

The Roundtable

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First, a moment of silence

President **June Kontio** opened today's meeting with a moment of silent prayer, citing yet another mass shooting. Twelve people died last night in Los Angeles in a nightclub/bar.

A large group of Interact members attended the meeting. **John Quinn** said 35 are on the Interact roster as the club continues to grow. Current president Sydney said club members met recent candidates, and were excited to also meet Susan Collins. They attended the Hunters' Breakfast and have plans to join the Festival of Lights parade.

The Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast is not on Veterans Day, but the day after, Monday, November 12 at Jeff's Catering. **Paul Miragliuolo** said there will be set-up work beginning Sunday at 3 pm. He plans to be at Jeff's around 5 am on Monday. Serving begins at 7 am.

Caroline King's Gala objective is for us to bring new-to-the-gala people. Friends, colleagues, family members, even total strangers can enjoy the evening at Spectacular Events on Thursday, December 6, 5:30 – 9:30 pm. Caroline says more registrants are needed, and that can be done through Facebook or caroline.king3@redcross.org. **Lisa Wahlstrom** says ten days remain to deliver auction items. The committee needs photo time to create an on-line bidding site. Also in connection with the auction, **Tom Violette** says one of the items is a roundtrip ticket to Boston. However, we need a hotel for the lucky bidder(s) to stay. Tom asks us to consider donating hotel points we may have earned from various chains

Auction aside, we created a birthday salute for Caroline King. The usual Les-Lisa Birthday Duet became a trio with the soprano voice of Katelynn, an Interact member and Bapst High School senior who also knew the birthday tune.



Digging out birthday dollars

Today is International First Generation College Student day. **Jennifer Khavari** highlighted the day, started last year, and thanked the club for its scholarships to many students who are first in their families to pursue and graduate from higher education institutions. **Doug Townsend** gave a Happy Digestion dollar for his winning bid at last year's auction for dinner at the Khavaris last weekend.

Paul Miragliuolo is celebrating National Harvey Wallbanger day, observed annually on November 8th. A Harvey Wallbanger is made with 3 parts vodka, 1 part Galliano and 6 parts orange juice, poured it into a highball glass and garnished with an orange slice and a maraschino cherry. Not typical breakfast fare, unless... Paul is happy also that the political ads are finished. We'll drink to that.

Let's go camping

Harvey Chesley and Mike Noyes presented information and updates about Camp CaPella. Mr. Chesley, Facilities and Development Director, said the camp, located behind the Lucerne Inn in Dedham, can accommodate 12-14 overnight campers and about 20-25 kids for day activities. The purpose, as stated on their website, is to provide campers with a well-rounded recreational program that will include activities relevant to the camp's philosophy. One of its main objectives is to promote the physical and emotional well-being of campers through a program of fitness, exercise, socialization, and involvement in a positive setting. Within this environment, campers have the opportunity to continue their pursuit of individual educational and peer-related goals, further enabling them to develop independent lifestyles.



Harvey Chesley



Katelynn of Interact

The camp has a waiting list. **Dave Merritt**, who introduced the program today, has donated his time working with the camp. Drawings of the proposed new cabin reveal ten additional beds, two wheelchair-accessible showers and a common kitchen. He has worked on grounds and trails plans to make the entire camp accessible to all that includes views of Phillips Lake.

The cost to send one person with special needs to Camp CaPella for one week is \$1500. No camper is turned away due to an inability to pay; they ask families to make a \$300 co-pay if possible.

Camp CaPella is in the midst of a challenging fundraising program. The Sunshine Lady Foundation, directed by Doris Buffet, has given the camp \$200,000 and a matching grant of \$100,000 if the camp can raise the sum.

"Our goal is to do something different every day for the campers," Mr. Chesley said. "It's a chance to go down and play."

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Coming Soon

November 15- EMCC Scholarship winners tell of their lives and work

November 22- Happy Thanksgiving



The hangers-on