

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

# The Rotary Club of Guilford, CT

## The Guilford Rotarian

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**Rotary Bulletin: May 31, 2023**

**This Issue's Editor: Jack Phelan**

**Door Greeter:** Stax.

**Call to Meeting:** Pledge of Allegiance: Dawn

**Visiting Rotarians:** None this week.

**Guests:** None this week

### **Upcoming June Speakers / Door Greeters**

- June 7 - greeter needed for breakfast meeting. BOD presented for 2023-24 term. Bring your Lobster Fest Donations for the silent auction and 2 bottles of wine. Also, when you visit a merchant in town, ask for a \$20 gift card donation for the silent auction.
- June 14 - greeter needed, meeting will be at Evergreen Woods
- June 21 - Bring Your Own LUNCH - this is at the Guilford Library, a working meeting to talk about Lobster Fest
- June 28th - no lunch meeting, installation dinner at Nataz, in North Branford. \$45 per person. See Pat Todd to sign up

**Speakers are needed for July so please contact Tim Galvin if you have a recommendation for a speaker you would like to invite to address the club.**

### **President Announcements:**

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- **June 7th** - Stacy Clifford will join us to pick up LobsterFest silent auction donations and two bottles of wine

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**LobsterFest: MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES**

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**Monday, June 19th:** Bishops Red Barn, 5:00 - 7:00 PM Bibs / utensils / condiments / napkins / wipes. Beer & pizza will be provided for the crew

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**Friday, June 23rd:** Guilford Fairgrounds, 9:00 AM Set up cooking tanks, parking area, extra tents. Set up tables and chairs in large tents and bandstand

○ **Saturday, June 24th:** Guilford Fairgrounds, 9:00 AM. Setup of tablecloths on tables, open chairs for tent area seating. Setup beer, wine, soda, steak and displays, sponsor signs & banner. This is also a last chance to double check equipment, supplies, crew and to review assignments. Every Rotarian should be prepared for assigned tasks. Because of the 5K starting at 10:00 AM, park inside the gates and not in the parking

lot field where the race will start / finish. There will be a designated parking area of the field for runners to park.

- **Saturday, June 24th: Bishop's, 9:00 AM.** Food prep: wrap potatoes, pack coleslaw, cut & wrap pie, prep corn, bag lobsters

- **Saturday, June 24th: Guilford Fairgrounds, 3:30 - 8:30 PM.** ALL hands on deck to assigned stations. Gates open at 4:00 PM, serving closes at 7:30 PM. All other activities will carry on until 8:30 PM

- **Sunday, June 25th: Guilford Fairgrounds, 9:00 AM**

- Event clean up: empty tanks, clean tent area, clear tables, empty trash into dumpsters, put away trash cans. All chairs and tables should be folded and stocked for pick up by the rental company

- **June 24th - SHORELINE LOBSTER RUN 5K** (parking lot of the Fairgrounds):

- **8:00 AM,** Race director and volunteers arrive. Committee set up check-in table, food / water tables,

- markers on race course

- **10:00 AM** - 5K Run and 2M Walk start

- **11:00 AM** - post race award

- **11:30 AM** - clean up

**LobsterFest Update:** Carrie Healy spoke to us about progress being made for the upcoming LobsterFest. Everything seems to be on track. A sign-up sheet was passed around last week for members to volunteer how they will help out on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The sheet is available today if you did not volunteer last week. Carrie announced that they have obtained on refrigerated truck to hold the beer, ice, steaks and lobsters at the event. Carrie urged us to get out and sell tickets. Paper tickets were available from Bill Fatula at the lunch. Dawn will give Carrie a list of sponsors this week.

Heidi Samuelson suggested that we establish a raffle for a table of 8 for next year's LobsterFest. Sell tickets for \$1.00. The winner gets a free table for 8 at the LobsterFest in 2024. All thought that was a good idea. Now all we need are volunteers to sell raffle tickets on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Foundation Minute:** Scott discovered that our club has contributed over \$248,000 to the International Rotary Foundation over the past years over and above dues. This means that we can leverage these funds as Rotary International will give back matching funds for projects we would like to contribute money to.

**Birthdays:** None this Week.

**Anniversaries:** Dave Hadley (June 1, 1985)

**King of Clubs:** 40 cards in the deck and \$156.00 in the pot. Sorry, no winner!

## Happy \$'s:

- Steph: Glad that Craig talk about gardening help.
- Joel: Happy to be back from FL. Ian: I understand you just got married. Let's talk.
- Bob: Happy to have his wife, Laura with him today
- Craig: This is plant liberation day. All 1,500 are finally gone.
- Patrick: Wants to change our game "Happy \$" to "Stupid \$"
- Heidi: Was happy to represent the club at the high school awards night and to announce the granting 4 of our 8 scholarships including one the Craig's grandson.
- Ian: Happy that he is not cracking "sters" at the LobsterFest and happy to be a married man.
- Dave: Happy to hear about his anniversary date. He forgot about it.
- Pat: Welcome back Ian.
- Sandy: Tanks to Heidi for representing the club at the high school awards night.
- Tony: Is happy to have attended the Memorial Day ceremony on the Guilford Green and thanks to Heidi for representing the club at the high school. Tony also was thankful to be at the high school awards night and to hear that his grandson was the recipient of the Carl Balestracci, Jr. humanitarian award. If you knew Carl and what he did for this town you can understand how proud he was to hear his grandson was the recipient of this award.
- Gene: Thanks to Heide for representing us at the high school.

## Guest Speaker: Craig Yerkes: Growing Tomatoes in Guilford.

Craig led a discussion about best practices in growing tomatoes. Craig stated he grows about 1,500 tomato plants and he gives them away.

1. Start with good soil;
2. 8 hrs of sun at a minimum. A full day of sun is better.
3. You need rain and at the proper time of the planting season.
4. Mulching in very important. Newspapers and leaves on top will work well. 3 or 4 layers of newsprint and leaves. This should be accomplished at least one year prior to planting. Salt hay is good but much more expensive.
5. Soil Ph level should be approximately 6.5 to 6.75. Craig recommends taking a sample of soil to the Ct Agriculture Station in New Haven. Mix up a small container of samples in a few places in your garden.
6. Every other branch on a tomato plant has flowering. Take off the non-flowering branch.
7. Tomatoes hate cold soil. Plant around July 1<sup>st</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> of July – name of a variety - is that is best.
8. You will need to protect the tomatoes from dear and other animals as well.

Meeting Adjourned - 1:15 PM