



Milford Rotary Chat For 10/10/19 Meeting

There is a Board Meeting Thursday
10/10. Read below for more info

10/3/19 Meeting Minutes:

Visitors: Mayor Ben Blake, Zoey Zandeni, Bob Miller (former Rotarian in the process of joining again), "Mama Rotary" Bergami

Fines: Phil C and Dan told bad jokes, with our in-house heckler Don W roasting them. Win 3 wants everyone to stop talking about baseball, because it's finally football season. He said the Jets will eventually do well, and the Giants stink (what else is new?). Frosty paid happy fines because the mayor was here, and because our own Dan German is running against him. Frank's son went 10-1 in Amity baseball, and dissed Win 3 for talking bad about Daniel Jones (of the Giants). He paid another fine later because he and his son are going to the Yankee game this Saturday. Phil U had a great time at the Rotary Movie Night and the Alzheimer's walk last week. Carrie also had a great time at the movie night but was disappointed more people didn't show up. Her son Mitchell is almost done with his 8 years in the United States Air Force (thank you for your service Mitchell!) and is moving onto a flight mechanic certification which will hopefully become his full-time job. Curran paid a fine because he didn't bring any of his kids, which he said was because their grandparents are in town and he couldn't peel his kids off them. Tom M went on a bike ride with Tad for 15 miles, plus did another 10 solo. Wow! He also happy fines because his daughter is graduating in May, and he had a great time in Ireland (where he met Fr. Maroney's cousin by chance). Small world! John D paid happy fines because the mayor was there, and because the San Francisco 49'ers are 3-0. Sam Bergami got a call from a past president of the club. Win Jr. had a wonderful time at the Alzheimer's walk with Phil U. Sara is sad Bill is out of town for 2 weeks, because he helps her out so much around the house.

Announcements:

Our good friend Rev. Evalyn Wakhusama of Kenya is speaking at the First United Church of Christ on 10/13/19. She is also speaking at Orange Rotary on 10/18, with details to come.

Roger made the announcement that we served 28 at Beth-El yesterday. Great job!

The CHF's Arlo Guthrie concert is selling out soon! Steve says it's about 2/3rds booked and is about to sell out, get your tickets while you can.

There is a board meeting 10/10 at Darcy's house: 43 Magnolia Rd., Milford. 5:30PM social, 6:00PM meeting.

Speaker description:

Ben Blake has been the mayor of Milford, CT since 2011. He is running for the upcoming mayoral election in November. During his term he increased the city's reserve fund from \$17m to \$42m and bumped the city to a AAA bond rating. Ben says the economic indicators such as job growth are very good, and taxes are the same or lower than previous years. With 17.5 miles of coast, a big issue with the federal government is the disagreements with DEEP, who want Milford to retreat from the coast instead of building up erosion/flood defenses. Ben also elaborated on the pension situation in Milford, saying that city pensions are now based on base pay so employees can't load up on overtime to substantially increase their pensions when they retire, which would put the city into economic peril.

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

Subject to change

10/10 Dan German, Milford mayoral candidate (John D)	11/7 Tad Smith/ Rotary Foundation
10/17 Chris George, Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services	11/14 Jim Broatch/ RSDSA (Cyrus)
10/24 Breakfast @ Kimberly Diner	11/21 Bill Asermely/ Northeast Baseball/ Program for Autistic Children (Jorge)
10/31 Gina Bonfietti, Piano on the green	11/28 Thanksgiving (NO MEETING)

HOSTS at the door – Plan Ahead, please

10/10 Ray Carissimi and Greg Sabatino	11/7 Melody Bucci and Ray Carissimi
10/17 Theresa DeGray and Curran Bishop	
10/31 Michael Thomas and Lorna Sura	
If you cannot fulfill your hosting duty, please find YOUR sub.	

Upcoming Milford (and other) Rotary Club Events:

10/10/19 Board meeting- 43 Magnolia Rd. 5:30 PM social, 6:00PM meeting

10/26/19 Beth-El Trick-Or-Trot 9:00AM start, Lisman Landing

11/22/19 Charitable Hands Foundation- Arlo Guthrie concert 8:00PM. Buy your tickets now before they sell out!

Beth El Meals Schedule

Leaders: Shaileen Landsberg and Roger Cox

2019

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 Sennitineri	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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“A book read by a thousand different people is a thousand different books.”

-Andrei Tarkovsky, Запечатлённое время (Sculpting in Time) (1986)

Pictures from our meeting



