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Community Banker Brings Community Service Abroad

It's all about the connections we make in our lives...

As a Community Banker it has always been in my DNA to give back to the communities that we serve. I am fortunate that my position has allowed me to spend a lot of time in the community, helping wherever I can, and making some great connections along the way.

It's all about the connections we make in our lives that lead to new opportunities. My connection to the Constanza Medical Mission started over thirteen years ago, when Deacon Joe Vitello (who I knew through the Bank) founded the Mission in a remote and impoverished area of the Dominican Republic. I was so impressed that Joe worked very hard and was so enthusiastic to help the folks in that region, bringing much needed medical care and comfort to the poor. The connection didn't stop there. Eight years ago, Deacon Joe and Dr. David Rudolph (then Medical Director of the Mission) started visiting local Rotary Clubs trying to garner interest in starting a clean water initiative in conjunction with the Mission. I had been in Braintree Rotary for several years, and this was the first time I had the opportunity to get involved in an international project. I was excited by the fact that our Rotary club could not only help financially support a water project but could also travel with the Mission for some 'hands on' service.

Joining forces with the Hingham/Hull, Quincy, Weymouth, Cohasset and Abington Rotary Clubs thousands of dollars were raised to receive a grant from Rotary International and a partnership was formed with the Rotary Club in La Vega, Dominican Republic. I was honored to travel for the first time back in 2012 with the Mission. We spent many hours working on the logistics of the water filter project, even assisting in the delivery and installation of several of the filters. Many of the homes that we placed the filters in were in areas being serviced by the Medical Mission clinics, and we spent quite a bit of time assisting them too. I am now preparing to head back to Constanza with the Medical Mission this November. Sadly, Deacon Joe passed away almost two years ago, but his son Paul has taken over the reins and is determined to keep his father's legacy alive. This will be my sixth time traveling with the group, and I am proud to say that I have accepted a position on their Board. I continue to be amazed at the great work these volunteers do in the few days we are there. We also support a full-time clinic and doctor in the area to treat those patients in need of ongoing care.

I look forward to checking in on the water project, connecting with my Rotary friends in the DR, assisting with the medical clinic, but more so to visiting with the families that I have come to know during my visits, my new "connections" in the world.



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- Franklin Street 138 Franklin St Quincy, MA
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Avoiding Many Types of Malware

Common Types of Malware and Their Effects

Every day as we use our devices, browse the Internet, and open emails, we are also exposing those devices to potential malware (malicious software). Malware is any software that is designed to cause damage to and/or unauthorized access to devices or networks. Malware comes in many forms, all of which can have negative effects for your device and for you. With a little extra vigilance, and some good habits and practices, you can greatly reduce your likelihood of having a device infected with malware and can minimize the impact to your device, data, and life, in the event that it does become infected. Below we will explore a few common types of malware and their impacts, as well as some tips and practices that can help you as you go about your connected life.

Common Types of Malware and Their Effects

Ransomware – Ransomware is malware that stops you from being able to access your files, usually by encrypting them, and then requests payment to decrypt the files, restoring your access. Most commonly, ransomware asks for payment in bitcoin, which is a popular cryptocurrency. Unfortunately, paying the ransom does not guarantee restoring access to your files.

Trojan Horses (a.k.a. Trojans) – This malware takes its name from the classic story of the Greek army sneaking soldiers into the city of Troy hidden inside a large wooden horse. Trojans of the malware variety behave in much the same way, by appearing to be legitimate apps or software that you want to install. Some Trojans allow an attacker full access to your device, others steal banking and personally sensitive information, and others are simply used to download additional malware, like ransomware.

Keyloggers – This type of malware records your keystrokes and sends them to a cyber threat actor, giving them access to your usernames, passwords, and any other sensitive information you have entered using your keyboard. With this information, the cyber threat actor can access your online accounts or commit identity theft.

Tips and Practices for Avoiding and Surviving a Malware Infection

- **Update and patch your devices and software.** Vendors release updates and patches in order to fix security issues, not just to fix functionality! Many types of malware can be foiled by keeping your software up-to-date by accepting the updates when you get a notice about them.
- **Never click suspicious or untrusted links.** Even if the URL comes from a company or person you know, it is always safest to manually type in their URL. At the least, hover over the link to discover where it's really sending you, as some malicious actors send emails that look convincing. This advice is also true for links in emails, documents, and on social media platforms, as malicious links are commonly posted to such sites.
- **Only download from trusted sources.** When looking to download an app or software, only do so from a trusted vendor or source. On mobile devices, ensure that you only download apps from the Google Play store and Apple App Store, which are the trusted sources for Android and iOS devices.
- **Backup your data and be sure the backups are good!** Backing up your data, whether by doing a complete backup of your whole device or just key files, is the best way to protect those important files and pictures against ransomware and other data loss. For best practices and more information on backups, please reference our [recent newsletter](#) on this topic.
- **Use antivirus and other protective software on your device.** If your computer or router has

built in protections like antivirus or a firewall, ensure you have those enabled. Otherwise, buy or download an antivirus product from a trusted vendor. This is important for both your computers and your smartphones!

- **Configure your devices with some security in mind.** By setting up your devices with some basic security settings enabled, you will not only protect against some malware, but against other forms of malicious activity and access.





2018 Golf Classic - Our Thanks to All Contributors

South Shore Bank & it's Business Clients Continue to Support the Community

South Shore Bank has a proud history of being actively involved in our communities, dedicating both time and money to effect positive change. Whether it is support of civic activities such as the cub scouts, road races, local school programs or the little league; or our giving to local food pantries, affordable housing programs, hospice programs, cancer research facilities, educational, and childhood abuse prevention centers, South Shore Bank stands ready to support our community.

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Funds generated from this premier 2018 event will be used to support and benefit community, charitable, educational and other benevolent purposes. We thank all who contributed to the success of the tournament which will allow us to continue to strengthen the surrounding communities with quality programs and services.



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The following employees are celebrating October work Anniversaries:

- Joyce Duhaine 46 years
- Susan Burns 40 years
- Karen Peddell 32 years
- Paul Pecci 29 years
- Janice Walsh 25 years
- Phyllis Fitzpatrick 23 yrs
- Mary Lynch 18 years
- Christina DeMaio 12 years
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