

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MYSTIC

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



July 22, 2019

Edited by the LOG committee

President Bill Smith opened the meeting of July 15, 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: Linda Davis of the Ledyard Food Pantry

Happy / Sad: \$28; Raffle: \$14 (Bill Stamm pulled 9 of Spades); Polio: \$4; Scholar \$33; Nambale School: \$5

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our club is sponsoring the Blue Monday Concert on July 29th at 6PM at the Mystic River Park. Bring your chairs, hats, shirts, etc. and COME EARLY for our official Monday meeting at 5PM at the park! We will be serving pizza & a beverage for \$5.00 per person. **NO NOON MEETING.**
- Ted Parker handed out Rotary Foundation pamphlets & reminded everyone it's a new year and foundation gifts are encouraged by all members.
- John Merkel announced we are instituting (3) new membership recognitions. #1 Perfect attendance (to be awarded qtrly); #2 Good attendance (75% attendance and awarded once a year); and #3 New Member attendance (awarded at the 4th & 12th meetings they attend). Mystic Rotary mugs and other rotary items will be given.
- Merkel also announced updated information on criteria and reporting of Makeup Meetings is forthcoming.
- Tim Evers reported on the Seaport ticket booth painting project. Once scraping began, several rotted boards were found. Work stopped until the Seaport replaces the boards and power-washes the building. Once that work is done, we will be able to complete the painting.

HAPPY-SAD

- Bill Smith happy to welcome our speaker today, Linda Davis.
- John Merkel happy he visited his son in his new home in New York & that he now lives just 2-hours away instead of a plane ride away.
- Jim Young happy he has children coming into town to visit and hang out.
- Carol Kent pleased to read in the paper that one of the recent Fitch scholarship

winners was awarded Athlete of the Year at Fitch.

- Mary Lou LaRose announced her daughter was going to Scotland and would also be attending the British Open.
- Betty Smith announced Always Home is seeking an Office Manager. If you know of someone, get in touch with Betty.
- Don Burbank's daughter-in-law and grandson will be our speakers at the August 5th meeting. Speaking on Cerebral Palsy.
- Ted Keitzman thrilled his son has finished acquiring all his advanced degrees and just accepted his first real, paying JOB!

ROSTER & LOG UPDATES:

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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

- No birthdays
- July 24: Jim & Karen Young have an anniversary

SYNOPSIS OF PROGRAM:

Linda Davis was introduced by Bill Smith & he read a brief bio of Linda. Her most notable of a long list of accomplishments is she is currently the Deputy Mayor of Ledyard and major volunteer at the Ledyard Food Pantry.

The Pantry has been operating out of the Ledyard Congregational Church since 2015. Hours are Tue, Wed, Thur, and Sat from 9:00am to 11:00am and on Thurs from 4:00pm to 6pm. The Pantry is staffed by approx. 50 volunteers and is one of the only food pantries that is a “client choice” pantry versus a “pre-bagged” pantry. This allows their guests to “select” food items they wish. They are a member of the Gemma Moran/United Way group and receive approx.. 20% of their food from that source. The rest of their food donations come from the Ledyard community and local area donors.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

“I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for the minds; and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.