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Club of Fairfield



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Drummer Notes

Rotary Meeting March 3, 2025
(Goodbye February: **You Stink**)

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Opening: Alon Sapir

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Pledge: Beverly Balaz

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Invocation: John Hoover pontificates about the “Man Who Would Not Be Silent.” MLK said that life ends when you become silent about things that matter. (There are a lot of people in Rotary who are going to live a long, long time.)

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Song: John Hoover leads us in “My Country ‘tis of Thee”

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Visiting Rotarians: Not Today

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Guests:

Jennifer Farrington, guest of **Sheryl Shaughnessy**

Michelle Gore, guest of **Alon Sapir**

Patricia Berg, who is now a member...

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Member Induction:

Patricia Berg is now a member. Welcome to Rotary, we hope you will enjoy and participate in making a difference in our community and the world.



Programs Chair



Timothy G. Russell
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Chair



William Llewellyn
International Service
Chair



Douglas Williams
iPast President

Birthdays

TJ Elgin
August 22nd
Harry B. French
August 24th
Bruce F. Carter
August 25th
Daniel Walsh
September 3rd
Janet Barillari
September 16th
Barbara Welles
September 16th
Ben Williamson
September 17th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries
Found

Years of Service

Steven Heffer
09-01-2015
9 Years
John Harrington
08-23-2023
1 Year
Tom Kelly
09-01-2023
1 Year



We hear you are into photography.

Announcements:

John Hoover reminds us that the 4-Way Test contest is next week's meeting. This is always a rewarding experience for the Rotarians who attend, so put an extra mark on next Monday at lunch hour.

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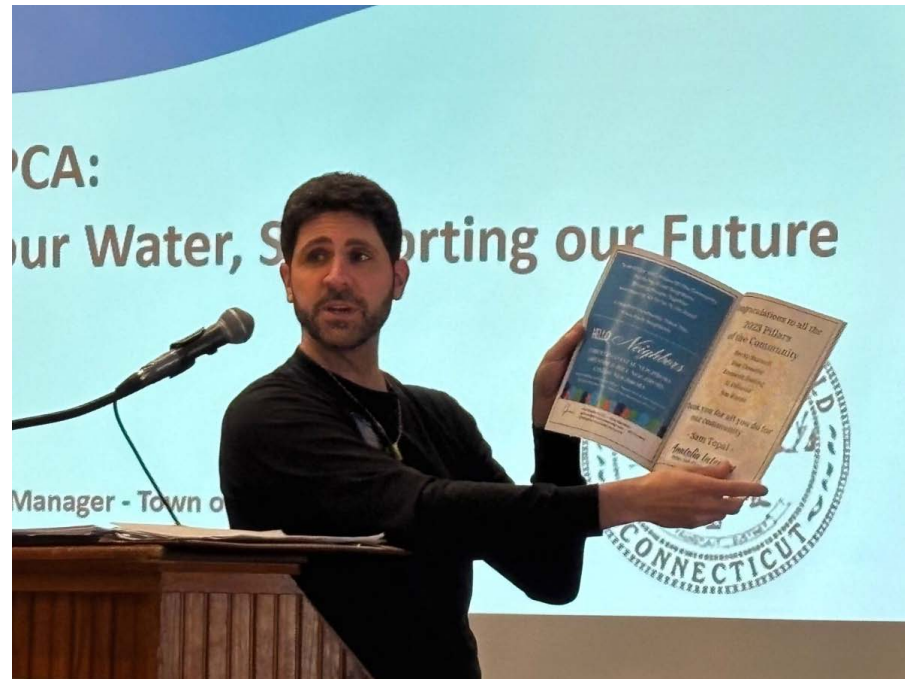
2 Bill Llewelyn has got the golf committee on a roll already. Everyone is committee-ized. Please help with \$pon\$or\$ as that is where the big \$ are.

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3 Tim Russell reminds those that signed up for the Golden Hill Prep & Pack the two time slots on Wednesday are 1:30 and 3:30. In the afternoon if you are coming. PM. If you have a hankering for cookies (who doesn't?) you can just show up and park in the back. Bang on the door, we will let you in. Secret Code:

Thump, pause, thump-thump, pause, thump.

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4 **Alon Sapir** reminds us about “Pillars of the Community” and that it is \$50. You will receive dinner, dessert, and have access to a cash bar. Let’s make a good showing for the club at 6:30pm on March 19th. That's a Wednesday to all you retired Rotarians. Sign up on our web page.

