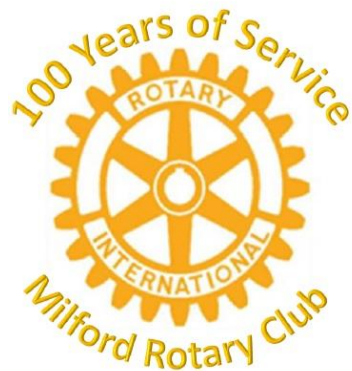


Milford Rotary Chat March 20, 2025



Meeting Minutes: 3/13/25
SBC Restaurant
12:15PM

Welcome:

Buddy got us started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gary J blessed us with a Prayer.

Phil C mastered The 4-Way-Test.

Guests:

Kathy Bradley joined us. She is a Rotary assistant district governor.

Julia joined us. She was invited by Cheri. She works in social media in Milford and would like to help us market ourselves. (she did not give her last name or maybe I didn't hear it).

Do Good:

Phil C is down on Syracuse basketball, bad year this season. But he is going down to Florida for the weekend to take in a Mets game, some R and R and hopefully see the beginning of a successful Mets season (very optimistic).

Roger came clean and admitted he took home his Rotary badge. No harm no foul.

Don had a good Rotary weekend with about 500 other Rotarians at the PETS conference (now called PELS).

Lorna (our president elect) was also at the PELS conference and she met lots of people from all over. Needless to say she had a large helping of the "cool aid" and has many things to say. She feels she got some great ideas at PELS.

Dave said he will be in Florida for about a month, visiting friends and relatives and terrorizing golf courses.

Christine will be in Florida also next week, but not necessarily on golf courses.

Kathy Bradley a visiting assistant governor is in training for the Boston marathon.

Win is in a happy place with the Red Sox and he is predicting a World Series victory for them this year. (Do I hear put your money where your mouth is?)

Tad will be in St Croix next week. His college Colorado State is on the NCAA bubble this year. He is hoping they get in. Also he is looking for input and help to plan the instillation dinner in June. If he gets no help, he does not want to hear complaints about his decisions.

Phil U thanked everyone for the help with the kereoke event. There was good response and the club netted about \$1400. He thought it is something we could do again next year and with more time to plan and organize, we could do well. Joe the DJ from Good Vibes did a good job and he donated a gift card and gave us a break on the price. On the sad side Phil broke a toe in the turmoil. On the

positive side he passed his last financial test at work. Phil also announced Win will be this year's Norm Parcels Award winner for our club.

Gary announced that Sam's father had passed away and he would be waked at Cody White that afternoon. A group was looking to go together at 4:00 and have a nice ,respectful Rotary showing.

Speakers:

Buddy and Christine Prete have a new enterprise they have developed and they presented it to the club. It is called Shopping Anyway. Christine gave us the history of the origin of the idea and how it developed over the years. It all started about 9 years ago. The app launched in January 2025 and they have the technology for this to go nation wide. Their goal is to connect those who ask "How can I Help?" with those who say "Here is what we Need". In doing so, they look to help many non profits, service organizations and municipalities. The app will allow an organization to show all their needs in 1 place and give a new way to connect to donors. It will allow a 2 way communication for dynamic engagement between donors and those organizations in need. It will be billed as a subscription service that possibly donors can help the organizations cover this. For organizations that can't or don't want the subscription, they will offer a static page for free but it won't be interactive. More info can be found at www.shoppinganyway.com.

Announcements:

Board meeting was at Phil's house after the wake at 5:30 food and 6:00 meeting.

At Beth El last Sunday we served 53 guests.

3/26 there is a fund raiser for Beth El. It is a Dinner and wine tasting being held at Bin 100. Expect some excellent food and quality wines. It will be \$135/person.

4/25 The Norm Parcels awards luncheon is at the Milford Yacht club. It will be \$60/person.

5/5 is the Purple Pantry Golf Fund Raiser. It will be held at Grassy Hill. Foursomes are being organized. If interested, let us know.

5/17 is the Rotary Day of Service. We will be collecting food and cash. The beneficiary will be Food2Kids.

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

6/8 is the Race in the Park. It is a 5K fund raiser race in Eisenhower Park. Looking for sponsors and participants. See Dan.

6/? Instillation dinner will be toward the end of June. Plans are in the works.

8/2 is the Lobster Bake. All hands on deck.

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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March brings Spring and Basketball. What more can you ask for?