



The Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas

Tuesday's Today!

Last Week's Program:

Torrington Police Chief Bill Baldwin graciously spent some time with us and passionately explained his opposition to a law enforcement reform bill that was recently passed into law in the state of Connecticut.

He explained that among other things this bill forces upon police departments many unfunded mandates which will make it harder for the departments to fulfil their mandate and /or transfer additional costs onto taxpayers. He estimates that this amount could be anywhere between \$250,000-\$500,000. As an example he notes that the mandating of CALEA standards (law enforcement agency standards) while fundamentally a good thing that might bring underperforming police organizations up to a better standard are largely unnecessary in our state which generally has departments that perform at high levels. Those standards when applied broadly also might force unintended consequences such as in Torrington's case, a mandated remodeling / hazmat abatement of the present police dept. in the "old North School."

He notes that this is actually a de facto, "defunding" of the police. Other negative impacts of this bill upon law enforcement include, increased liability for individual officers and the elimination of "consent searches" which have been historically a usual investigative tool.

He shared that importantly, in this time of COVID and the associated economic impact, big cities in CT are seeing considerable increase in crime rates with Hartford up 48% as an example.

His talk was an important explanation of a side of the argument that as of late has gotten overshadowed in the media. We thank Bill for his dedication to his officers, to the department, and to the City of Torrington.

This Week's Program:

Jerry Libby has graciously arranged for our speaker on Tuesday: Paul Ramunni, founder of the New England Accordion Museum will be with us and it figures to be a really fun time!

Paul will talk about his passion for the accordion and the museum:

The New England Accordion Connection & Museum Company is a collection of antique and modern accordions as well as related memorabilia. We display models from the very beginning of the accordion era starting in 1820 all the way up to the current day.

Paul Ramunni opened the museum in October 2011 located in separate renovated spaces attached to his personal residence in North Canaan Connecticut. One of the main priorities of NEACMC is to keep the spirit and influence of the accordion alive. Our goal is to find and save any and all old accordions and memorabilia so that people interested in this instrument, especially children, will learn to play and enjoy what many people have experienced over the last 200 years with accordions. We exist to display vintage and modern accordions for the general public's enjoyment and edification.

For more fun preliminary info, please see this YouTube video:

<https://youtu.be/gDUxbHlarXI>



Paul Ramunni

Participants can join the meeting as follows:

Topic: Regular Rotary Tuesday Meeting

Time: Tuesday Jul 21, 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, September 10th, at 8am via Zoom. Board members will receive an email with the contact info.

Torrington/Winsted Rotary News and Reminders:

- Seen out and about: This week we find Brenda DiCarlo and her casual acquaintance Scott standing in front of a very nice Corvette Z06 at the Special Olympics Dream Ride with some other strange person wielding a pool noodle in a threatening manner behind them.



- 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. Frank Ramsey ...you're up this week!

Date	Organization	Contact	Packaging Type	Rotarian for Pick-Up (12:00pm)

September 1	Community Soup Kitchen	Lisa Hageman 860.480.1510	40 to freeze	Frank Ramsey
September 8	FISH	Deirdre DiCara 860.482.7300	20 Individual/20 To Freeze	Kevin Sullivan
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-Groeb
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

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.

Logan, John R..... September 8, 2020

Guy Rovezzi..... September 15, 2020 (was previously assigned to Mark Loomis)

Magistrali, Michael F.....Tuesday, 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

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,

Matt Pagano

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