifacts at Historic Beverly, a Herculean task Abby is proud to undertake.

Abby’s main focus was the connection to Ken Burns’ American Revolution and Historic Beverly.

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Keeping it under wraps for three years, Abby has worked with Ken Burns and his team to bring forth the society’s archives and paintings to be part of Ken Burns’ next masterpiece. Abby was determined and successful to see many of Beverly’s historic paintings be part of Ken Burns American Experience. Burns’ team initially chose seven paintings and through persistence and advocacy, Abby convinced them to use fourteen. The visual narrative needed to get the story right shows a different world detailed today compared to Henry Cabot Loge’s time.

Ken Burns and his team are also offering free educational materials for teachers, this is a wonderful opportunity to share the connections between Beverly and the American Revolution.

The Cabot will be airing Ken Burns’ American Revolution series, visit thecabot.org for tickets and details.

There was a robust and engaging Q&A discussion concluding Abby’s presentation.

Raffle
No winner in the card cash.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28.
Submitted by Anne Curry.



ADVICE
Connor Corner

Dear Connor,
I just moved to Beverly from the midwest, and love the ocean and cool breezes, but I’m confused at some driving experiences that I need clarification on which is actually a two part question. Example, I came to what I thought was a intersection but traffic seemed to go in circles. I was told this is a rotary or roundabout later. Do I stop? Do I go left? Do I go right? Very confused since where I’m from all roads are perpendicular to each other. Secondly at the “rotary”, I did stop, which launched a cavalcade of car horns and what seemed to be a wave of some sort from some of the drivers. I replied with a wave as well, but different here since you seem to only use one finger. Can you clarify these traffic customs for me?
Midwestern gal on McKay Street

Dear Gal,
Yes those intersections are called rotaries, or roundabouts. No one really knows the proper way to enter. Just plow through. As to the “wave”, thats a local gesture quite popular in these parts. Keep waving that sign and you’ll fit right in as a local friendly driver in high regard. Flip the Bird is not just a restaurant. Thanks - Nobody backs Connor into a corner except Connor!
Connor



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