



The Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas

Tuesday's Today!

Last Week's Program:

Tom Shachtman spoke to us about the period of history proximate to the American Revolution. He is the author of dozens of books, including three about the Revolutionary War era, and has written documentaries for ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS, the BBC, and is an occasional columnist for The Lakeville Journal. The two-part Nova program based on his book ABSOLUTE ZERO AND THE CONQUEST OF COLD, won for him the American Institute of Physics' Screenwriting Award.

Some interesting points revealed:

The majority of colonists in the pre-revolutionary America, at the start of the war, because of taxes and other factors, had essentially nothing and would have continued to have nothing were it not for the revolution. Mr Shachtman explained that this speaks to disproportionate distribution of wealth. The idea of a "self-made man" then was essentially impossible.

There were loyalists but whilst "hidden" in large part during the war, afterwards the view held by many was "let's let bygones be bygones" and they were accepted back into society without persecution. There was a pragmatic view held by many that the participation of the loyalists in the new country was a necessity for the economy and other factors. Therefore, they were not shunned ... to good effect.

Tom expounded a bit on Hamilton who enjoys some renewed celebrity as of late. Though he rightly gets credit for conceiving the Bank of the United States, it was set up to favor the wealthy and poorer folks couldn't get loans.

Before a question and answer session, Tom offered up one particular observation that struck a nerve. Although many parallels can be drawn between post-colonial society and today, one particular difference is that then, the wealthy chose to concern themselves with the welfare of the poor. Many held the feeling that those in society who were more fortunate actually considered poorer folks to be "their responsibility." He opined that that sense of responsibility has been lost today.

It was a wonderful presentation, expertly facilitated by John Logan. We thank him for securing Mr. Shachtman for us and we welcome Tom back any time!

This Week's Program:

Guy Rovezzi has secured an interesting speaker for us this week. Cynthia Rabinowitz is the executive director of the Northwest Conservation District and he's asked her to join us. She'll be discussing the Conservation District and she has some interesting programs centered on urban agriculture.

Please see the District's webpage here for some further information in preparation for Cynthia's talk:

<https://nwcd.org/>

Participants can join the meeting as follows:

Topic: Regular Rotary Tuesday Meeting

Time: Tuesday Sept. 15th, 2020 12:10 PM

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

If clicking on the above link directly doesn't work for you, please copy and paste this code into the address bar of your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89424828923>

OR, using your phone:

Dial in: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 894 2482 8923

Scheduled Committee Meetings:

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

Torrington/Winsted Rotary News and Reminders:

- After much discussion at the Board meeting, we have decided to poll the membership about resuming in-person meetings. We want to be sensitive to every member's comfort level and safety while exploring this possibility for late fall. Please be advised that all decisions will carefully follow the State of Connecticut COVID-19 <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Latest-Guidance>

Click <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J5QJS6H> to take the survey (responses due by Wednesday, September 16th). All responses are anonymous. Jessica Gueniat will compile the responses and will present the results at a future meeting.

- The Litchfield County Board of Realtors is sponsoring local food drives to benefit 4 local charities. In both Torrington and Winsted on September 19 between 9 and 12. Food is being collected. Please take a look at the attached notice and plan on dropping off a donation at either location.
- Our donation of food to several local worthy beneficiaries continues. Thank you to those members who have willingly helped with deliveries. Please reference below if you've signed up to make deliveries. Larry Cassella ...you're up this week!

Date	Organization	Contact	Packaging Type	Rotarian for Pick-Up (12:00pm)
September 15	Community Soup Kitchen	Lisa Hageman 860.480.1510	40 to freeze	Larry Cassella
September 22	FISH	Deirdre DiCara 860.482.7300	20 Individual/20 To Freeze	Jen Ives-Groeb1
September 29	Community Soup Kitchen	Lisa Hageman 860.480.1510	40 to freeze	Brian Mattiello
October 6	FISH	Deirdre DiCara 860.482.7300	20 Individual/20 To Freeze	John Lavieri

If you missed the notice to “opt-out” of the meal donation initiative and wish to: PLEASE CONTACT TREASURER JEFF SMITH VIA EMAIL AND LET HIM KNOW. (IF YOU HAVE ALREADY OPTED OUT, YOU HAVE TO TAKE NO NEW ACTION IN THIS REGARD.) JEFF'S EMAIL IS: Jsmith@ppscllc.com

Birthdays:

Rosenstein, Ron.....07 September
 Cook, Tim.....09 September
 Ryan, JoAnn.....19 September
 Serio, Tony.....24 September

Club Anniversaries:

Cook, Tim.....09/01/04.....16 years
 Loomis, Mark.....09/13/94.....26 years
 Mattiello, Brian.....09/21/10.....10 years

Hall, Lee.....09/30/14.....6 years

Upcoming guest speaker responsibilities:

For your advanced planning, below are listed the speaker responsibilities as they are on our website with the September 18 dates reflecting substitutions. This is provided so that when we can resume face-to-face meetings we are assured of availability of speakers. Members are encouraged to secure a speaker for their date EVEN THOUGH WE'RE STILL MEETING REMOTELY.

Magistrali, MichaelTuesday, September 22, 2020

Mattiello, Brian..... September 29, 2020

McCormick, Brian.....October 6, 2020

Menard, MichaelOctober 13, 2020

Michalowski, Gerald.....October 20, 2020

Muschell, Vic.....October 27, 2020

Myers, Rita.....November 3, 2020

Doug O'Connell.....November 10, 2020

Cynthia Oneglia.....November 17, 2020

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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