



Milford Rotary Chat For 9/12/19 Meeting

We mourn the passing of our long-time Milford Rotarian, Mike Petrucelli, and celebrate his life with us

9/5/19 Meeting Minutes:

Visitors: Christina Prete (Buddy's adorable wife), Bob Miller (former member), Uganda Farmers Inc. co-founders Dan Marecki and Jane Holler, and Hilda Wilson (board member). Also our very own mama Rotary, Brenda Bergami.

Visiting Rotarians: Donald Thomas, current President of West Haven Rotary

Rotarians re-inducted: Michael Thomas and Theresa DeGray

Fines: Don wishes President Gary Opin a hasty recovery from his recent shoulder surgery. Win 3 lost a bet to Frosty because the Giants beat the Jets. However, he's doubling down and is betting the Jets will beat the Bills this week. Carrie and her boyfriend Jim climbed Tuckerman's Ravine in New Hampshire! Congrats! They are also taking Carrie's grandson to Goats N' Pajamas in Southington this weekend. Dan will pay \$50 if Frank shows up to the next meeting in pajamas, and Win Jr. said he will pay if he doesn't show up in pajamas. Win Jr. is also leaving for Romania today. John D went to the UCONN Huskies game and they won! Sam said JLHS football started this week. **Sam and Brenda are selling NFP cards (discounts at stores around town) for \$20 each.** Please reach out to them if you would like one to support the team. Lorna's granddaughter was baptized this Sunday. Donald Thomas is glad to be at the meeting with such a great (and rowdy) group of people. Ray Carissimi (Uganda Farmers Inc. board member) is so proud to have his group there and thanks Rotary for letting them present. Melodye's grandson did a 20 mile hike in Arcadia, Maine, at only 15 years old! Wow. He is also starting varsity soccer this week. Christina's daughter started at Fairfield University this week! Frank is so happy to have his 22nd anniversary tomorrow (9/6).

Announcements:

There is a board meeting this Thursday, 9/12/19, at Mike Granata's house, 89 Oriole Lane., with a social hour starting at 5:30pm. Please join us to stay informed on club matters!

Our 3rd lunch meeting (9/19/19) is at the Bridge House, downstairs. Cost will be \$15 and there will be a buffet instead of the traditional 3-menu.

There will be a movie night 9/26/19 at Carrie's house. Details to come!

Our breakfast meeting will be at Kimberly Diner 9/26/19 at 8:30AM. \$10/pp

The Milford Fine Arts Council looks like a good venue for our Rotary Holiday Party.

Brenda is selling our leftover Lobster Bake shirts for \$10 apiece. Get them while supplies last!

Mark said we made \$9677 in net profit from the Oyster Festival! Great job everyone!

Speaker description:

Uganda Farmers Inc. (UFI) was established 13 years ago by Milford residents and attorneys Jane Holler and Dan Marecki. To date, they have built 9 wells in Uganda and Tanzania, including infrastructure and electricity systems (typically solar plants). In a country steeped in poverty, UFI steps in to provide critical needs to East Africa's citizens, who are very often ignored by the governments for political reasons. Running water is important because it means people won't have to spend the majority of their day fetching water and sterilizing it, meaning they have more time to be educated, work, and build infrastructure, thus increasing their self-dependence.

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

Subject to change

9/12 Judy Nicolari Music Mends Minds (Phil Ucci)	10/10 Dan German, Milford mayoral candidate (John D)
9/19 Heide Lang Fig Cooking School (John D)	10/17 Chris George, Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services
9/26 Breakfast @ Kimberly Diner	10/24 Breakfast @ Kimberly Diner
10/3 Ben Blake, incumbent Milford mayor (John D/ Leslie City Contact)	10/31 Gina Bonfietti, Piano on the green

HOSTS at the door – Plan Ahead, please

Mike Granata	
If you cannot fulfill your hosting duty, please find YOUR sub.	

Upcoming Milford (and other) Rotary Club Events:

- 9/12/19 board meeting at Mike Granata's house, 89 Oriole Lane., with a social hour starting at 5:30pm
- 9/19/19 lunch at the Bridge House, downstairs, \$15/pp
- 9/26/19 breakfast meeting will be at Kimberly Diner at 8:30AM, \$10/pp
- 9/26/19 Movie night at Carrie's house

Beth El Meals Schedule

Leaders: Shaileen Landsberg and Roger Cox

2019

Sun Sept 21 lunch	Wed Oct 2 dinner	Sun Nov 10 lunch
	Sat Oct 19 lunch	Wed Dec 4 dinner
	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 st 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: Scribe: Ray Carissimi ~ Circulation: Roger Cox

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

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“Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.”

-Ferris, Ferris Bueller's Day off (1986)

Some Pictures From Our Meeting

