



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

Last Week's Program:

We were lucky to have with us 25 Interactors who were able to share in our meeting and a wonderful presentation by Marc Travella. Marc is the program director of the Western CT Mental Health Network Access Center / Mobile Crisis Team who shared with us the growing need for mental health services in our community.

Marc explained that (thankfully) the hospitalization of those with mental health disabilities is, for the most part, a thing of the past and he explained that there are a variety of ways that those in that population are now able to be part of and engage in greater society. His organization liaises with multiple other organizations and municipal departments in order to triage and properly help those experiencing a mental health crisis.

Their Mobile Crisis team is able to assess for the need for possibly in-patient hospitalization and he explains that as a social worker in that setting, he has the authority (despite wanting it to be an option of last resort) to mandate individuals be placed for their own and other's safety.

He explained that the local Mental Health Authority serves 17 towns in the Northwest Corner and that they have over 100 individuals on staff ready to serve approximately 300 clients. The services they provide are available to anyone and if they find an individual is entitled to government assistance, they can facilitate that help as well.

It was an enlightening talk and one that was good for our Interactor guests to hear. We thank Marc for his time and Frank Ramsey for arranging his visit!



This Week's Program:

Rather than try to reinvent the wheel, I share with you a wonderful press release that our own Cathy Coyle, Chairman of the Paul Harris Committee has crafted:

ROTARY ANNOUNCES PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Mr. Wayne Splettstoesz, Torrington High School Music Educator to receive the Paul Harris Recognition by the Rotary Club of Torrington & Winsted on March 28, 2023.

The eponymous award honors Paul Harris who founded Rotary in 1905. It is bestowed by local chapters of Rotary to individuals who demonstrate good will, social understanding and generosity in their local communities and in the world. In the words of Paul Harris, "Of the earth's sad and lonesome creatures, the most helpless are they who love not their fellowmen."

Wayne Splettstoesz is in his 27th year as Director of Instrumental Music/ Music Technology at Torrington High School. His music technology program has been nationally recognized and featured at All-State conferences in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Texas. The THS Music Program,

fondly known as “The Pride of Torrington,” was featured as a Best Practice for Music Education at the 2018 Audio Engineering Society High School Educators Conference.

Torrington has also been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation for its outstanding commitment to music education for the 22nd consecutive year - more than any other school district in Connecticut. The Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

Just this month, Mr. Splettstoesz was awarded The National High School Music Teachers’ Teacher of the Year for Connecticut. In 2022, Mr. Splettstoesz was nominated for a Grammy Music Educator Award. He was selected as one of 25 semifinalists from among 1205 nominees across 47 states. In 2009, Mr. Splettstoesz received the 2009 Mike Kovins TI:ME (Technology in Music Education) National Teacher of the Year award.

Wayne has good humor and motivates his students in a caring and supportive way. His bands are very inclusive. He is famous for finding someone who might want to march in the band and who only has rudimentary skills on a certain instrument, and welcoming them anyway, helping them to find a spot in the program.

Another of Mr. Splettstoesz’s attributes is his generosity of spirit and sharing his time well beyond what is expected in his official role. You will find him present at every band practice, football halftime show and parade. And, Wayne is always in attendance at district music events, helping elementary and middle school music teachers with their concerts, from arranging chairs to organizing the kids. Wayne’s commitment to music and to all the students in the district is truly worthy of recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow.

In addition to recognizing Mr. Splettstoesz, the luncheon will feature a performance by the Torrington High School String Quartet.

Mr. Splettstoesz will be honored at the Rotary Club’s weekly luncheon meeting at Greenwoods Country Club on Tuesday March 28, 2023 from 12 – 1:30 p.m. Guests are welcome. RSVP is not required. The lunch fee is \$12.

This is obviously another “Must See” event and the day will certainly be one to remember for Wayne. Please make sure you’re there to help the club celebrate this honor with him.

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Congratulations to Mr. Spletstoeszer for being awarded the National High School Music Teachers' Teacher of the Year for the State of Connecticut!! We love Mr. S.!! This is an honor well deserved!
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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 25, 2022 12:10 PM

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

Meeting ID: 894 2482 8923

Passcode: 702744 text

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:

From the Rotary history photo vault... try to identify this Rotarian:



Golf Tournament:

Golf Chairman Greg Tonon at the last meeting handed out Golf Packets to all members, the contents of which CLEARLY DELINIATED each of our responsibilities for supporting our Golf Tournament by earning points towards our requirement individually of 8.

The contents of that Golf Packet are attached to this email. Please familiarize yourself with ALL of the attachments and take action sooner rather than later as far as securing your points. Notable is that one of the attachments is a spreadsheet which lists the sponsors which were secured for last year's event.

