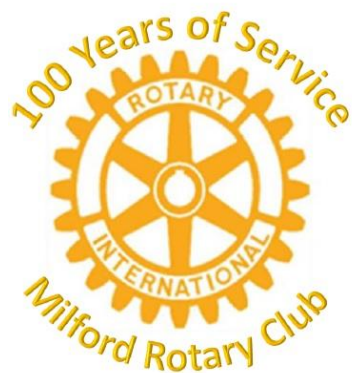


Milford Rotary Chat March 13, 2025



Meeting Minutes: 3/6/25
SBC Restaurant
12:15PM

Welcome:

Lise started us off and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance
Paul had a chance to join us and gave us a thoughtful Prayer
Bob rumbled through the 4-Way-Test

Guests:

Guest and speaker for the meeting was Sue Brown from Purple Pantry.

New Member Posting:

Emily Alves.

Do Good:

Phil was part of the group that went to Hartford for the hockey game. It was a good game but a lot of accidents along the way. He is hoping to get the Club to sponsor some rings for the Foran wrestlers. Win was happy to see the State Champion wrestlers at last week's meeting. Dr Dave is doing a great job as their coach. Win said he was a wrestler in his day, but a bad one. Joe thought he wrestled co-ed.

Bob said they are working on the tent permit for the Lobster Bake. He said they want a diagram of how the spikes will be going into the gravel. You can't make this S..t up. Bust your chops every step of the way.

Carrie was sorry she would miss the karaoke but she has an obligation with the grandkids and Paddington.

Paul, after light heckling about hardly ever being here, said he does about 20 hours a week of District stuff but he was glad to be here.

Dave was happy about his wrestlers and how their hard work turned into the Championship.

Speaker:

Sue Brown was our speaker. She is the creator of Purple Pantry and she told us how it started and how it has developed over the last 5 years. The Rotary clubs in Milford, West Haven and Orange are working together to get a grant for \$10,000 to help support the Purple Pantry. There was a food drive on Saturday at Adam's Supermarket and there is a golf fund raiser coming up in May.

The first Purple Pantry box was set up outside the Milford Courthouse. The goal of the boxes is to get food into the community in a barrier free fashion. There are a total of 19 boxes with 13 of them in Milford. They have helped other areas to build their own boxes but they don't fill boxes in other cities. Money from Milford stays in Milford. They are working on a home delivery system. They have found people may have homes but no money for food and sometimes no transportation to get food. Getting food is barrier free. Questions are asked to assess the need such as: How many people are you feeding daily? Where else can you get food? Do you have a car (to be able to go the food bank)? They distribute 20,000 pieces of food every month.

They were able to get a commercial grade refrigerator from excess money left over from Rotary support. They also got a secondhand freezer. They have 40 volunteers and they are always looking for donations. They are growing slowly and trying to learn as they grow. The Milford Health department has a list of what Pantries are available and when.

Announcements:

Phil was having people over his house for a karaoke organizational meeting later in the day after the meeting.

3/9 Sunday was the next Beth El service. We served 53 guests on Sunday, Dave and crew made a great meal.

3/13 Board meeting is this Thursday. Food at 5:30 and meeting starts at 6:00

4/25 Norm Parcels luncheon which is being held at the Milford Yacht club.

5/5 Purple Pantry Golf Fund Faiser. Foursomes are being put together. Speak up if interested.

5/17 Rotary Day of Service. We are supporting Food2Kids and we will be collecting goods and cash in front of Stop and Shop

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

6/8 The Race in the Park at Eisenhower Park. See Dan for Info or if you want to help.

6/? The Instillation Dinner is toward the end of June. Date to be determined.

8/2 This year's Lobster Bake. It is a week later than in the past so it won't conflict with Woodmont Day.

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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Why should you never iron a four-leaf clover?

You don't want to press your luck.

-Daryl Stoutot