



The Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas

Rotary Matters!



Last Week's Program:

It was a WONDERFUL time at Rotary last week! Cynthia welcomed back Susan Suhanovsky and the two together recapped their multi day trek across Portugal, their 2024 Costal Camino!

Their presentation included dozens of pictures taken along the route and it was clear as they spoke that it was a life changing experience for them both. Acknowledging that they hadn't ever really spent time together prior to the trip to include not even engaging in training hikes together... they realized early on that they were a good fit, cooperating and genuinely enjoying each other's company.

The pictures alone don't do the story justice but in the event that you couldn't make it, the link below will take you to a web-based Powerpoint that one should be able to open up on any browser.

https://onedrive.live.com/edit?id=98429431119770D1!1781&resid=98429431119770D1!1781&cid=98429431119770d1&ithint=file%2cpptx&ct=1718757399653&authkey=!AKXke3xs8_6JjJQ&wdo=2

We're glad that they stayed healthy along the route and that they came back to us safe... and that they took the time to share their trip with us. Here's looking forward to the next trek that they're planning as we speak.... Cape Town South Africa to Magadan Russia. (The longest walkable distance on the globe... a mere 14,000 miles.)



Also, for coming the closest to accurately guessing how many steps it took our friends (over 600,000)... Bob Twombly was presented with an Official Portuguese Camino pin! (For which he demanded that his picture be taken so that the moment could be appropriately memorialized.)



This Week's Program:



Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary 2024 Grant Recipients 2024 Women Supporting Women Award

This week, Larry Cassella will be introducing Fran Stoffer, Chair of the Women and Girls' Fund (NW CT Community Foundation.)

“The Women & Girls Fund links local philanthropists to initiatives that empower women and girls in the Northwest Corner to achieve economic self-sufficiency and reach their full potential. Through annual grants, we concentrate on education, financial literacy, and social services, aiming for long-term social and economic benefits for women, girls, and our community as a whole.”

Fran will be giving us an update on the Fund and that they'll be celebrating their 25th Anniversary. She'll explain some of the 2024 grant recipients, and reveal the winner of the 2024 “Women Supporting Women Award.”

By way of providing you with a little bit of preliminary info on the Fund, I link to a (now 9 year old) video which is a wonderful explanation of the fund. The careful viewer will see a certain someone near and dear to this author's heart:

<https://youtu.be/kqbYDjTdCnc?si=mLgoYY1eTw5KHV52>

As a Rotarian, there's no excuse not to be informed and included: Members can join in the meeting either by their direct attendance or by Zooming in. Feel free to participate either way... and know that if you don't participate, you won't fulfill your requirement to attend at least 60% of the meetings of the Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas. Being busy is not an excuse to not attend ... Being busy has been an attribute of active, involved, impactful Rotarians from the Northwest corner for more than 100 years.

If you intend on joining via Zoom, please contact Matt ahead of time (mnpdc@outlook.com) so that you can get the link for the meeting and further instructions in that regard.

Scheduled Committee Meetings:

- Board meeting, Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 8am via Zoom. Board members have received an email with the contact info.

Torrington/Winsted Rotary News and Reminders:

From the “Fun” chairman... Brenda DiCarlo...

“Let's start planning the Rotary Summer Social! It's a picnic on Friday evening August 16 at the Harwinton home of Donna Bielefield. Note this is a date change from earlier communications. Please contact me to get involved. I'm looking for Rotarians to coordinate food, activities, registration, what else? - Brenda 860-614-1371, brenda@insuranceagencyaccountants.com. “

Golf Tournament:

Rotary Golf Tournament Update

We are delighted to bring you the latest news on our Rotary Golf Tournament! Here's how things are shaping up:

Sponsorship Sales:

We have raised over \$30,000 in sponsorship sales. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are grateful for the support from our sponsors. BUT.... Our goal is \$40,000....Let's continue to drive this momentum and aim to hit our target! Latest updated Sponsorship spreadsheet is [attached](#) to this email!