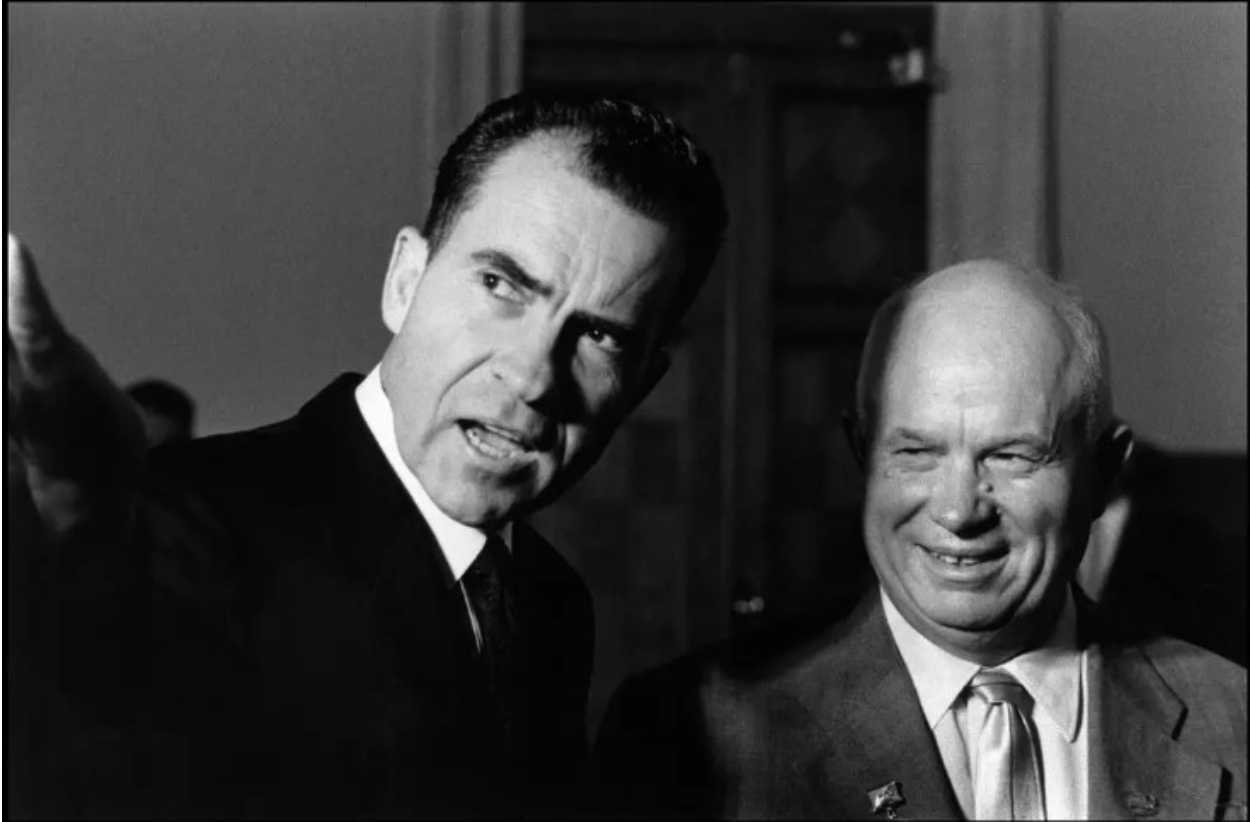
There is really no reason to let this go on longer than necessary AND securing Golf Tournament sponsorships early will place the club in a good position to fund our charitable giving for the next year. Don't Procrastinate!

"In delay there lies no plenty." - Shakespeare, "Twelfth Night" (Act II, Scene III)

For Your Edification:

"In 1959, Vice-President Nixon, speaking to members of California's Commonwealth Club, was asked if he'd like to see the parties undergo an ideological realignment—the sort that has since taken place—and he replied, "I think it would be a great tragedy . . . if we had our two major political parties divide on what we would call a conservative-liberal line." He continued, "I think one of the attributes of our political system has been that we have avoided generally violent swings in Administrations from one extreme to the other. And the reason we have avoided that is that in both parties there has been room for a broad spectrum of opinion." Therefore, "when your Administrations come to power, they will represent the whole people rather than just one segment of the people."

- Jeffrey Frank



Nixon in 1959, quite accurate in his critical assessment of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and that the Russians (nee Soviets) are one our geopolitical adversaries.

Birthdays:

- Michalowski, Gerald07 March
- Ives-GroebI, 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:

Rovezzi, Guy.....Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Rovezzi, Robert.....Tuesday, April 11, 2023
Ryan, JoAnn.....Tuesday, April 18, 2023
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
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,

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