**Yarmouth Rotary Making a Difference: New President, Officers, and Board of Directors Installed**

**New Club President, Roby Whitehouse, Introduces Club’s Focus for 2022-23**

**SOUTH YARMOUTH, MA  —** July marks the fiscal year for every Rotary Club, and the Rotary Club of Yarmouth is no exception. On June 22 at The Loft Restaurant, the Rotary Club of Yarmouth installed its new Board of Directors, Officers, and new President, Roby Whitehouse, who is also the Assistant Public Works Director for the Town of Yarmouth. Kevin Lennon, a Past President and Yarmouth’s Deputy Chief of Police, served as the master of ceremonies during the evening. As part of the installation ceremony, Past District Governor Stephen Albright swore in the incoming president and Board of Directors for the new fiscal year.

Several awards were presented to Rotarians in recognition of their volunteer efforts:

·         **Rotarian of the Year** – The Rotarian of the Year award was presented to Ken Knell for spearheading the Adopt An Island program, where the island at Bakers Square in West Yarmouth and gardens at Town Hall are maintained.

·         **Service Above Self** – This award was presented to Jill Albright for all of her work in Youth Exchange, and chairing many committees within the club. Jill has spoken locally and internationally on the benefits of Youth Exchange and Rotary.

·         **President’s Award** – This year’s Presidents Award was presented to Barbara Adams for her tremendous work in spearheading fundraising efforts that benefitted children in need in the community. Her committee, under Barbara’s leadership, raised in excess of $20,000 in the past year!

·         **Perfect Attendance Awards** – This is for Rotarians who do not miss a meeting and make sure they are active and engaged members of the club and community.

o   John Herr - 54 Years

o   Jimmy Walker - 33 Years

o   Curt Sears - 15 years

o   Steve Albright - 14 Years

o   Jill Albright - 8 Years

o   Rufus Jones - 2 years

During her first address to the club, President Whitehouse applauded the membership for their commitment to community and being exceptional citizens of it. She introduced the 2022-23 Rotary International theme, “Imagine Rotary”. In her remarks, Whitehouse commented, “We make a difference every year for the students of our local schools, for youth of families in tough financial situations, for the residents of Champ Homes, and through beautification projects throughout Yarmouth and the Cape. Some deliver food for meals on wheels or volunteer at the Food Pantry. We get up each day knowing that we can make a difference and doing well for our community, both locally and globally. Through fundraising efforts, we are able to help the most vulnerable in our community and also raise awareness. I’m proud to belong to a club that is making a difference.”

Officers and Directors sworn in during the installation ceremony were:

·         **President Elect** – Jill Albright

·         **Vice President** – James Seymour

·         **Secretary** – Mary Lenihan

·         **Treasurer** – Stephen Albright

·         **Community Service Director** – Paul Chatelain

·         **International Service Director** – Jacqueline Carnevali

·         **Vocational Service Director** – Hollie Handrahan

·         **Club Administration Director** – Rufus Jones

·         **Public Image Director** – John Cooke

·         **New Generations Director** – Louis Preziosi

·         **Sergeant at Arms** – Tomas Tolentino

·         **Past President** – John Gilligan

**About Yarmouth Rotary:**

Founded in 1989, the Rotary Club of Yarmouth is a group of over 75 volunteer business and professional men and women who believe in community service and fellowship.  The club founded the Yarmouth Food Pantry and Brite Lights of Cape Cod and helps many families in need throughout the mid-Cape area. Yarmouth Rotary is part of Rotary International, a worldwide organization of over 1.4 million members engaged in projects concerning disaster relief, youth services, global health issues, literacy and many other programs under the broad heading of "Service above Self". Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. Visit Yarmouth Rotary online at [www.yarmouthrotary.org](http://www.yarmouthrotary.org/) or [facebook.com/yarmouthrotary](http://facebook.com/yarmouthrotary).

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**Photos:**

·         **Albright Whitehouse.jpg** – Past District Governor and Past President Stephen Albright swears in Yarmouth Rotary’s 2022-23 President Roby Whitehouse

·         **2022-23 BOD.jpg** – The Board of Directors for the 2022-23 Rotary year for the Rotary Club of Yarmouth. L-R: Hollie Handrahan, Paul Chatelain, Mary Lenihan, Rufus Jones, Louis Preziosi, John Cooke, John Gilligan, Tomas Tolentino, Jill Albright. At podium: Past District Governor and Past President Stephen Albright.