



# Milford Rotary Chat For 2/6/20 Meeting

There is a board meeting next week. See below for details.

## 1/30/20 Meeting Minutes:

**Visitors:** John Anderson (Devon Rotarian), Rob Fry (prospective member), and John Dixon (Director of Bridges, former speaker)

**Fines:** Don said the Rotary Does Business event went great with about 40 attendees. Anthony is glad to see Jamie present, and paid a fine because he missed the last 2 meetings in a row (nobody tell him that the last one was a breakfast meeting). Sam’s daughter won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in her color guard competition on Saturday, and his son got a pin during the wrestling tournament. Frank says happy birthday to Jeanine. Frosty will be missing Rotary the next few weeks because he is visiting his brother Dan in California. Jamie said it’s great that he could join us today, and his daughter who dropped out of college is having an amazing time farming in northern California. Bobby B had a great time at Lise’s Rotary Movie Night. Yousif was happy to be here. Win Jr. lamented how his daughter is working for Bernie “Free College” Sanders. Tracy closed her store early to come to our meeting today. Phil is the coach of his son’s wrestling team and is looking forward to the challenges and opportunities it brings. Carrie told a story of how she was doing text-to-speech on her phone and instead of saying “I saw Dr. Spanolios today”, it typed “I saw the doctor’s cannolis today”. John Anderson was glad to be with all of us today. Ray announced the Daisy Bowl.

### **Announcements:**

Milford is having an Earth Day celebration on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Maybe we’ll get involved. Details to come.

There is a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) conference from May 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Applications are due by 4/24 to Gary.

There will be a lobster bake meeting the week of 2/24. Exact date to be announced soon.

There is a Family Y Basketball evening coming up on 2/8/20. Details in “upcoming events”.

### **Speaker description:**

James “Jamie” Sterling is the CEO of Sterling Benefits. He spoke to us about the current state of the healthcare industry and the politics behind it. Obamacare capped profits, which incentivized massive premiums, which is why they are so high right now. According to various polls, healthcare is the #1 among voters right now, which is why it is at the forefront of Democrat’s political platform. The Democrats aim to increase government involvement, while the Republicans are trying to privatize the entire industry. Our percentage of GDP spent on healthcare went from 12% to 19%, soon to hit 20%.

## Our Lunchtime Speakers: Upcoming Milford Rotary Club Lunch/Breakfast Meetings:

*Subject to change*

2/6/20 Coach Jones, Yale Basketball	3/5/20 Tom Dowin/Devon Lions Club (Ray C)
2/13/20 Billy Winn/ Comedy Fundraiser (Frank P)	3/12/20 Susan Patrick Walnut Beach Creamery
2/20/20 Steve Cooper MPC	3/19 Michael Granata/ Commercial Real Estate Environmental Due Diligence and the Transfer Act
2/27/20 Breakfast meeting @ Kimberly Diner	3/26/20 Breakfast meeting @ Kimberly Diner

## HOSTS at the door – Plan Ahead, please

2/6/20 Theresa DeGray	2/20/20 Marcia Mangels
2/13/20 Dave Hulme	
<b>If you cannot fulfill your hosting duty, please find YOUR sub.</b>	

### Upcoming Milford (and other) Rotary Club Events:

2/8/20 Family Y Basketball Evening. Ray Tompkins House, New Haven. \$45 adults, \$25 children. 5:30PM  
 2/8/20 District (7980) Pre-President Elect Training Seminar (PETS), The Graduate Club, New Haven CT 8:30AM  
 2/13/20 Board Meeting at Curran's. 21 Green St. 5:30PM social, 6:00PM meeting.  
 3/5/20-3/7/20 Regional (Northeast) President Elect Training Seminar (PETS), Framingham MA  
 3/7/20 Umbrella Center "Back to the 80's" fundraiser, AMF Circle Lanes, East Haven. 10:30AM-8:00PM  
 5/8/20-5/10/20 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) conference. Applications due by 4/24/20  
 5/9/20 Comedy Night at the Milford Elks club

### Beth El Meals Schedule

Leaders: Shaileen Landsberg and Roger Cox

### 2020

	Wed April 1 Dinner	Wed July 1 Dinner	Wed Oct 7 Dinner
	Sat April 18 Lunch	Sun July 12 Lunch	Sat Oct 17 Lunch
Wed Feb 5 Dinner	Wed May 6 Dinner	Wed Aug 5 Dinner	Wed Nov 4 Dinner
Sat Feb 15 Lunch	Sun May 10 Lunch	No Aug Lunch	Sun Nov 8 Lunch
Wed March 4 Dinner	Wed Jun 3 Dinner	Wed Sept 2 Dinner	Wed Dec 2 Dinner
Sun March 8 Lunch	Sat Jun 20 Lunch	Sun Sept 13 Lunch	Sat Dec 19 Lunch

**Let Shaileen know** if you are helping: shaileenh@gmail.com or 203-258-0841. And **WEAR A HAT!** per Milford Health Dept.

**Arrival times: Wednesday Jan 1 Dinner:** 4:30pm arrival; leave 6:30pm. **Weekend Lunch:** Cooks- 9am, Servers -10:30 am. Cleanup is always completed by 1:30 pm. High school age teens are encouraged to come help.

### Who's Who for the 2020-2021 Rotary Year

<b>Officers:</b>	Sergeant-At-Arms: Dan Wetmore (interim)	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year Board of Dir:</b>	<b>2nd Year Board of Dir:</b>
President – Carrie Reed	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Don Wetmore	Lise Robinson	Sam Bergami
President-Elect – John DaRin	Treasurer: Mike Granata	Phil Ucci III	Curran Bishop
Vice President – Don Wetmore	Asst Treasurer: Jeff Wilson	BJ Frazier	Max Case
Secretary – Tad Smith	Gary Opin (Immediate Past Prez)	Bob Bogert	Mark Sandillo

**Your Rotary Chat Team:** Scribe: Ray Carissimi ~ Circulation: Roger Cox

Board Meeting the second Thursday, 5:30 PM social, 6 PM meeting -- every month unless noted otherwise

**Milford Rotary, PO Box 381, Milford, CT 06460** <http://www.milfordrotary.org>

***"Everything negative - pressure, challenges - is all an opportunity for me to rise."***

***— Kobe Bryant 1978-2020***

***Did you know:*** The Earth only has 5 billion years left of existence: our sun will expand into its next phase (a red giant) and engulf it. In 10x10<sup>100</sup> years, all matter will be gone due to proton decay (heath death of the universe). Don't think about it.

## Pictures from today's Meeting

