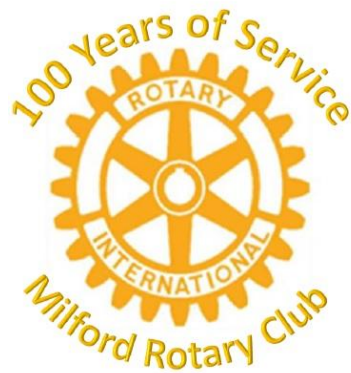


Milford Rotary Chat February 27, 2025



Meeting Minutes: 2/13/25
SBC Restaurant
12:15PM

Welcome:

The Pledge was done by Gary O.
Tad said his very traditional Prayer.
Curran rattled through the 4-Way-Test with ease (and no peeking).

Guests:

Deb Ryan was with us again. She is a corporate event producer and a new member to be. She was voted on but has yet to be inducted.
Vincent Santilli is our speaker for today and he is the Chief Executive Officer for "Home For The Brave".

Do Good:

Dave was happy he was finally able to find the board meeting last week, it took a while. This past Beth El service served 86 guests which is a record for us and most of it was served inside. This is his 18th year as announcer at Fairfield Prep and they made it in to the playoffs again this year.
Win said the Beth El event was great. All the helpers were great too.
Tad saw Uncle Dan out in California, doing well.
Frosty was sad he is not sure what Trump is doing in Gaza or the Ukraine (or is it he is not sure if Trump knows what he is doing as far as Gaza and Ukraine go?) Frosty was happy he won \$500 on the Super Bowl.
Carrie is glad there are no political issues raised in the club :). She is happy she just had an interview to replace the therapist who left 2 years ago.
Bob was happy to see Gary just put on braces on his grandson. Gary or his father also put them on Bob's 2 sons. Bob's granddaughter is starting to get into doing community service and she is doing the Leprechaun Leap, chip off the old block.
Phil U said he has Joe the DJ for the karaoke fund raiser and Joe is donating his services. He already posted a great Facebook add for the event. It is coming up quickly and we need raffle prizes. Please help make this event fun and a success.
Tad said his second daughter is coming home. She is a message therapist and needs a job.
Deb said her teenage son just got a job at Bobettes.
Dan said he and his girlfriend went to a health summit in NYC which was lead by Brian Johnson and the topic was Don't Die Early. The 5 keys to live long are: 1) Sleep 8 hours a day. 2) Get exercise-HIT training works wonders. 3) Have good diet and nutrition. 4) Get involved with your community. 5) Measurements- Know your numbers.
Tom said his sister was on a mission trip in Cairo but she fell and fractured her hip. She will be out of commission 3-4 months.
Lorna said Glen's car needs a new engine but on the bright side, the loaners have been good.

New Member Posting:

Emily Alves

Speaker:

Vincent Santilli from Home For The Brave was our speaker. The program started 2002. It serves mostly Vets which are homeless, are dealing with mental health and addiction. They help their clients find education and employment. When a new person comes in, within 48 hours they try to have a vocation plan and housing plan in place. They just had a big expansion that included putting in an elevator since so many of the vets are disabled. In Bridgeport they have the first of these facilities that is for women only. The maximum stay is 2 years but most are less. The average men's stay is 155 days and the average women's stay is 189 days. The annual budget for Home For The Brave is 3.5 million dollars. They are holding a comedy night fund raiser at the 4 Seasons Banquet Hall on Friday March 28th. It is \$100/ person. They do have beds available. They have a capacity of 42 beds but the women's unit is full.

Announcements:

Carrie's mother owns the Canvas Patch and the last storm destroyed her awning. A new one is \$1200 any personal donations would be helpful (many pitched in).

Devon Rotary comedy night was 2/22.

3/5 Hartford Wolfpack (a Rangers Affiliate) event to benefit Special Olympics & Rotary

3/8 is the karaoke fund raiser. It is Saturday 5-9 at the Elks club. Food will be from Lassie's, you get 2 drink tickets, after that it is a cash bar. \$45 for participants and \$50 for all others. We need volunteers to help run it and we need donations for the raffle. Capacity for the club is 120 max.

3/16 Beth El Service the third Sunday in March.

April (date to be announced) – Norm Parcels Luncheon hosted by Milford Rotary Club

April (date to be announced) - we have the Shread event

5/5 The Purple Pantry fundraiser Golf Tournament at Grassy Hill

5/20 Rotary Day of Service – working with Food 2 Kids again collecting donations at the grocery stores

5/30/25-6/1/25 Rotary District Conference in Massachusetts

6/8 Road Race in Eisenhower Park

8/2 Lobster Bake

Still working out details for the Purple Pantry Boxes. There are 14 in Milford and some in West Haven. The boxes get filled every day. We will need volunteers.

Greg Schmitt

Board Meeting the Second Thursday, 5:30 PM social, 6 PM meeting every month unless noted otherwise

Who's Who for the July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025 Rotary Year

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-Arthur Ashe