



The Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas

## Rotary Matters!



### Rotary Year in Review!

We had a very successful year in 2024 as a club. Very capably lead by Presidents Kevin Sullivan and Jessica Gueniat, the club was able to successfully raise through our Golf Tournament an amount sufficient to support all our charitable goals!

We provided much needed assistance to local organizations in need, we contributed to international relief efforts, and continued our perennial support of the Tanzanian Children's Fund and the Guatemalan water project. We provided local scholarships to high school seniors heading off to college and supported graduates of Oliver Wolcott with more "tool awards" than ever.

Thankfully, as well, we added an unprecedented number of new members to the club in the last year and special kudos go out to Rotarian Jeff Geddes who has provided such invaluable service in this regard! Thank you Jeff... your efforts are certainly acknowledged and will serve to help keep this club healthy for years to come!

We did all that and much much more! So much in fact that this author can't list it all. To be sure though, we had fun doing it! The following *Year in Review* photo album will attest to the fact that we Rotarians accomplish a lot in our community, and we enjoy each other's company! Here's to a happy, healthy, and successful 2025!

ROTARY YEAR IN REVIEW PHOTO ALBUM LINK

<https://1drv.ms/a/s!AjUerPTWlbiRjulhfq9OLcD55JHOg?e=Ks3hp2>



## Hap, Hap, Happy New Year!

There's no meeting this week because of the New Year's holiday. Our next meeting, our first of the new year, January 7<sup>th</sup> will be a BREAKFAST meeting. That's right, come prepared for mass quantities of BACON and sausage and other goodies!!!! The venue will be Prime Time House in their Great Room, at 7:30am. Schedule now for delicious breakfast with all of your Rotary friends to start 2025!



## Scheduled Committee Meetings:

- Board meeting, Thursday, January 9, 2024 at 8am via Zoom. Board members will receive an email with the contact info.

## Torrington/Winsted Rotary News and Reminders:

- Noting here a wonderful update from one of our perennial beneficiaries:



## TANZANIAN CHILDREN'S FUND

As the year comes to a close, we're taking a moment to reflect on everything your support has made possible at Tanzanian Children's Fund. Together we've built memories, sparked change, and created opportunities that will continue to have ripple effects well into the future.

Every milestone we've reached this year is a testament to your generosity and dedication. We are thrilled to share what we've accomplished and deeply grateful for your unwavering support!

# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

**118** children and young adults call Rift Valley Children's Village home, including five children who have joined our family this year.



**1,789** students served at our 3 partner schools, leading to record-breaking results in Standard 7 national exam scores and **18** higher education scholarships for secondary school graduates.

**7,365** patients treated at our Rural Community Health Clinic and the opening of a new laboratory, increasing our testing and diagnostic capabilities.



**647** local entrepreneurs received loans to grow their businesses and participated in monthly training focused on business planning, establishing markets, and record keeping.

We joyfully celebrated our **20th anniversary** with staff, board members, children, and the community!



## For Your Edification:

The 12 Days of Christmas! Continuing the Christmas holiday, here's a clip of Lolly Adefope having fun with an imaginary correspondence:

CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO YOUTUBE

<https://youtu.be/nBRvdCAgL4s?si=l23Kj0PrhltD1XN>



## Birthdays:

Steck, Jim.....29 December

Rougeot, Paul.....31 December

Smith, Jeff.....05 January

DiCarlo, Brenda.....14 January

Rooke, Michael.....17 January

Christian, Thomas.....30 January

## Club Anniversaries:

Gargiulo, John.....01/01/84.....41 years  
Logan, John.....01/01/84.....41 years  
King, Robert.....01/01/87 .....38 years  
O'Connell, Doug.....01/11/85.....40 years  
Ryan, William.....01/11/88.....37 years  
Tillotson, Ellen.....01/12/93.....32 years  
Rosenstein, Ronald.....01/12/85.....40 years  
Sullivan, Teresa.....01/17/17.....8 years  
Teittinen, Robert.....01/22/24.....1 years  
Rooke, Michael.....01/23/23.....2 years  
Rovezzi, Guy.....01/30/07.....18 years

## Upcoming guest speaker responsibilities:

**NEW YEAR'S EVE: NO MEETING** .....31-Dec-24  
Jennifer Ives-Groebel ..... 7-Jan-25 – at **Prime Time House**  
Robert E King..... 14-Jan-25  
Noah J Kores..... 21-Jan-25  
Sarah Langlois..... 28-Jan-25  
John N Lavieri..... 4-Feb-25  
Gerald Libby..... 11-Feb-25  
John R. Logan..... 18-Feb-25  
Michael F. Magistrali..... 25-Feb-25  
**OPEN**..... 4-Mar-25  
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Brian T. McCormick..... 18-Mar-25  
Gerald H. Michalowski..... 25-Mar-25

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,

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