



# Milford Rotary Chat For 8/15/19 Meeting

We need **YOU** at the Milford Oyster Festival, Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## 8/8/19 Meeting Minutes:

**Visitors:** Lyla Steebergen of Westport Rotary (just a heads up, their Lobster Bake is September 21<sup>st</sup>), Deb Smith and her wonderful granddaughter Coco, and scholarship winners Amira Samih Jepson, Hannah Turner, Jaelyn Roth, and Abigail Huebner.

**Fines:** Phil C gave a happy fine for each scholarship recipient. Sara is going to the Galapagos next week, and gave another happy fine for having a great time working at United Way the other day. Frosty gave a happy fine because he finally beat Dan Smith at bocce ball. Dan German gave happy fines for running a couple charity 5ks this week, one for the Charles Island Music Festival (August 10<sup>th</sup>), and one more for the Oyster Festival coming up. Roger gave a happy fine because we served 30 at Beth-El last night (great job!). Ray gave sad fines because he missed his CPA exam by 3 points and because his grandmother passed away. Dan Smith paid happy fines because the scholarship committee was very successful, the Red Sox have been losing, and had to pay an extra \$5 fine because he heckled Frosty during his fine. Win 3 said go Jets, Giants stink. Lyla was happy that Milford Hospital joined Yale's network. Paul gave two fines because someone tried to scam Rotary \$2400 with a fake check (which was caught by the bank) and that his business turned 33 the other year. Win Jr. gave a happy fine because his adorable granddaughter Coco was at the meeting, because his 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary was yesterday (congrats!!!), and because he is going to Manchester, NH Thursday to check out the Trump Rally. John Darin gave a fine for making fun of frosty for talking too long. Bobby Bogert gave a happy fine because he served on the scholarship committee and had a time doing so (while also making a tremendous difference in these kids' lives). Mike G gave a sad fine because as treasurer, he had his first bounced check (hopefully not many more to come!).

**Speaker:** Anthony Vasiliou is the executive director at the Milford Redevelopment and Housing Partnership. He presented the substantial challenges public (subsidized) housing in Milford faces, yet his department still results in a net economic gain for the community. In contrast, the federal public housing program for our city is vastly underfunded and unsustainable. It is through his work with the community and valuation/maintenance experts that allows his department to be so efficient, as compared to a federal program which often throws money at the problem without understanding the economic status of a city. In particular, Milford faces challenges because of our higher median income, which means that public housing has to be extended to what the IRS considers to be "middle class".

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

*Subject to change*

8/15 Jack Solomon District Governor	9/12 Judy Nicolari Music Mends Minds (Phil Ucci)
8/22 Breakfast @ Kimberly Diner	9/19 Heide Lang Fig Cooking School (John D)
8/29 No lunch meeting	9/26 Breakfast @ Kimberly Diner
9/5 Donald Thomas (of West Haven Rotary)/ Jane Holler, Uganda Farmers Inc. (Ray Carissimi)	10/3 Ben Blake (John D./ Leslie City Contact)

## HOSTS at the door – Plan Ahead, please

Mike Granata	
<b>If you cannot fulfill your hosting duty, please find YOUR sub.</b>	

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

8/17: **Milford's Oyster Fest**

### Beth El Meals Schedule

Leaders: Shaileen Landsberg and Roger Cox

**2019**

<i>No Aug lunch</i>	Wed Oct 2 dinner	Sun Nov 10 lunch
Wed Sept 4 dinner	Sat Oct 19 lunch	Wed Dec 4 dinner
Sun Sept 8 lunch	Wed Nov 6 dinner	Sat Dec 21 lunch

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

**Arrival times: Wednesday 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 2019-2020 Rotary Year

Officers:	Sergeant-At-Arms: Cyrus Senttineri	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Board of Dir:	2nd Year Board of Dir:
President – Gary Opin	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Don Wetmore	Sam Bergami	Roger Cox
President-Elect – Carrie Reed	Treasurer: Mike Granata	Curran Bishop	Richard Persico
Vice President – John DaRin	Asst Treasurer: Jeff Wilson	Max Case	Tracy O'Brien
Secretary – Don Wetmore	Win Smith, Jr. (Immediate Past Prez) Bob Bogert	Mark Sandillo	William Parry III

**Your Rotary Chat Team:** Correspondent: 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>

***“Friendship is everything. Friendship is more than talent. It is more than the government. It is almost the equal of family.”***

*-Don Corleone, The Godfather*





