

# Milford Rotary Chat For 10/24/19 Breakfast Meeting

Our new server at Gusto's is Mike

# 10/17/19 Meeting Minutes:

Visitors: Pete Bishop, Rev. Evalyn Wakhusama, Chris George (speaker)

Fines: Martine was glad to be here and told us about how the water project was days away from approval with Rotary International. She also said that one of the winners from our African scholarship was planning on coming to the US sometime soon. Phil U's daughter is having a great softball season, only losing one game. Phil also is rooting for the Broncos to beat Kansas City tonight. Paul said Marci is working on her certification to become an English teacher, and in the meantime (for the past 3 weeks) has been working as a substitute teacher and is loving it. Gary said he is doing well since his surgery, and so is Cyrus. He also congratulated Frosty for getting a tan finally and wished Dan German luck on winning his upcoming mayoral election. Frank is nervous the Yankees are going to lose but wishes them luck. Dan told a joke (?). Win 3 hopes the Jets will beat the Patriots this Monday. Jim got a letter from Publisher's Clearing House saying he won \$2.5m, but it turned out to be fraud. Be careful out there with your personal information everyone! The scholarship dedicated to Frosty's father at Yale had recently been awarded to a great man from the Ivory Coast. He also had a sad fine because last week Yale was 3-0, and recently got beat 42-10. Tina had a blast in India and said the people there love America. Phil C went to Kentucky to see his son and had a great time. He bet on the horses there and won a whopping \$6.35. Sam just came back from a conference in San Antonio with Anthony and really enjoyed it. They also checked out local landmarks like The Alamo. Tad had a happy fine because he, Dan, and Tina are going to the opera Friday night. Chris George daughter got a job with the Washington Post as a correspondent, but unfortunately, she is in Kabul. He is also happy to be here with us.

#### **Announcements:**

The CHF's Arlo Guthrie concert is selling out soon! Get your tickets while you still can.

The Connecticut Shoreline Rotaract Club is putting on a performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on 12/12/19 at the Downtown Cabaret Theater in Bridgeport. Gary is looking into buying a table for us. We'd really appreciate you giving them your support.

The holiday party will be on 12/5/19 at Mark Sandillo's house. Details to come.

### **Speaker description:**

Chris George is the executive director of Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS), which helps refugees get set-up and assimilate in our country. There are many hurdles immigrants have to go over to become US citizens, and this process is even harder for refugees who were forced to leave their host countries. Most people don't realize that it takes years of interrogations, background checks, and invasive questioning before a refugee is even considered to be moved to our country. President Obama raised our annual immigration level from 100k/yr to 110k/yr, but now President Trump is lowering that to 18k/yr for 2020. Chris says there are over 26 million refugees in the world, and over 52 million displaced from their homes (and put into another part of their home country).

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

Subject to change

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)			
11/7 Tad Smith/ Rotary Foundation	12/5 Gina Calder/ President Milford Hospital (Esposito)			
11/14 Jim Broatch/ RSDSA (Cyrus)	12/12 Club Assembly?			

# **HOSTS** at the door – Plan Ahead, please

10/31 Michael Thomas and Lorna Sura	11/7 Melody Bucci and Ray Carissimi			
If you cannot fulfill your hosting duty, please find YOUR sub.				

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

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! 12/5/19 Holiday party @ Mark Sandillo's

12/12/19 CTS Rotaract Club- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Doors open @ 6PM. Downtown Cabaret Theater

#### **Beth El Meals Schedule**

Leaders: Shaileen Landsberg and Roger Cox

#### **2019**

Wed Nov 6 dinner	Wed Dec 4 dinner	
Sun Nov 10 lunch	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

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	Bogert			

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

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-Sputnik I (first satellite), 10/4/57

# Pictures from our Meeting



