

# Rotary Club of Fairfield



**Drummer October 25, 2021**

*Please visit our website at [FairfieldRotary.org](http://FairfieldRotary.org)*

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**Ginny Greatsinger, President, opened the meeting**

Pledge ♦ Bill Llewellyn  
Prayer ♦ Reflection by Bruce Carter  
Song ♦ Bob Price

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Shaughnessey made the sad announcement of the passing of Nancy Richter, widow of Gene Richter. There will be a service on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony♦s. She encouraged members to attend as the Richter family has long been involved in and supported Fairfield Rotary.

She also announced the passing of Lynda Hammond who was very active in the District. Contact Sheryl if you would like to attend or have words shared at the scheduled service.

Gift cards or bottles of wine for raffle prizes are still welcome for the One Club Golf Event on October 30<sup>th</sup> (rain or shine!). Contact Bill ([wllewel452@aol.com](mailto:wllewel452@aol.com)).

Bob Vossler reminded members of the one member/one lead goal of the Membership Committee. He requested each member supply one lead to the committee and they will do the follow-up.

Ginny announced she had received thank you letters for the club support of Father Allen♦s luncheon and Homes for the Brave. She also noted two upcoming dates:

November 27<sup>th</sup> ♦ Community Award Luncheon

December 9<sup>th</sup> ♦ Club holiday open house at Fairfield Museum

Chad Stewart was pleased to announce that the Rotary Beer Garden profit was about \$2500 and he thanked all who participated, including his wife, Donna, who showed great patience and support. He also gave special thanks to George Szondy of Abbey Tent and Kevin Lesko for their tent and table donations respectively.

Steve Elworthy made a public service announcement reminding everyone to vote.

## JUST BECAUSE

Barbara Welles thanked all those who participated in Read-Aloud-Day as well as club members who helped with Halloween on the Green. She was also appreciative of George and Chris Markley personally delivering gift cards to her which she used to purchase the pumpkins for Halloween on the Green.

Bill Llewellyn sadly reported that his mother is still struggling with Covid.

Bruce Carter was happy that he was able to get his Covid booster shot.

Bob Vossler thanked Chad for the great job he did with the Beer Garden.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Past President Rena Fortuna presented Mike Pida an appreciation award for all he has done for Rotary.

Halloween on the Green



## Club Leaders



[Virginia A. Greatsinger](#)  
President



[Sean Flynn](#)  
President-Elect



[Douglas Williams](#)  
Secretary



[Janet Barillari](#)  
Treasurer



[Deborah Clancy](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair



[John Hoover](#)  
Youth Services Chair



[Stephen B. Layton](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Michael Pida](#)  
Youth Services Chair



[Robert J. Vossler](#)  
Membership Chair

[Mary Elizabeth Anderson](#)  
Programs Chair



Beverly Ann Balaz  
Fellowship Chair



Gary Kealey  
Programs Chair



Barbara Welles  
Community Service Chair



William Llewellyn  
International Service Chair



Patricia Matteson  
Vocational Service Chair



J. Vance Hancock  
iPast President



Stephanie D. Philips  
Assistant District Governor



## Birthdays

Sheryl A Shaughnessey  
October 31st

Renato Gasparian  
October 31st

Douglas Williams  
November 1st

George J. Markley  
November 3rd

Timothy G. Russell  
November 4th

Peter A. Penczer  
November 5th

William Llewellyn  
November 7th

Steven Heffer  
November 13th

Rena Fortuna  
November 26th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Deborah Clancy



## PROGRAM

The speaker for today was Ginger Katz explaining the organization **Courage to Speak**. This organization was founded after the death of her son, Ian, when he lost his battle with drugs. She explained his story and then described the various programs and services associated with the organization. These include presentations, drug prevention programs for grades 4-6, middle school and high school students as well as after school programs. There is also a program called **Courageous Parenting 101** as well as a drug prevention book called **Sunny's Story** told through a dog's perspective directed at helping young people form an understanding of temptations and the impact of unhealthy decisions. Further information is on the website: [www.couragetospeak.org](http://www.couragetospeak.org).

**Door Prize - Doug Williams**  
50 ♦ 50 - Sheryl Shaughnessey and Doug Williams

**Four Way Test** ♦ Led by Doug Williams

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 FOR NOVEMBER

November 16th  
 Thomas J. Walsh Jr.  
 November 19th

## Years of Service

Guy C. Hatfield  
 11-01-1985  
 36 Years

Douglas Williams  
 11-01-1993  
 28 Years

Robert B. Price  
 11-01-1999  
 22 Years

Thomas J. Walsh Jr.  
 11-01-1999  
 22 Years

Chad Stewart  
 11-07-2005  
 16 Years

Deborah Clancy  
 11-07-2005  
 16 Years

Ben Williamson  
 11-22-2005  
 16 Years

Robert D. Russo  
 11-10-2014  
 7 Years

Alan Silverio  
 11-01-2018  
 3 Years

Date	Door Duty	Door Duty
November 1	Mary Carol 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: 1<sup>st</sup> time it's on Rotary; 2<sup>nd</sup> time sponsor pays; 3<sup>rd</sup> and following the prospective member pays

## UPCOMING EVENTS

(see [FairfieldRotary.org](http://FairfieldRotary.org) for more information)

October 30 **One Club + Putter Golf Event (RAIN OR SHINE)**

December 9 **Fairfield Rotary Holiday Open House**

Note: Shred Fest will be rescheduled for the Spring.

## Gift Card Sales

**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 George Markley for more information or to purchase gift cards. Via e-mail: [gcmarkley@aol.com](mailto:gcmarkley@aol.com) or via cell phone: (203) 913-3708**

Don't forget to ask George about some particularly high percentage cards that will really help Our Club. 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





