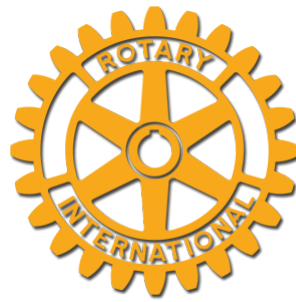


Rotary Club of Fairfield



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Drummer November 8, 2021

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*PHOTOS IN DRUMMER COURTESY OF STEVE LAYTON
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Ginny Greatsinger, President, opened the meeting

Pledge ♦ Jim Hughes
Prayer ♦ John Hoover
Song ♦ Bob Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vance is looking for Celebrity suggestions for the upcoming Celebrity Lunch 2022.

Debbie reminded us that this is Foundation Month. She is looking for the club to achieve 100% Every Rotarian Every Year status and exceed last year's giving.

Norma Peterson will be managing the Gift Card Program on an interim basis. Use her Gift Card Email Account for questions and orders: amronpete@gmail.com. *Note: Gift Card Order form is attached to the Drummer email.*

Bill Llewellyn's efforts in pulling off the Two Club Tourney resulted in generating \$18 thousand.-- You go Bill!

JUST BECAUSE and MEMORIES OF GEORGE MARKLEY

Ginny thanked Sheryl for her efforts in organizing our get together to watch the streaming of George Markley's Funeral Service.

Nearly every Rotarian present had a story or comment on how George left a profound impact on each, all with the common feeling that he (George) was "My George". We remembered how he loved to deliver the gift cards because he liked "getting out" and that he continued to do so even when he became unable to drive; and his whole-hearted commitment to so many organizations that his dedication to CIRI didn't even make the "top ten" on the list.

There were proposals made on how we should or could honor George from naming scholarships to pursuing a proclamation from the State. Ginny committed to pursuing this with the help of the club.

Those who shared stories included (among others): Ginny, Barbara Welles, Janet Barillari, Debbie Clancy, Rena Fortuna, Sheryl Shaughnessey, Vance Hancock, Bob Price, Peter Penczer, Bruce Carter, Doug Williams, Mike Pida, Guy Hatfield, Jim Hughes and Phil Dwyer.

OTHER BUSINESS

We had two guests: Phil Dwyer, Bridgeport Rotarian and Jim Hughes, former Rotarian.

Jim signed in as a guest of George Markey and came to hear and share remembrances of George.

PROGRAM

Since the scheduled speaker had a last minute conflict and was unable to come, Ginny called on Bruce Carter, always ready with a good story

Bruce Carter delivered one of his historical, "amazing but true" stories from early Americana. The story was of a slave girl named Phyllis who became the first female national poet and who amazed people such as John Hancock. Her talent took her all the way to England to demonstrate her poetry. Though her fame has faded, there remains a statue in Massachusetts in her memory.



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Birthdays

Steven Heffer
November 13th
Rena Fortuna
November 26th
George B. Longstreth
November 28th
John Marshall Lee
December 4th

Wedding Anniversaries

Deborah Clancy
November 16th
Thomas J. Walsh Jr.
November 19th
Alan Silverio
December 10th

Years of Service

John Marshall Lee
12-01-1965
56 Years

Door Prize
50 ♦ 50
Four Way Test

The meeting ended with the ringing of the bell.

Speakers for November

11/1 - Al Guida (owner of Saugatuck Sweets) from Al's Angels
11/8 - Esther Blum Integrative Dietician and Lifestyle Coach
11/15 - Mark Barnhart ♦ Economic Development
11/22 - no meeting
11/29 - Community Grants Presentations

Door Duty November

Date	Door Duty	Door Duty
November 1	Mary Caroll Mirylees	John Lee
November 8	Tracy McMillan	Debbie Clancy
November 15	Steve Elworthy	Gary Kealey
November 22	No meeting	
November 29	Beverly Balaz	Bill Llewellyn

Door Duty Instructions

*** IMPORTANT ***

Please arrive 15 minutes early PROMPTLY at 12:00 noon to get set up.

Please read and follow instructions from Treasurer Janet in the cash box regarding accounting for and depositing money.

Guest Policy:

Students, speakers, and guests are free.

Prospective members: 1st time it ♦s on Rotary; 2nd time sponsor pays; 3rd and following the prospective member pays

Upcoming Events

(see FairfieldRotary.org for more information)

December 9 Fairfield Rotary Holiday Open House

Gift Card Sales

Norma J. Peterson
12-01-1995
26 Years
Chad Stewart
11-07-2005
16 Years
Deborah Clancy
11-07-2005
16 Years
Ben Williamson
11-22-2005
16 Years
John Hoover
11-29-2010
11 Years
Robert D. Russo
11-10-2014
7 Years



Photo courtesey of Rena Fortuna

When you buy a gift card, you not only get the full value of the card you earn the Club additional dollars for use on Club programs and projects. If you purchase a \$100 gift card for Stop & Shop or Home Depot, you get a \$100 gift card to that store. And, because the Club uses a specific vendor to initially purchase the gift cards, the Club receives a percentage of the values of the card back from the Vendor. A Home Depot card may pay the Club back 3%, or Lands End may pay %10. Again - You get Full Value the Club gets varying percentages back from the Vendor. It will vary by card.

What doesn't vary is the fact that the Club gets money when you use the Gift Cards on things you'd spend money on anyway Amazon, Whole Foods, Dunkin Donut, Stop and Shop and so many other stores and services.

Contact Norma Peterson for more information or to purchase gift cards. Via e-mail: AMRONPETE@GMAIL.COM

Note: Gift Card Order form attached to Drummer email

Over the last 12 years of gift card sales, the Club has raised over \$80,000 for use on Community Service Projects like building a garden at the Columbus School in Bridgeport, or \$1,500 to End Polio Now, or funds to support building a new School Playground in Uganda, or provide emergency medical supplies during Covid to seniors in our community.

PHOTOS OF MEETING



