



The Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas Tuesday's Today!

Last Week's Program:

Jessica Gueniat moderated a great open discussion concerning the need to reinvigorate existing membership and the steps we should take as a club to attract new members. The membership committee is already helping her achieve this goal. Discussed was:

Summary of Membership Discussion:

- How to keep current Rotarians engaged and attending meetings:
- Make personal phone calls to members who have not attended frequently.
- Phone calls can come from the member's sponsor or someone they are familiar with.
- Host a Covid-safe outing outside of business hours.
- Letter from the President to encourage attendance.
- Ask why people aren't attending? Perhaps there is a way we can help.
- Get people back into the habit of attending.

Attracting new members:

- Ad in Chamber newsletter
- Updated flyer Jess created
- Scholarships or reduced rates
- Rotarian testimonials highlighting the business advantage to becoming a Rotarian

We also had a larger discussion concerned corporate membership. I have attached the paperwork I found on the RI website. IT's extremely helpful and attached for your viewing pleasure. Any comments, suggestions, etc. please forward to Jess G.

Lastly we asked all Rotarians to brainstorm potential new members and email to Jess at: jessh@torringtonlibrary.org

This Week's Program:

John Gargiulo brings us Gerri Griswold.

Gerri Griswold is Director of Administration and Development at the White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield, Connecticut. She has handled bats for twenty-nine years as a wildlife rehabilitator and educator and is licensed by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the United States Department of Agriculture to keep and exhibit non-releasable bats and more recently porcupines for education.

Over the years, Griswold and her bats have delivered hundreds of programs to libraries, classrooms, scout troops and organizations like the National Park Service and the Yale Peabody Museum. They have appeared on the cover of The Weekly Reader and produced a segment about bats for the Late Show with David Letterman.

Griswold was featured in "Seasons of Connecticut" by Diane Smith, published by Globe Pequot Press, released in June, 2010. Griswold also serves as the morning voice of traffic on WTICAM, WRCH FM, and WZMX FM. In 2010 she launched a travel company, Krummi Travel, LLC, which takes small groups of extraordinary adults on extraordinary trips to Iceland.

To date, Griswold has visited Iceland 52 times.

Those who can't be there in person can log on via Zoom:

Time: Tuesday August 24, 2021 12:10 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89424828923>

Meeting ID: 894 2482 8923

Passcode: 702744

OR, using your phone:

Dial in: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 894 2482 8923

Passcode: 702744

Scheduled Committee Meetings:

Board meeting, Thursday, September 9, at 8am via Zoom. Board members will receive an email with the contact info.

Torrington/Winsted Rotary News and Reminders:

- We have a new proposed member to consider... Donna Bielefield. This shall serve as official notice of her intent to join the club. Anyone with any information which may impact her membership, please contact Jessica Gueniat at: jessh@torringtonlibrary.org

- The Rotary district is having a golf tournament and we're sending 4 members to play. If you have any interest in being one of the foursome that we send to Longmeadow MA on September 28th, please communicate that to president Vic. For more info please see: <https://rotarydistrict7890.org/Stories/register-now-for-the-district-golf-outing!>

Golf Tournament:

At long last our golf Tournament is happening this Thursday (barring lasting power outages due to Tropical Storm Henri.) Please let's all keep our fingers crossed and rest assured that absolutely none of this extraordinary weather has ANYTHING to do with anthropogenic climate change.

Birthdays:

Harding, William.....05 August
 Power, Patrick.....06 August
 Rovezzi, Guy.....11 August
 Gueniat, Jessica.....15 August
 Menard, Michael.....19 August
 Paradise, Peter.....22 August
 Gonzalez, Maria.....28 August
 Oneglia, Cynthia.....29 August
 Quinn, Owen.....30 August

Club Anniversaries:

Rovezzi, Robert.....08/14/79..... 42 years

Upcoming guest speaker responsibilities:

Gueniat, Jessica.....August 31, 2021
 Hall, Lee.....September 7, 2021
 DiCara, Deirdre.....September 14, 2021
 Open.....September 21, 2021
 Ives-Groebel, Jennifer.....September 28, 2021
 King, Robert.....October 5, 2021

Lavieri, John.....October 12, 2021
Libby, Gerald..... October 19, 2021
Logan, John R..... October 26, 2021
Open.....November 2, 2021
Magistrali, Michael.....November 9, 2021
Mattiello, Brian..... November 16, 2021
McCormick, Brian.....November 23, 2021
Menard, Michael.....November 30, 2021
Michalowski, Gerald.....December 7, 2021
Muschell, Victor.....December 14, 2021
Myers, Rita..... December 21, 2021
O'Connell, Douglas.....December 28, 2021

If you've scrolled down this far, you're one of my favorite people! Please remember to watch this space weekly so that you can appropriately plan for when it's your time to provide the club with a program/speaker. All of us working together in this regard makes for more interesting meetings and a better, more informed club!

If your presenter will require the projector and the screen to be set up, please let Matt know ASAP. Also, please let your presenter know that if there's any concerns about the functionality of their presentation, an option is for them to email any presentation they may have to Matt ahead of time who can install their presentation on his laptop to minimize potential complications.

It is your responsibility to introduce your speaker.

Please inform the speaker of the following guidelines of The Rotary Club of the Torrington & Winsted Areas:

- They will have at most ½ hour to do their presentation. Including time for questions.
- It is not the policy of the Club to donate funds raised from the Sergeant-at-Arms presentation to the organization represented by the speaker on the day of the presentation.
- Further, an invitation to make a presentation to The Rotary Club of the Torrington & Winsted Areas does not suggest that the Club endorses the presenter's views - political or otherwise.
- The Rotary Club of the Torrington & Winsted Areas does not provide an honorarium or reimburse a speaker in any way and a presentation to the Club should not be made with an expectation of financial support.

Torrington/Winsted Rotary Links:

Website: <http://twrotary.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TWRotary/>

Rotary Web-Photo Albums: [Web Photo Albums](#)

“Be more kind than necessary, for everyone you will meet today is fighting some sort of battle.”

-K. Purcell

Respectfully submitted, your temporary scribe,

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