Golfers:

We now have 30 Foursomes signed up, which means we're at full capacity! A stand by list is a possibility if vacancies arise on the day of the event. Contact the Golf Committee if you have a golfer(s).

Raffle:

Our raffle promises to be a highlight, with a wonderful array of items already collected. In addition, we are excited to introduce a new contest this year. Various items, such as umbrellas and bottles of alcohol, will be placed on the putting green. Contestants will get two shots to hit the prize(s) with a putt.

We welcome any donations for this new game, which will add an extra layer of fun to our event. Your contributions will make this contest even more enjoyable and memorable.

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. Together, we are making this Rotary Golf Tournament a remarkable event!

Best regards,

Rotary Golf Committee

For Your Edification:

NEW ZEALAND POLICE			INFRINGEMENT NOTICE		POL 405 9/2002	
Address for correspondence New Zealand Police Infringement Bureau PO Box 9147 Wellington			ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE LAND TRANSPORT ACT 1988		NOTICE NUMBER N 3735700	
TO USER OF VEHICLE	Forename(s) <i>Justin Alexander</i>	Family Name <i>LEE</i>				
Address <i>Auckland</i>						
Occupation <i>Accountant</i>	Date of Birth <i>23 / 6 / 1974</i>	Driver Licence Number <i>BP 086926</i>				
ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OFFENCE(S) DETAILS						
Date of Offence <i>23 / 6 / 1974</i>	Time <i>18:25</i> (24 Hour Clock)	Day of Week <i>S M T W T F S</i>				
Vehicle Type <i>Sedan</i>	Vehicle Make <i>Honda</i>	Reg. No. <i>AEH 924</i>				
Road/Street <i>STATE HIGHWAY ONE</i>	Locality <i>POKEROO</i>					
Offence Number <i>1</i>	Offence <i>Exceeded 100 kph</i>	Infringement Fee Payable <i>\$ 120</i>				

“When Auckland resident Justin Lee received the above speeding ticket back in 2004, he noticed a typo: according to said notice, the infringement in question had taken place 30 years beforehand, in 1974, on the day he was born.

His entertaining response to the authorities was read by Taika Waititi at Letters Live at London's Royal Albert Hall in 2019.” This is good:

<https://youtu.be/yRUtyCzful0?si=AoAwYH7CKC6mgxcp>

Birthdays:

Cassella, Larry..... 04 June

Tillotson, Ellen..... 11 June

Ponte, Tony..... 13 June

Tonon, Greg..... 15 June

Smith, Jake..... 19 June

Club Anniversaries:

Christian, Tom.....06/01/76.....48 years

Lavieri, John..... 06/01/69.....,55 years

Bender, Debbie..... 06/08/23.....1 year

Helt, Lou 06/08/23.....1 + 25? = 26 years

Brisco, Greg 06/10/03....., 21 + 5 in PA = 26 years

Magistrali, Michael..... 06/10/86..... 38 years

Bingham, Dustin..... 06/12/23.....1 year

McCormick, Brian, 06/18/85.....39 years

Ramsey, Frankl..... 06/26/07,17 + 7 = 24 years

Harding, William..... 06/30/83.....41 years

Upcoming guest speaker responsibilities:

Cassella, Larry..... Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Brian Mattiello / International Committee.....Tuesday, July 2, 2024

No Meeting (Post Golf Tournament)..... Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Debbie Bender..... 16-Jul-24

Edward Benecchi III.....23-Jul-24

Donna T Bielefield30-Jul-24

Open6-Aug-24

Greg Brisco13-Aug-24

Lesley M Budny20-Aug-24

Gina M Burrows27-Aug-24

John Capobianco3-Sep-24

Larry Cassella..... 10-Sep-24

Starling W Childs II.....17-Sep-24

Tim Cook24-Sep-24

Maria Coutant Skinner1-Oct-24

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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