



**Wed, March 12, 2025, 12:00pm (Lunch= \$15)**

Guilford Community Center

This Week's Speaker: **Martha Hoffman, Call To Care Uganda**

**President's Message:**

Spring is nearly here, and you can feel the energy shifting! The days are getting longer, the weather is improving, and it's time for us to ramp up for some of our biggest events of the year.

We have an exciting lineup ahead: **Earth Day, the Shredding Event, the Keeping Society's House Tour, and the District Conference**—each one an opportunity to make a real impact in our community and beyond. These events don't happen without our members stepping up, so let's start getting organized, spreading the word, and making sure each event is a success.

This is a great time to **renew our commitment to service and fellowship**. If you haven't been involved in a while, consider jumping back in. Whether it's lending a hand at an event, joining a committee, or simply inviting a friend to a meeting, every little bit helps keep our club thriving.

Let's embrace the momentum of spring and make this season one to remember!

**Upcoming Events:**

- Guilford Board Meeting- Thurs, March 13th, 5:30 Community Center
- Guilford Rotary Lobsterfest Committee- March 12, at 5:00 PM - Community Center
- Guilford Rotary Budget Committee- March 19th 5:30 - Community Center
- Earth Day on the Guilford Green, Sunday, May 4th (we need to respond go/no-go)
- Shred Event- Saturday, May 10 (9-12PM)
- Keeping Society House Tour-May 31st
- District 7980- Magical Mystery Tour District Conference - May 30- June 1
- LobsterFest!!! - June 21

**Member Announcements:**

- TBD

**Future Speaker Schedule:**

- 3/19- Lisa Jones, Guilford Center For Children
- 3/26- Michael Mikolay, Corporate Jets

**Member Updates:**

- Birthdays this week: none this week
- Rotary Anniversaries: Carl Cooper, 2 years...Heidi Samuelson, 6 years

### **Community News:**

- Darka Lindgren, Admin.Assist Guilford Health Department awarded Guilford Employee Recognition Award by First Selectman, Matt Hoey.

### **Recent Club Donations:**

- Sept 13th- Native American Veterans Assistance (NAVA)- \$2,000
- Oct 3rd- Soundview YMCA LiveStrong Event - \$100 (partnering with 4 other local Rotary Clubs)
- Oct 3rd- The Cove Center for Grieving Children- \$1,000 donation to sponsor 1 child for a year.
- Oct 3rd- Meals on Wheels- \$9,400 donation to cover budget shortfall due to drastic increase in food costs.
- Oct 3rd- Grass Island Red Shack restoration - MATCHING donation \$5,000
- Oct 8th- Rotary District 7980 for Hurricane Helene Relief- approx \$500 in supplies + various individual donations from Club Members (about \$1,000 total)
- Nov 7th- New Haven Reads - \$1,800 to support their Chapter Book Challenge, which promotes literacy through incentives for students.
- Nov 7th- Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) - \$2,500 to cover “activity costs” for their program assisting young immigrants with secondary education preparation
- Nov 7th- Guilford Rotary Memorial Education Fund - \$7,500 which will go into the endowment to support scholarships for local students in need.
- Nov 7th- Warm the Children - \$2,500 to support the program’s efforts to provide clothing to children in need in the Guilford/Madison area. (Partnership with Madison Rotary Club)
- Dec 5th, Columbus House - \$2,500 to support outreach, shelter, and housing for New Haven County’s homeless.
- Feb 6th- SCORE- \$500
- Feb 6th- Guilford Keeping Society- \$2,500- to underwrite the Inaugural House Tour, that will raise money for Guilford historic museum upkeep and education
- Feb 6th- Feed Our Neighbors (Rotary District 7980) - \$1,250 - for shoreline food banks
- Feb 6th- Native American Veterans Assistance- \$2,500- firewood for up to six veterans and their families.
- Outstanding TBD, Women & Family Life (\$3k request), IRIS (amount TBD)

**Club Donations Total (since Sept, 2024) - \$42,050**

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- May 4th, Earth Day on the Green
- May 10th, Shred Event
- May 31st- Keeping Society House Tour- Guilford Rotary is a sponsor- need volunteers

### **Sponsorship Acknowledgments:**

- Sponsor’s are still coming in! Keep it going...

### **Rotary International & District News:**

- Rotary Project Around the World, March..
  - <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-projects-around-globe-march-2025>

### **Club Member Highlight:**

- 3/12 - Pete Webster
- 3/19- John Murphy

## Call to Action:

Spring is a season of renewal, and it's time for us to bring that same energy into our Rotary Club! With Earth Day, the Shredding Event, the Keeping Society's House Tour, and the District Conference on the horizon, there's no better time to step up and get involved.

✅ Pick Your Role – Whether it's volunteering, spreading the word, or helping organize, find a way to contribute.

✅ Bring a Friend – Know someone who would love what we do? Invite them to a meeting or event. New faces bring new energy!

✅ Make a Difference – Every small action counts. Whether it's helping the environment, preserving history, or strengthening our community, your participation matters.

Rotary is about service, connection, and impact. Let's harness the momentum of spring and make things happen! 🌱💪

What will you do this week to keep our club moving forward?