

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MYSTIC

Mystic Hilton, 20 Coogan Blvd. Mystic, CT. 06355



August 26, 2019

Edited by the LOG committee

President Bill Smith, opened the meeting of August 19, 2019. Peter Stuart led us in singing, *“My Country Tis of Thee”*, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Four-Way Test.

GUESTS: No Guests This Week

Happy / Sad: \$11; Raffle: \$10; Polio: \$8; Scholar \$8; Nambale School \$6
(Betty Smith had winning ticket and pulled the 10 of Hearts)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *A special thank you to Jim Young for taking the minutes of this week's LOG!*
- **Sept. 7th at 10:00 a.m.** there will be a **Special Board Meeting** at the home of Nancy MacMillan (38 Shea Drive, Pawcatuck, CT 06379) to “fine tune” our club direction and mission. **Please RSVP your ability to attend to: nanmac07@sbcglobal.net**
- John Bradshaw and John Merkel are heading to LaPlant Reservation and will be away next week.
- Bill Smith reported that Dave Stryker is up and about but undergoing continuing treatment for complications from his recent hip surgery.
- Bill Smith will send out a list of scheduled speakers and is asking for suggestions from others for speakers.
- Bill Smith distributed updated flyer and says old logo will be reviewed along with some alternatives. He is open to hearing your comments. Our old logo was designed by Harv Stein of Noank, which may be incorporated somehow into the new logo.
- \$5,000 has been set aside for District Managed Grant and open to what project we should be looking at and procedures/timeline.

HAPPY-SAD

- John Bradshaw related story about his grandchild who rode his bike off a trail on Cape Cod and broke bones in his arm and is slated for surgery / treatment soon.
- Bill Smith happy about upcoming Riverfront Children's Center Gala & encourages attendance.

ROSTER & LOG UPDATES:

Please give any new contact information to Nancy MacMillan by emailing: nanmac07@sbcglobal.net

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Aug. 26: Jason Santalucia celebrates a birthday
Aug. 27: Melinda Carlisle celebrates a birthday
Aug. 28: John & Corliss Merkel celebrate an anniversary

SYNOPSIS OF PROGRAM:

John Merkel presented our program about District Managed Grants and how they work. John is the District Steward. The District has 57 clubs and we are the first club to be determined to be qualified for 2020. Congrats to Bill Smith for that! The reason Rotary has a focus on clubs being qualified is to exhibit good club stewardship and demonstrate worthiness of receiving such funds. This Rotary program is unique in that we contribute to the Rotary Foundation and the funds then trickle down, if a club is qualified. Charity Navigator give the Rotary Foundation a “perfect rating” for the past 10-years. Stewardship of Rotary Foundation funds is an application of the 4-Way Test. Clubs must meet 4 tests or requirements to be qualified. #1: memo of understanding signed by club President and President Elect, #2: club must make commitment to a certain fund raising goal, #3: must have a Club Steward who must be certified/trained & know the rules, #4: reporting on existing grants must be up-to-date. John oversees the 57 clubs in our district for qualification requirements.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

– Henry Ford