



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

Last Week's Program:

Pat Power introduced us to Mike Michaud, the executive director of the Miracle League of CT who explained his personal connection and the organization's mission to us.

Having been heavily involved in West Hartford Little League he was part of the board of directors when it came time for planning a refurbishment and expansion of the little league playing fields. He explained how there was some space left over and having known of the Miracle League organization, the decision was made to convert that extra space into a baseball field suitable for disabled and physically challenged athletes. It took them three years to raise the funds but the project came to fruition and since then has grown considerably. This spring they plan on hosting a spring league for 140 kids and a fall league for 60-70 kids.

The organization has grown as well in its outreach to include programming which has nothing to do with baseball. They include activities that teach disabled kids how to bicycle, sailing, bowling leagues, a "Brick Club" meeting monthly for Lego fun, theater activities to include performances and more. He's proud of how the programming continues to grow.

It was a very informative and enthusiastic presentation and we were all very thankful for Mike's time with us and for the work that he and his organization does in the community! A link to the Miracle League's website is here: <https://www.miracleleaguet.org/>

His PowerPoint is also attached for your perusal.



This Week's Program:

Unless the weather forces a postponement...

It's the annual Golf Kickoff Extravaganza!!! There's a bunch of fun stuff planned AND...

Dedicated Rotarians know that this is one of the days where one's attendance is CRUCIAL. Golf packets will be handed out and we will be given our marching orders by Golf Committee Chairman Greg Tonin.

As members, by supporting the Golf Tournament fully... to the best of our abilities, we empower the club to complete its mission in our community. All that the Club supports each year financially, the community giving, the international giving, and the scholarships, derives from the money we raise through this tournament. Therefore... Tuesday is one of those rare times where attendance is necessary. The alternative is to revert back to citrus sales, daffodil sales, pumpkin pie sales, car washes, and any number of other mind-numbing tasks in order to raise funds... and no one wants to do that!



As a Rotarian, it's easier to be involved than ever. We are an inclusive club and we're well positioned now for members to join in the meeting either by their direct attendance or by Zooming in. Feel free to participate either way... and know that not participating 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.

Members have the option of attending the meeting in person or via Zoom:

Zoom Login:

Time: Tuesday March 14, 2022 12:10 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89424828923>

Meeting ID: 894 2482 8923

Passcode: 702744

Scheduled Committee Meetings:

- Board meeting, Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 8am via Zoom. Board members will receive an email with the contact info.

Torrington/Winsted Rotary News and Reminders:

1. Please know that Interactors will be joining us on March 21st; and how great it would be if we could show support with strong club attendance. Be there or be square!

2. Those same Interactors are hosting their post-pandemic, reconstituted Dodgeball tournament and we Rotarians are still looking for players and cheerleaders for our own team. The event is Thursday, March 16th 6pm @ THS. Proceeds from event will benefit Friendly Hands.
3. Several club representatives had the privilege of visiting with our esteemed colleague, Dr. Briggs, who found him “still sharp as a tack!” We miss you Harry and extend our best wishes!



For Your Edification:

As last Wednesday was International Women's Day, it's fitting that we mark the occasion by celebrating an American pioneer in aerospace, and her determination to be true to herself!



“Pioneering aviator Amelia Earhart was fiercely independent and wanted nothing to block her life’s path, marriage included. On the morning of her wedding on 7th February 1931, Earhart wrote the following letter to her fiancé and publicist, George Putnam, and reiterated her “reluctance to marry.” He later called it “brutal in its frankness but beautiful in its honesty.”

Noank
Connecticut

The Square House
Church Street

Dear GPP

There are some things which should be writ before we are married -- things we have talked over before -- most of them.

You must know again my reluctance to marry, my feeling that I shatter thereby chances in work which means most to me. I feel the move just now as foolish as anything I could do. I know there may be compensations but have no heart to look ahead.

On our life together I want you to understand I shall not hold you to any midaevil code of faithfulness to me nor shall I consider myself bound to you similarly. If we can be honest I think the difficulties which arise may best be avoided should you or I become interested deeply (or inpassing) in anyone else.

Please let us not interfere with the others' work or play, nor let the world see our private joys or disagreements. In this connection I may have to keep some place where I can go to be myself, now and then, for I cannot guarantee to endure at all times the confinement of even an attractive cage.

I must exact a cruel promise and that is you will let me go in a year if we find no happiness together.

I will try to do my best in every way and give you that part of me you know and seem to want.

A.E.

A year later, on 20th May 1932, Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean following a 14 hour, 56 minute flight from Newfoundland to Northern Ireland in her single engine Lockheed Vega 5B. Such a huge achievement resulted in coverage in newspapers

around the globe, including the *New York Times*; however, she bristled at headlines such as this, in that very paper on 22nd May:

MRS. PUTNAM FLIES ATLANTIC TO IRELAND IN RECORD TIME

She wrote this next letter to the publisher of the *New York Times* the next month

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AMELIA EARHART

Locust Avenue
Rye, New York -
28 June 1932

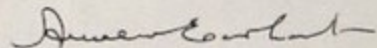
Dear Mr. Sulzberger:

May I make a request of the Times through you? Despite the mild expression of my wishes, and those of G.P.P., I am constantly referred to as "Mrs. Putnam" when the Times mentions me in its columns.

I admit I have no principle to uphold in asking that I be called by my professional name in print. However, it is for many reasons more convenient for both of us to be simply "Amelia Earhart". After all (here may be a principle) I believe flyers should be permitted the same privileges as writers or actresses.

I have written Mrs. Sulzberger to thank her for sending me the lovely orchids, and here are my thanks to you. It was pleasant, indeed, to be so remembered.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur Hays Sulzberger, Esq.
The New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Birthdays:

Michalowski, Gerald07 March

Ives-Groebel, Jennifer.....08 March

DiCara, Deirdre17 March
Langlois, Sarah.....17 March
Suhanovsky, Susan.....17 March
O'Connell, Douglas.....19 March
Brisco, Greg.....28 March

Club Anniversaries:

Suhanovsky, Susan03/04/14.....9
Oneglia, Cynthia.....03/04/97.....26
Coutant Skinner, Maria.....03/04/14.....9 years
Ryan, JoAnn.....03/14/00.....23 years
Quinn, Owen.....03/24/15...8 recent + 22 previous = 30 years

Upcoming guest speaker responsibilities:

GOLF KICKOFFTuesday, March 14, 2023
Ramsey, Frank D.Tuesday, March 21, 2023
Paul Harris Award Presentation.....Tuesday, March 28, 2023
Rovezzi, Guy.....Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Rovezzi, Robert.....Tuesday, April 11, 2023
Ryan, JoAnn.....Tuesday, April 18, 2023
Ryan, William P.Tuesday, April 25, 2023
Smith, JeffTuesday, May 2, 2023
Steck, JimTuesday, May 9, 2023
Suhanovsky, Susan.....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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