

THE GOOD SPOKE



Rotary  Rotary Club
of Meriden Connecticut

September, 2022



Social Time is Important Too

Meriden Rotary Club members take time out to socialize and relax on a beautiful summer night at **Gouveia Vineyards**. In addition of having the opportunity for personal growth and to work hard and serve the community, Rotarian club members meet people who become friends for life and they enjoy the moments of fellowship. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in finding out more about the Rotary call Dona Ditrio at 203-979-1441 or Leslie Kogut at 203-379-8553 or go to meridenrotary.org.

PET FAIR, 5K Road Race and Dog Walk



Meriden Rotary and **Teddy's Stores** joined forces to bring back the Pet Fair at Hubbard Park. In conjunction with the Fair was also a 5k Road Race and a Dog Walk. Owners brought their pups to the Fair and visited the various vendors selling everything from home made pet treats to ID tags. Also in attendance were The **CT Humane Society** and **Saving Paws**, who's mission is to aid the homeless and neglected animals. There was a training demonstration by **Tolland Tails** who advertise "Boarding, training, daycare, grooming and more!" Kevin Curry, owner of Teddy's Stores, volunteered to "suit up" and be "attacked" by one of the trained dogs.

The Need is Real

Jenny Kohl, MSW, Community Outreach Coordinator for the **The Diaper Bank of Connecticut, Inc.** explained the organization and the many



programs available. They are a nonprofit in Connecticut that distributes infant and toddler diapers, period supplies, youth and adult incontinence products, and baby formula throughout Connecticut to families who are low income or financially struggling.

They serve over 8000 families in every region of the state and believe that diapers are a basic need for infants, babies, and toddlers. They are just as essential to their health and wellbeing as food and shelter. Find out more at thediaperbank.org

Mid-State Chamber is In the House

Rosanne Ford, President of the **Mid-State Chamber of Commerce** spoke at a recent Rotary meeting. She gave everyone a brief rundown of the goals of the Chamber, of the variety of ways they assist members to help them grow their businesses and about several upcoming events for members. She is seen here with Rotary President Dona Ditrio.

The Meriden Rotary is a member of the Mid-State Chamber and actively interacts with and supports the Chamber and its members.

To find out more about how the Chamber can help your business, go to <https://www.midstatechamber.com/>





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Silver City RAFFLE

Friday, September 30, 2022 | **Meriden YMCA Mountain Mist Day Camp**
576 High Hill Road, Meriden, CT | **7:30 P.M.**

Cost: \$20.00 per ticket
(Winner need not be present)

- FIRST PRIZE: \$2,022.00**
- SECOND PRIZE: \$1,000.00**
- THIRD PRIZE: \$500.00**
- FOURTH PRIZE: \$250.00**

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UPCOMING LOCAL PUBLIC EVENTS



Silver City Raffle- June 7th - Sept. 30th
Bringing back our very successful raffle with great CASH prizes.
[Buy Tickets Here](#)



Wine and Brew Fest Returns! - September 30th
5:30 - 8:00 PM
Mountain Mist Outdoor Center
576 High Hill Rd., Meriden

Bringing back our very popular Brew Fest!
[Wine, Beer, Music and Food from local restaurants!](#)
Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#)

Rotary Members' 'Two Minutes About Me'

At weekly meetings one Rotarian is asked to stand and present their two-minute "Bio" to the other members as a way of getting to know each other. They can talk about their personal life and their businesses.



Dr .Craig Neilsen is a local Optometrist and has been a Meriden Rotary member for many years. After graduating from the New England College of Optometry in 1988 he opened his practice on Broad St. in Meriden.

He spoke about his family, his wife and his 3 children, and his passion for sailing.



Long time Meriden Rotary member, **Peter Wnek**, born and raised in Meriden, is a local professional Photographer. Peter's interest in photography began at a very early age. His work is a blend of commercial and industrial assignments and landscape portrayals.

Many of his photographs, landscapes of the Meriden area, are on display and available at Gallery 53 in Meriden.

Rotary International

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change

Visit Rotary International by Clicking on the Rotary Symbol below:



JOIN US!

Join us for lunch on Tuesday at Taino Prime Smokehouse in Meriden or email Kristilee LaHaye at kleelahaye@aol.com

You may know some members already. Check out our member roster below:

[Member Roster](#)

