



The Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas Tuesday's Today!

Last Week's Program:

Susan Suhanovsky introduced Felicia Ortner, a volunteer at The Humane Organization Representing Suffering Equines (H.O.R.S.E.) of Connecticut Inc.

Felicia is involved with small fundraising efforts for the farm and explains that HORSE is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of abused and neglected horses. Over the past 42 years, H.O.R.S.E. has saved more than 750 lives. In addition to direct intervention, H.O.R.S.E. also maintains an ongoing commitment to educating the public regarding horse care.

She's obviously passionate about the animals and discussed at length with us the mission of H.O.R.S.E. and via PowerPoint explained the organization. It was organized in 1981 and is governed by a seven member board of directors. It's run completely by over fifty volunteers with no permanent paid staff.

All horses usually have a dry paddocks where they are feed and groomed and kept for the night with most often two to three horses in a paddock. If needed, there is room in the paddocks to separate the horses for particular times for whatever reason. They can provide some horses special food, feed and special hay, and necessary medication if and when required.

Some facts:

- There are over 200,000 unwanted horses each year.
- 1 in 4 abuse cases are horses – one of the most commonly abused animals
- It has been found that there's a correlation between domestic abuse and animal abuse
- There are about 1,500 horse rescues in the U.S. ahomeforeveryhorse.com
- There are about 20 horse rescue organization presently in Connecticut
- 70% of horse rescues are at or over capacity.
- Usually, unless rescued, abused, mistreated, abandoned, or horses that for little or no reason will be destroyed.
- FBI will be adding cruelty to animals to the annual Uniform Crime Report.
- Only about 33% of communities report abuse.
- HORSE investigates all cruelty complaints (which are kept strictly confidential). If a problem exists, cooperation is first sought from the owner. Prosecution is pursued only when there is no

other recourse. Horses placed in our custody are provided with immediate veterinary and farrier care before adoptive homes that meet policy standards are sought.

It was a very informative and eye-opening presentation and we thank Felecia for her time with us and Susan Suhanvosky for bringing her to us!



This Week's Program:



The Rotary Club of the
Torrington and Winsted Areas

Please Join the
Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas
as we present the prestigious

Paul Harris Recognition

the highest honor for community service.

2023 Paul Harris Recipients

Sarah Langlois

Larry Casella

Tuesday April 25, 2023

Torrington Country Club

250 Torrington Road, Goshen CT

5:30 pm social hour

6:30 Dinner and Presentation of Honorees.



Scheduled Committee Meetings:

- Board meeting, Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 8am via Zoom. Board members will receive an email with the contact info.

Torrington/Winsted Rotary News and Reminders:

- Susan Suhanovsky is departing on an epic hike across northern Spain on the Camino de Santiago. She'll be keeping a blog as she makes her way which she wishes to share with you here: <https://smsmarine.blog/> She's a wonderful photographer so I'm sure there will be a lot of pictures. Make sure you book mark that link in your browser and follow her progress.

For more information on the Camino de Santiago, see this link:

<https://caminoways.com/camino-de-santiago>



- Many of you may not know this but Doreen Roy and our own Paul Rougeot are both retiring from the Credit Union! Lisa Ferris passes along this invite to the retirement party that the Credit Union has planned for them both and extends a warm invitation to all Rotarians!



Please join us for a

Retirement Party

HONORING

*Paul Rougeot &
Doreen Roy*

Friday | May 12th, 2023 | 5-8pm

Torrington Country Club

RSVP by May 8, 2023 to Lisa Ferris at

lferris@brookermemorial.org or 860-309-8459

\$25/person. Cash bar. Please make checks payable to TCC.
Mail checks to Lisa Ferris, 70 Wellsford Drive, Goshen CT 06756



Pet Parade:

This from Pet Parade co-chair Larry Cassella:

Hello All who volunteered to pick up posters. Educators at the various schools were instructed to let their students know that the poster 'turn in' deadline was the end of the school day on Friday, 21 April. Therefore the posters will be ready for pick-up anytime during school time between Monday, 24 April and Wednesday, 26 April.

The posters can be returned to Sarah at Union Savings Bank, Main St., Torrington or to Jess at Torrington Library. Let me know if you need more information . Sarah and I appreciate, very much, your time and support.

