



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

Last Week's Program:

Gerri Griswold was with us! Gerri is the Director of Administration and Development at the White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield and gave us some background as to how the White Memorial grew out of the generosity and vision of May H. White and her brother, Alain C. White who Between 1908 and 1912 they purchased several tracts of land surrounding their family's Whitehall property on the north shore of Bantam Lake. In 1913 these lands were conveyed to the White Memorial Foundation, an organization that was incorporated in May of that year as a memorial to Alain and May's parents, John Jay and Louise.

In 1964, the Trustees of The White Memorial Foundation established The White Memorial Conservation Center to further the Foundation's education role through the implementation of natural history education and research programs for the public. Located in the heart of the Foundation property, the Conservation Center is housed in "Whitehall," the former White family home.

The Center, whose mission is to instill understanding, appreciation and respect for the natural world, provides year-round programs for people of all ages. Programs are directed by full-time professional staff, assisted by a core of volunteers and part-time employees.

The Center also operates a Nature Museum with exhibits focusing on the interpretation of local natural history, conservation and ecology. Over 20,000 people of all ages visit the Center each year to walk through the Museum or take part in an education program.

Gerri explained as well her personal journey which included having grown up on a farm and then the opportunity to foster a baby orphaned bat who for 15 years became the genesis of her work in conservation, wildlife rehabilitation, and ecology. She also shared with us briefly her love of Iceland and the fact that she's led 52 trips there for various groups.

We thank Gerri for her time spent with us and John Gargiulo for arranging her visit with us.

This Week's Program:

Jessica Gueniat brings us Sue Weston, Museum Editor from the Torrington Historical Society. Sue will discuss her work in bringing history alive to Torrington children inside and outside of the classroom. One

particular program Sue will discuss is the Society's Torrington History for the Second Grade outreach. This curriculum-based program is available at the museum or in the classroom.

The Program includes two components: a power-point presentation and artifact show and tell. We look forward to Sue's presentation and hope to learn a bit more about the Historical Society and their outreach efforts in the community.



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

Time: Tuesday August 31, 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:

- The Rotary district is having a golf tournament and we're sending 4 members to play. We have one foursome that we're sending but we could arrange for a second foursome if there's sufficient interest. If you have any interest in being one of second 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:

It was HOT. It was very HOT. But... we finally were able to hold our annual golf tournament. It was a fun day and all the work in planning and execution by the very dedicated golf committee paid off! Carl Muller was honored throughout the day as we had hoped with the “closest to Carl” driving competition especially being a favorite. John Logan gave some heartfelt remarks regarding Carl and the origination of the Tournament. Cara and Cory Muller were on hand to receive our remembrances of Carl and to acknowledge our thanks for his immeasurable contribution to our club.

At the end of the day we were pleased to announce to all assembled that we raised \$45,000 which we will use over the course of the next year to fund all of our initiatives. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the Tournament happen! Follow this link to an abbreviated photo album from this year's Tour. (If anyone has other photos, please send to mnpdc@outlook.com) PHOTO ALBUM LINK:

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!AjUerPTWlbiRho8ymSL7NJqTifVarA?e=4iB4oO>



Birthdays:

Rosenstein, Ron.....07 September

Cook, Tim.....9 September

Ryan, JoAnn.....19 September

Serio, Tony.....24 September

Club Anniversaries:

Cook, Tim.....09/01/04.....17 years

Mattiello, Brian.....09/21/10.....11 years

Hall, Lee.....09/30/14.....7 years

Upcoming guest speaker responsibilities:

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

Magistralli, 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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