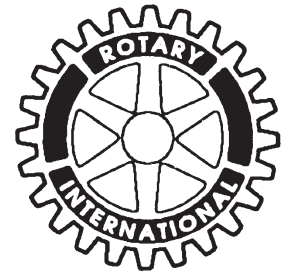


THE NUT



READING ROTARY CLUB *Serving the Reading Community Since 1924*

“Service Above Self”

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BOBBIIE RECUPERATING AFTER DOUBLE KNEE SURGERY

Bobbie Botticelli went under surgery last Tuesday at Winchester Hospital and was held in the hospital until Friday with intense pain but with a new set of knees that should last her for years to come. In a conversation with the receptionist, Jane at Colonial Manor this morning she said there was “lots of pain” but she was transferred to Wingate on North Main Street on Friday and is recuperating there. She is expected to be at Wingate about a week before returning home. Here’s the address if you want to send her a card.

Wingate at Reading
1364 Main Street
Reading MA 01867

TAX RECLASSIFICATION VOTED DOWN 4 TO 1.

The Reading Board of Selectmen voted 4 to 1 against reclassification of Reading real estate to residential and business with business carrying at least a 10% differential of the load. It could have gone to as much as a 50%. There were a number of Rotarians present that included John Douglass, Kevin Barile, Ken Rossetti and Dick Haggerty. There were a number of local downtown businesses represented and many of them spoke against reclassification. The chamber of Commerce, which included Ken Rossetti, spearheaded the drive for equal taxes. Selectman Ben Tafoya spearheaded the task force for reclassification but not a single person in the audience spoke in favor of it. For many in our club it was a welcome vote. Surprisingly not a single major business taxpayer, the like of Stop & Shop, Jordan’s or Home Depot were present. It was left to the local businesses to carry the ball. And they did it well. Several others in our club including Bobbie Botticelli and Rich Lombardo sent letters opposing the change.

WINE TASTING AT PETER SANBORN

Approximately 25 Rotarians with their friends and family were present last Thursday evening for a wine tasting event. Wines from all of the world were brought in for this fun event. Steve Donovan coordinated the event with his cousin as we were treated to such wines from Australia, Chile and California. I don’t know how many persons purchased wine but it was available in case and half case lots. Several people went in together for the purchase. They will also host events in your home. If interested speak to Steve.

NO ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS THIS YEAR

Our club will not be offering the Entertainments ‘08 books as it has done so many years in the past. Last year, for a number of reasons, was not a good one for sales. In fact, it cost the club dollars to have them. A late drop date and a cut back in advertising added to the problem. So it was decided to forego them for this year by the Board of Directors. Originally under the tutelage of Mel Slovin, the club netted over \$2,000 from sales. In recent years the number had gone down to well under \$1,000 in profits.

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