



Milford Rotary Chat For 11/7/19 Meeting

There is a board meeting at the Bergami's house next week

10/31/19 Meeting Minutes:

Visitors: Brenda Bergami (Mama Rotary), Roesmary Allen, Gina Bonfietti (speaker)

Fines: Phil U wished everyone a safe (and dry!) Halloween. Win Sr. told a joke. Brenda (dressed in her Daisy Bowl '17 football gear) and Sam (in his Captain Chaos costume from Cannonball Run) walked the Trick-Or-Trot 5k in 53 minutes. Win Jr. paid a fine because he was wearing his Boston Red Sox tie. He also said Win 3 couldn't be here because he's watching the Jets trade players. Roger paid happy fines for his crazy M&M costume he wore to the Trick-Or-Trot 5k, that he's going to run the Vicki Soto 5k on Saturday, and then he's going for a hike in Southbury right after. Gary Opin said Cyrus is feeling better after his surgery, Dan Smith left today for his trip, and thanks for our support for the Trick-Or-Trot 5k. Frank told us about how the Amity high school baseball team wore pink last weekend and raised \$500 for the Get in Touch Foundation. Anthony said Gary Opin says great prayers (he did ours today). John was happy that our speaker and her friend were here with us today, that Portugal was amazing, and that the 7-0 SF 49'ers were playing tonight. Greg S paid a sad fine because he found out the hard way that he was a better dentist than a plumber: after struggling with a house plumbing project he had to give up and call a professional.

Announcements:

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

The Connecticut Shoreline Roteract 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 bought 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.

There is a board meeting 11/13/19 at Sam Bergami's house, 16 Mayflower Ct., Milford. 5:30PM social, 6:00PM meeting.

Speaker description:

Gina Bonfietti, owner of Gina's Piano, was the brainchild and mastermind behind the Piano on the Green (now called #MilfordStreetPiano). She and a few volunteers picked up an old, dingy piano from Harborside Elementary and breathed new life into it. They sanded down keys so they wouldn't expand too much and seize during the rain, waterproofed every nook and cranny, and even drilled an acoustic recording hole in the side. On Facebook, it landed over 20,000 views in the first 5 days, and lasted 87 days from June to September before succumbing to vandalism and the elements. Gina said people called her saying it inspired them to learn how to play the piano, and many Rotary members attested that it brought a new atmosphere into the town which one described as "magical." Gina hopes to start the project again next year if everything works out, despite new bureaucratic issues surrounding permits and insurance.

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

Subject to change

11/7 Tad Smith/ Rotary Foundation	12/5 Gina Calder/ President Milford Hospital (Esposito)
11/14 Jim Broatch/ RSDSA (Cyrus)	12/12 Club Assembly?
11/21 Bill Asermely/ Northeast Baseball/ Program for Autistic Children (Jorge)	12/19 Club Assembly?
11/28 Thanksgiving (NO MEETING)	12/26 Breakfast meeting @ Kimberly Diner

HOSTS at the door – Plan Ahead, please

11/7 Melody Bucci and Ray Carissimi	
11/14 Theresa DeGray and Curran Bishop	
11/21 Michael Thomas and Lorna Sura	
If you cannot fulfill your hosting duty, please find YOUR sub.	

Upcoming Milford (and other) Rotary Club Events:

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 Roteract 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 Health 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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"There is no wealth like knowledge, no poverty like ignorance."

- Ali ibn Abi-

Talib, Nahj al-Balagha (655AD)

Pictures from our Meeting



