



The Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas

Tuesday's Today!

Last Week's Program:

Guy Rovezzi introduced Tom Zetterstrom. Tom is an accomplished photographer of trees and landscapes with his work exhibited around the country, currently on exhibit in San Diego. More recently however Tom has dedicated himself to increasing awareness regarding the very invasive plant, Japanese Knotweed.

It was a fascinating lecture which concerned the plant itself and its tendency to completely take over any habitat it gets introduced to. It obliterates all other vegetation in a given area and by its physiology is particularly suited to rapid growth and rapid reproduction. Tom explained the efforts that have recently been made along the Housatonic to eradicate the plant and cited as an example a riverside area immediately north of the covered bridge in W. Cornwall. A three-year effort was required to completely remove all vestiges of the plant and Tom provided some pictures which reveal just how tenacious the weed can be.

Tom then answered questions many had regarding what steps could be taken to remove any thickets of the plant that may be growing in people's yards. Weed whacking and mowing could actually spread the plant if immediate subsequent steps aren't taken to apply herbicide.

It was an eye-opening lecture and members will certainly be more educated now about being on the lookout for this plant and will also now know how to eradicate it.

This Week's Program:

Pat Power will bring us several representatives from the Hartford Healthcare / CHH organization.

Dr. Paul Scalise, Vice President for Medical Affairs, will be speaking on "Vaccination Truths and Myths." John Capobianco, Vice President for Operations will be discussing "COVID 2.0, an overview of the organization's response and experience to date," and lastly Brian Mattiello, Vice President for Strategy and Community Development will be giving us the latest info regarding COVID vaccine logistics and local options.

We thank Pat for arranging this lecture which will prove to be timely and informative.

Topic: Regular Rotary Tuesday Meeting

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Time: Tuesday January, 12 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, February 11, at 8am via Zoom. Board members will receive an email with the contact info.

Torrington/Winsted Rotary News and Reminders:

- We're continuing our efforts to support organizations who serve the homeless. Thank you to those members who have willingly helped with deliveries.
- Robin Magistrali, you're up this week!

Date	Organization	Contact	Packaging Type	Rotarian for Pick-Up (12:00pm)
January 19	Community Soup Kitchen	Lisa Hageman 860.480.1510	40 to freeze	Robin Magistrali
January 26	FISH	Deirdre DiCara 860.482.7300	20 Individual/20 To Freeze	Larry Cassella
February 2	Community Soup Kitchen	Lisa Hageman 860.480.1510	40 to freeze	Steve Zarella
February 9	FISH	Deirdre DiCara 860.482.7300	20 Individual/20 To Freeze	Doug O'Connell
February 16	Community Soup Kitchen	Lisa Hageman 860.480.1510	40 to freeze	Frank Ramsey

February 23	FISH	Deirdre DiCara 860.482.7300	20 Individual/20 To Freeze	Bill Ryan
March 2	Community Soup Kitchen	Lisa Hageman 860.480.1510	40 to freeze	Pete Paradise

Pet Parade:

The Pet Parade committee has met and taken the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Pet Parade because of COVID. There will be some ongoing discussions with the Laurel Commission and the V.F.W. Post regarding the dates of the Memorial Day Parade and the Laurel Festival to see if opportunities exist for some recognition of the Pet Parade at those events (if they even happen.)

Golf Tournament:

The Golf Committee will be meeting and will be starting their planning for this year's tournament which for now, is set to happen hopefully with only minor modifications because of COVID.

Birthdays:

Smith, Jeff.....05 January

DiCarlo, Brenda.....14 January

Christian, Tom.....30 January

Briggs, Harry.....31 January

Club Anniversaries:

Gargiulo, John.....01/01/84.....37 years

Logan, John.....01/01/84.....37 years

King, Bob.....01/01/87.....34 years

O'Connell, Doug.....01/11/85.....36 years

Ryan, Bill.....01/11/88.....33 years

Tillotson, Ellen.....01/12/93.....28 years

Rosenstein, Ron.....01/12/85.....36 years

Sullivan, Teresa.....01/17/17.....4 years

Meehan, Vanessa.....01/21/20.....1 year

Rovezzi, Guy.....01/30/07.....14 years

Upcoming guest speaker responsibilities:

JoAnn Ryan..... January 26, 2021

Ryan, Bill..... February 2, 2021

Open..... February 9, 2021

Serio, Tony..... February 16, 2021

Smith, Jeff..... February 23, 2021

Steck, Jim..... March 2, 2021

Suhanovsky, Susan..... March 9, 2021

Sullivan, Kevin.....March 16, 2021

Sullivan, Teresa.....March 23, 2021

Tillotson, Ellen.....March 30, 2021

Open.....April 6, 2021

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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