

Milford Rotary Chat March 27, 2025



Meeting Minutes: 3/20/25
SBC Restaurant
12:15PM

Welcome:

Bill got us started by leading us in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Gary J gave us a thoughtful Prayer.

Bob was flawless as he mastered the 4-Way-Test.

Guests:

Our only guest for the day was Chris Lovejoy from the Woodbridge Rotary club.

Do Good:

Bob was sad to see Gary O office with a big hole in the front reception area as a car was driven into the front of the building.

Dick said Sunday was going to be his birthday and he was entering a new decade but he was not going to reveal which decade.

Gary J was happy to see Joe has improved his lunch meeting attendance.

Bill was happy no one was in Gary's waiting room when the accident occurred (and Dr Opin is fine.)

Dan said there was a big accident on the highway which had it shut down for a while if you were wondering why downtown was all backed up.

Chris our guest said her oldest daughter is turning 32.

Joe said he is 7 years behind Dick but with meds he is feeling younger and younger. He figures in about 5 years, he will be in diapers.

Lorna said cheers to all. She was glad to be here.

Speaker:

Lorna was our speaker for the meeting and she shared her PELS (President Elect Learning Seminar) experience with us. There were over 500 Rotarians at the seminar and people came from southern Connecticut to eastern Canada. Don was an Ambassador. The meeting

was well organized and it was a great learning experience. The breakout groups were very impressive and thought provoking. They raised the question why do we have a club? To her the answer is to perform meaningful service. She wants to pole the club to ask for ideas of what they want to do or accomplish. They even got to listen to Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo from Sao Paulo Brazil who is the incoming President Elect for Rotary International. They talked about Rotary's efforts to eradicate Polio with their Polio plus program. The disease is almost eradicated and is only found in Afganistan and Pakistan. Rotary has vaccinated its 1 billionth child. The Gates Foundation matches donations to Polio Plus at a 2:1 ratio.

Announcements:

- 4/1 Tad wants to hold a meeting to help plan the instillation dinner. The meeting is 4/1 at Win's office. The date for the dinner is planned to be 6/17.
- 4/25 is the Norm Parcels Awards Luncheon. It is being held at the Milford Yacht club and the cost is \$60 each.
- 5/5 is a golf fund raiser to benefit the Purple Pantry. Being held at Grassy Hill Golf Club. Foursomes are being formed.
- 5/17 (Saturday) is the Rotary Day of Service. We will be stationed at Stop and Shop on East Town Rd from 10-2
- 5/30-6/1 is the Rotary District Conference in Massachusetts.
- 6/8 is the Race in the Park fund raiser. It is a 5K race in Eisenhower Park. Sponsors and participants are needed. See Dan
- 6/17 is the proposed date for the instillation dinner.
- 8/2 is the Lobster Bake (along with all the activity leading up to it. 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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I wandered lonely as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and hills, when all at once I saw a crowd, a host, of golden daffodils; beside the lake, beneath the trees, fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

-William Wordsworth in 1804