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April 26 2021

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance: Becky Kilborn

Invocation: Lenny Mercier

Visiting Rotarians: Alex Falk, District

Guest: No Guests

Attendance: Becky Kilborn, Len Mercier, Tom Standing, Barry Kaplan, John Somes, Ralph Ardoff, Eric Emerson, Dan Doherty, Karen Halloran, Neal Waldman, Cathie Emerson,

Announcements: 100 Year Anniversary 1923-2023 8 clubs in the district will be celebrating. Danvers, Somerville, Stoneham, Reading, Marblehead, Gloucester, Ipswich and Medford. Looking to have a BIG celebration in 2023.

Bulletin Editor: Eric Emerson

Lunch Menu: Great menu with assorted sandwiches, pizza and raspberry tart for desert. Everything was excellent.

May Meetings May 10th and 24th.

Birthdays: No B-Days Announced

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Club Meetings

Putnam Pantry

Every Other Monday

12:15



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Service Above Self



Board of Directors Updates: The BOD met earlier this month to approve a number of items including: \$125 YMCA Wiffleball Tourney Sponsor Sign, \$500 DHS Band Trip to Hawaii, \$100 YMCA Gaga Pit (Eagle Scout Project), \$500 Rotary Traffic Island and EV Charging Station.

Barry Kaplan gave us a update on the charging station project and how the Town of Danvers is also adding charging stations for electric cars. The Club feels that this would be great PR for our club with the potential of bringing in revenue in the future.

Calendar Raffle Update—raised over \$10K. Daily posts are posted via email and on the Rotary Website of winners, prizes and Rotary facts. Prizes can be picked up at the Danvers Y.

Danvers High School Scholarships: 3 \$1000 and 1 \$1000 (valedictorian) scholarships were approved by the committee.



Guest Speaker: (L2R)Lenny Mercier with President Becky Kilborn and President Neal Waldman.

Lenny grew up in Danvers and attended St Marys and Danvers HS. He started working at the Danvers Y at age 14 and retired in 2018 after 51 years of service. Joined Rotary in 2000 and continues to serve to this day. Lenny worked his way

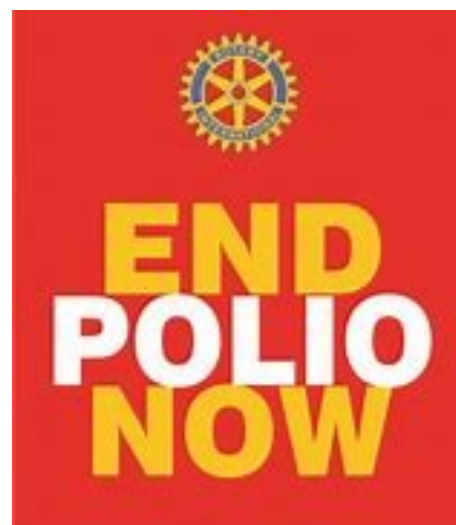
from program Director to CEO at the Y and served as the CEO starting in 2000. The Y grew under his helm from a \$600K—\$1.5M annual budget and 35 employees to 90. Programs, fundraising, building improvements, childcare, summer camps and community involvement were just a few things Lenny brought to the Y. On a personal note, Lenny is married to Diane and has 2 children, Justin and Trevor. Now that Lenny is retired, he was able to share the many tropical vacation he and Diane have been taking with a power point presentation. St Martin, , America's Cup, Aruba, Mexico, Cruises and summers at his home in RI. Lenny has a number of hobbies and interests that keep him busy: Refurbishing chairs, grandfather clocks, fishing and going out on his boat. Lenny has been enjoying his time between his home in Ambsbury and his vacation home in RI. He is looking forward to his upcoming 10 day cruise in October and revisiting St Martin in January.

Alex Falk: It was nice to have Alex join us today and update us on many of the upcoming events with the Rotary District. May 4: membership event/ survey. May 12: Rotary Zone and Foundation Gala. Youth Exchange is postponed to 2022. For more info—refer to the Rotary District Website: [Home Page | District 7930 \(rotary7930.org\)](https://www.rotary7930.org)

Roger Marcorella: Won \$100 Cash from the Rotary Calendar and Donated it



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ROTARY MOMENT

I had a Rotary Moment that I shared with the club. Recently the Club, due to Covid, had many of the club members redo their classification presentations. This was a great opportunity to learn more about our members personal and professional life. Tom Standring recently presented to our club about his job, family, where he grew up, parents, children and grandchildren. I've known Tom for close to 20 years from Rotary luncheons, board meetings and events but I would not have known that I attended his daughters, Kyle Standring, Bishop Fenwick class of 1989 graduation party 32 years ago at Tom's house. Thank Tom for throwing a great and memorable party and thanks to your wife for talking this photo.



Sheriffs Report: Barry Kaplan collected close to \$40 in fines. Many fines were for Lenny's presentation, great food and nice weather.

Raffle: Ralph Ardoff and Neal Waldman picked loooooooooooooooooooooooooosers.

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