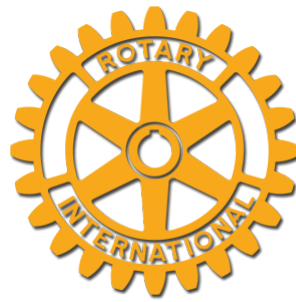


Rotary

Club of Fairfield



Drummer November 15, 2021

*Please visit our website at FairfieldRotary.org
PHOTOS IN DRUMMER COURTESY OF STEVE LAYTON*

Ginny Greatsinger, President, opened the meeting

Pledge ♦ Mea Anderson
Prayer ♦ John Hoover
Song ♦ Bob Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ginny announced that there would be NO meeting next week. She also encouraged all to donate to Operation Hope Food Pantry and her last email listed items that were needed. She extended an invitation for all to attend the Fairfield Rotary Holiday Open House on December 9th at the Fairfield Museum. An evite will be out shortly.

John Hoover gave a Grants Program update. We will be giving \$42,500 in grants this year. He listed the areas of need being addressed by the grants and then announced the recipients. Everyone voted to approve the grants announced. He also thanked the Grants Committee for their hard work and diligence. The Grants presentations will be Nov. 29th and an evite will be sent. Please RSVP since a head count is needed.

Bill Llewellyn announced the revised estimate of money raised by the recent One Club Golf event and happily announced the One Club Events have raised a total of almost \$38,000 this year. Remarkable!

JUST BECAUSE

Chad shared heartfelt words about George Markley and how he will be missed.

Steve Layton applauded Beverly Balaz for being in the press. She responded that it was a partnership between the Chamber and the Town and donated \$50 in honor of the successful program of e-gift cards which are available on the Chamber website.

Sheryl gave money to celebrate Beverly's successful going-away party for her assistant as well as for Pat and her husband's attendance, the Mercurio family and for our Police Department which was represented today by Chief Kalamaras and Captain Peter Koval.

OTHER BUSINESS

Police Chief Robert Kalamaras was present. He recognized Carol Mercurio's service as a School Crossing Guard. Most of her duties were for the Riverfield and St. Thomas schools. The importance of that job and how it impacts parents and students was emphasized. Carol was presented with a Recognition Plaque.

PROGRAM

The speaker was Mark Barnhart, Director of Community and Economic Development for Fairfield. He presented a program explaining housing needs today and potentially in the future. The town is updating the Affordable Housing Plan as required. In the past the town has played a leadership role in this area and had a plan as far back as 1988. Affordable housing qualifications and CGS 8.30-g were discussed and how they are applied by the state. Additional tools are needed to address this issue and public input is invited.

Door Prize - Mea Anderson

Dues Payment

Please mail your dues check to Janet if you have not already done so ♦

Janet Barillari
Venman & Co. LLC
375 Bridgeport Avenue Shelton,
CT 06484
Phone: (203) 929-9945 Ext. 128
Fax: (203) 929-9095
<http://www.venmanllc.com>

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. Phillips
Assistant District
Governor

Birthdays

Rena Fortuna
November 26th
George B. Longstreth
November 28th
John Marshall Lee
December 4th
Peter Ambrose
December 13th
Beverly Ann Balaz
December 15th

Wedding Anniversaries

Thomas J. Walsh Jr.
November 19th
Alan Silverio
December 10th
Ben Williamson

50 ♦ 50 - Steve Layton and Chad Stewart

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 Carroll 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)

November 29 Community Award Luncheon

December 9 **Fairfield Rotary Holiday Open House**

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 Norma Peterson for more information or to purchase gift cards. Via email:

AMRONPETE@GMAIL.COM

PHOTOS OF MEETING

December 13th

Years of Service

John Marshall Lee

12-01-1965

56 Years

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

Noor Deeb

11-16-2021

0 Years



How Can Fairfield *Best Meet* its Housing Needs Today And In The Future?



Presentation to Fairfield Rotary Club
Mark Barnhart, Director of Community & Economic
Development
November 15, 2021