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5 **Bob Vossler** lets us know the Shred Fest (aka *Destruction of Evidence*) will be at St. Pious X right after tax time on May 3rd. Come early and beat the FBI agents coming from SDNY.

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Just Because:

1 **Doug Williams** announces that his three-year-old grandchild is skiing. Are the Olympics in the future? Stay tuned. (That’s **winter** Olympics.) Anyway, its all downhill from here.

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2 **Tom Sansone** is a grandpa for the second time. No mention yet of skiing. Maybe next year.

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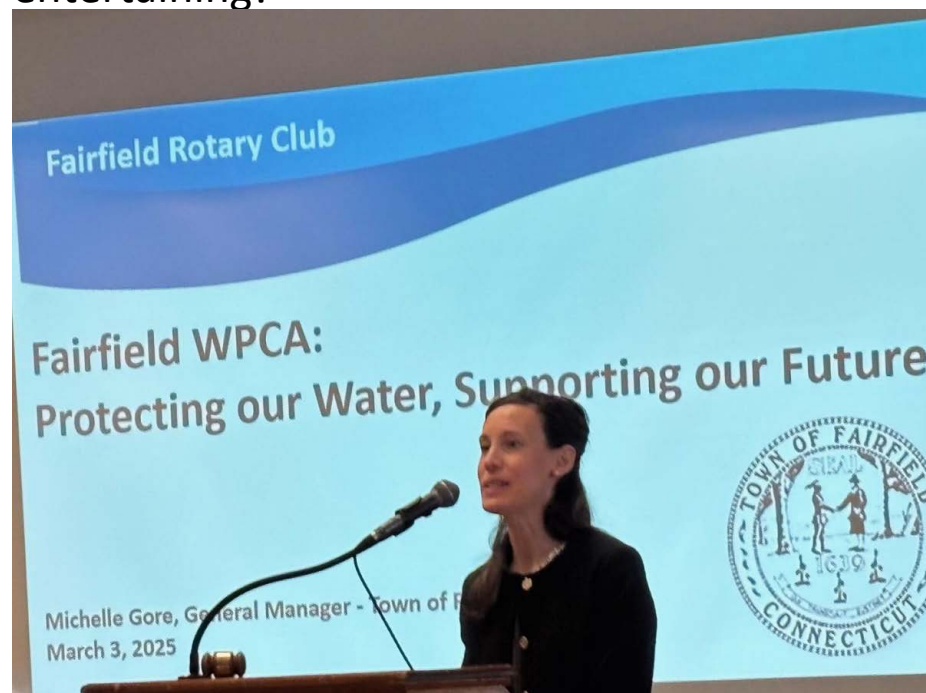
3 Sheryl Shaughnessy has just because dollars just because Patricia is inducted, and Tom Sansone is wonderful on new members.

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4 **Chad Stewart** announces that the *Knights of Columbus* are having a big event in the fall for Mental Health month. He is looking for a volunteer or two and **Bruce Carter** said he would be of assistance. A perfect fit for Bruce...

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5 **Alon Sapir** was thrilled with his daughter's Bat Mitzvah. It is always a surprise when the child takes a big step into adulthood. His daughter's project is to raise funds for the toys that are given to the children at Memorial Sloan Kettering in NYC. She is obviously one special young lady! Congratulations Alon.

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Speaker:

Michelle Gore was our speaker and was she ever entertaining!



If you were expecting a dry topic you were definitely washed away and treated to a submerging program about water treatment.

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As General Manager of the WPCA, she is 'protecting our water, supporting our future' for our town.

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What a complex system we need to keep our town healthy and safe from all sorts of stinky pathogens. 205 miles of pipe, eight pump stations and a large multi-acre

treatment site on One Rod Highway are all interconnected to keep us safe from diseases and discomfort.

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Without going into all the really messy details (we *were* having lunch) we learned about the travels of **yucky stuff** and how it was cleansed to perfection. We were told not to throw cell phones into the plumbing (no matter how angry you are with your now ex-lover) and other potentially clunky items.

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Michelle did explain that Fairfield creates 500 elephants a year in solid waste. At one time the waste went to farms and was turned into tomatoes and potatoes and other veggies your mother always told you to eat. But someone in guvment somewhere said that's a no-no and now the 500 elephants are roaming without homes. (Think about the homeless shelters needed. No, don't.)

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Michelle was an absolute delight and very informative.

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Raffle Bruce Carter's ticket was drawn but there were no cards. Next week, Bruce.

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4- way test: Yup, did them again... Thanks **Noor**

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Next Week: Four Way Test!! Don't miss it!!
=What is this button for?



Extra Credit: What Connecticut city was it made in?