

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MYSTIC

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



June 17, 2019

Edited by the LOG committee

President Dave Cruthers opened the meeting of June 10, 2019. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Four-Way Test.

GUESTS: Taylor Squeglia (speaker); Rob Squeglia; Frida Bonaparte

Happy / Sad: \$11; Raffle: \$9 (John Merkel pulled 8 of Clubs); Polio: \$7; Scholar \$6; Nambale School: \$6

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REMINDER:

- 1) Dues for the upcoming year are to be paid ASAP; \$150
- 2) CORRECTION: The "Pass the Gavel" ceremony is scheduled for Monday, June 24th, from 5pm-7pm at the Mystic Seaport.

- Dave Cruthers pointed out that on June 8th, our club celebrated its 65th birthday!
- Tim Evers thanked all those who volunteered on 6/3 at the United Way Mobile Food Pantry
- Tim also announced a new club service project, painting the Seaport parking lot ticket booth building. The building will be scraped and two coats of paint are needed. Dates are 7/13 and 7/20 (if a second day is needed), from 9am to noon. Contact Tim Evers if you can help out!
- Barry Saluk mentioned the thank you to all Half-Marathon Sponsors was in this Sunday's paper. Please send your personal note of thanks to our sponsors thanking them! Your personal notes mean a lot to sponsors!

HAPPY-SAD

- Bruno Giulini invites everyone to the Mystic River Park tomorrow at 7pm to hear *As Time Goes By* swing jazz group!
- Jane Giulini happy for our guest Frida attending today's meeting
- John Merkel happy about Saturday night, at Westerly's *Knickerbocker*, to listen to the Neil Young Tribute Band. A great evening in Westerly!
- Peter Stuart encourages everyone to see the works of *Ingve Edward Soderberg* exhibit at the Mystic Art Museum
- Biddle Morris happy about a successful sculling clinic
- Barry Saluk pleased he attended the party to celebrate six men graduating from the Residential Recovery Program at Enders Island

ROSTER & LOG UPDATES:

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

- **Amy Pisani** is asking all members to use her new "personal" email, effective immediately. Amy.mysticrotary@gmail.com
- **Ashley Pierce (Scott)**, 109 Murphys Drive, Groton, CT 06340; cell: 401-261-5097 / work: 860-572-2881 email: Ashley.waterman15@gmail.com
- **Ted Parker's** new business address/contact information is now: *Sound Portfolio Advisors*, 28 Cottrell Street, Mystic, CT 06355 (work) 860-536-8992; (cell) 860-235-6228

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

- June 23 – Peter Stuart celebrates a birthday
- No anniversaries

PRE-PROGRAM PRESENTATION: Bill Smith handed out a bullet point sheet of upcoming Rotary Club of Mystic – Key Strategies to be covered in an upcoming program. The items to be discussed are: Compelling Mission; Effective Communications; Member Engagement; Irresistible Meetings; Service to Community.

SYNOPSIS OF PROGRAM: Taylor Squeglia gave a talk on Human Trafficking around the world and in CT. At age 20, she has become involved with researching and volunteering in areas for the abused. She has spent time in Cambodia & Thailand working in rescue centers and in Australia with a Christian rescue program. Her research on trafficking in CT, specifically, opened her eyes and reports that 2018 statistics rated CT 77% out of 100% (36 states in front of us) for this problem. That is a grade of "C". CT has moved from a grade of "F" to "C" in its offerings of better law enforcement, rescue (safe) centers, and other victim protections, especially for minors. Human trafficking is the 2nd largest profitable crime behind those of drug crimes. After researching this crime through the "Protected Innocence Challenge (PIC) rating organization, she has decided to work in this area and hopes to start a 501(c)3 organization in New London and offer a children's after school program and summer camp. She also would like to offer sexual abuse programs, general educational programs, and life-coaching courses. She is continuing her work in obtaining the necessary credentials to pursue this endeavor.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **June 17: 2019 Spring Cycle Grant Recipients**
- **June 24: Pass the Gavel, Seaport, 5pm-7pm (NO NOON MEETING)**

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

"To change and to improve are two different things." – German proverb