Here are the volunteers and schools:

Pearson and Hinsdale.....Bill H

Ann Antolini and Bakerville.....Sue S

New Hartford Elem.....Larry C

Colebrook.....John L

Barkhamsted..... John L

Norfolk.....Matt P

St. John Paul the Great.....Jess H

Southwest and Forbes..... Jean F

Torrington.....Jennifer Ives-Grobel

Vogel-Wetmore..... Brenda DiCarki

PET PARADE SCHEDULE THEREAFTER:

JUDGING ALL SCHOOL POSTERS	THURSDAY APRIL 27 @ TORRINGTON LIBRARY 5PM
NOTIFY ALL SCHOOL WINNERS	FRIDAY, APRIL 28
DISTRIBUTE POSTERS IN COMMUNITY	FRIDAY APRIL 28- WEDNESDAY MAY 3
JUDGING FOR OVERALL WINNER	TUESDAY MAY 2 @TORRINGTON LIBRARY 5PM
NOTIFY SCHOOLS OF OVERALL WINNER	WEDNESDAY, MAY 3
85 TH ANNUAL ROTARY PET PARADE	SATURDAY, MAY 20 WINSTED @ 2PM

Golf Tournament:

Tiger thinks you're number one for getting your Golf Points in!



For Your Edification:

In 1970, shortly after being elected Attorney General of Alabama, 29-year-old Bill Baxley reopened the case of the 16th Street Church bombing, a racially motivated act of terrorism that resulted in the deaths of four African-American girls¹ in 1963 and a fruitless investigation, which marked a turning point in the Civil Rights Movement. Baxley's unwavering commitment to the

case attracted much hostility, particularly from local Klansmen, and in 1976 he received a threatening letter of protest from white supremacist Edward R. Fields—founder of the National States' Rights Party and “Grand Dragon” of the New Order Knights of the Ku Klux Klan—in which he was accused of reopening the case for tactical reasons. Baxley’s magnificent letter of reply, **seen below**, was both succinct and unambiguous.

The next year, a member of the United Klans of America named Robert Chambliss was found guilty of the 16th Street Church murders. He remained in prison until his death in 1985. Two decades later, the two remaining culprits in the case (one of the Klansmen had since died) were also prosecuted.

The girls were Addie Mae Collins (14), Cynthia Wesley (14), Carole Robertson (14), and Carol Denise McNair (11). Wikipedia has thorough accounting of the tragedy:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/16th_Street_Baptist_Church_bombing?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

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February 20, 1976

"Dr." Edward R. Fields
National States Rights Party
P. O. Box 1211
Marietta, Georgia 30061

Dear "Dr." Fields:

My response to your letter of February 19, 1976,
is - kiss my ass.

Sincerely,

BILL BAXLEY
Attorney General

Birthdays:

Rovezzi, Robert.....14 April

Zarella, Steve21 April

Libby, Gerald30 April

Club Anniversaries:

Coyle, Cathy.....04/06/0419 here.....8 New Britain =27 years

Emery, Christina04/17/18.....5 years

DiCara, Deirdre04/23/13.....10current + 27 prior= 37 years

Gonzalez, Maria04/27/21.....2 years

Upcoming guest speaker responsibilities:

Paul Harris Awards. Evening meeting: TCCTuesday, April 25, 2023

Pet Parade Poster judging at Torrington Public LibraryTuesday, May 2, 2023

Steck, JimTuesday, May 9, 2023

OPEN.....Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Sullivan, Kevin.....Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Sullivan, TeresaTuesday, May 30, 2023

Tillotson, Ellen L.Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Tonon, Gregori.....Tuesday, June 13, 2023

If you've scrolled down this far, you're one of my favorite people! Please remember to watch this space weekly so that you can appropriately plan for when it's your time to provide the club with a program/speaker. All of us working together in this regard makes for more interesting meetings and a better, more informed club!

If your presenter will require the projector and the screen to be set up, please let Matt know ASAP. Also, please let your presenter know that if there's any concerns about the functionality of their presentation, an option is for them to email any presentation they may have to Matt ahead of time who can install their presentation on his laptop to minimize potential complications.

It is your responsibility to introduce your speaker.

Please inform the speaker of the following guidelines of The Rotary Club of the Torrington & Winsted Areas:

- They will have at most ½ hour to do their presentation. Including time for questions.
- It is not the policy of the Club to donate funds raised from the Sergeant-at-Arms presentation to the organization represented by the speaker on the day of the presentation.
- Further, an invitation to make a presentation to The Rotary Club of the Torrington & Winsted Areas does not suggest that the Club endorses the presenter's views - political or otherwise.
- The Rotary Club of the Torrington & Winsted Areas does not provide an honorarium or reimburse a speaker in any way and a presentation to the Club should not be made with an expectation of financial support.

Torrington/Winsted Rotary Links:

Website: <http://twrotary.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TWRotary/>

Rotary Web-Photo Albums: [Web Photo Albums](#)

“Be more kind than necessary, for everyone you will meet today is fighting some sort of battle.”

-K. Purcell

Respectfully submitted, your temporary scribe,

Matt Pagano

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