



# The Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas

# **Tuesday's Today!**

#### Last Week's Program:

The weather on Tuesday was sufficiently snowy that we took the decision not to meet. Based on the feedback received, this news was welcomed by 99 % of all Rotarians who recognized that travel in such conditions would have been unnecessarily risky.

While travel on the roads was not a great idea, not everyone stays out of snowstorms on the east coast:

NPR Link: Scientists are flying into snowstorms to explore winter weather mysteries

https://www.npr.org/2023/02/27/1159197797/winter-storms-nasa-flights-weather-research



## This Week's Program:

Pat Power has arranged to have Mike Michaud, the Executive Director of the Miracle League of Connecticut, speak at this weeks' meeting. If you are not familiar with the Miracle League, its Mission Statement is as follows:

"The Miracle League of CT provides opportunities for Connecticut's children with physical and cognitive challenges to participate in recreational, educational and cultural activities in an accessible, nurturing and noncompetitive environment where families can come together to cultivate new friendships and experience the joy of play."

The Miracle League runs programs year round for kids with physical and cognitive challenges, and a major component of their programs is the Miracle League Field in West Hartford, a baseball field specifically designed for children with physical and/or cognitive challenges. The field has a rubberized surface that is fully wheelchair accessible, and other features designed to accommodate the needs of the players. Although the field is in West Hartford, children of all ages from all over Connecticut can join the League and play there.



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 7, 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, March 9, 2023, at 8am via Zoom. Board members will receive an email with the contact info.

#### Pet Parade:

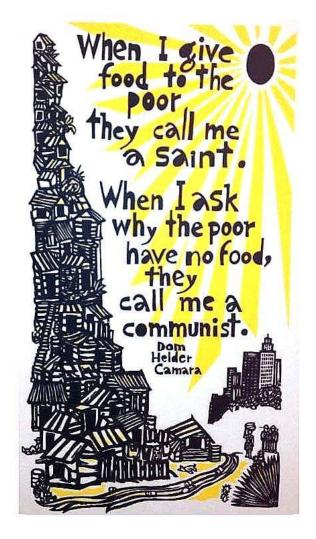
Pet Parade co-chair Larry Cassella sends along the following info regarding the committee and poster material distribution:

- Poster material distribution is starting on the 7th-8<sup>th</sup> of March. Thanks to Peter, Brian, Bill Harding, Bill Ryan, Jenn, Cathy, Greg Brisco, Karen Thomas, John for handling this!
- There is a Pet Parade Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 1 at 4:30pm at the Howd, Lavieri, Finch office in Winsted.

OVERALL TIMELINE: 85<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PET PARADE...MAY 20, 2023

POSTER BOARD TO SCHOOLS	WEEK OF MARCH 7-8
SCHOOL SPRING VACATIION	APRIL 7- APRIL 14
POSTER DEADLINE DUE DATE	FRIDAY, APRIL 21
PICK UP POSTERS @ SCHOOLS	MONDAY APRIL 24- WEDNESDAY APRIL 26
PARADE ENTRY FORMS TO SCHOOLS	MONDAY APRIL 24- WEDNESDAY APRIL 26
JUDGING ALL SCHOOL POSTERS	THURSDAY APRIL 27 @ TORRINGOTN 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 <sup>™</sup> ANNUAL ROTARY PET PARADE	SATURDAY, MAY 20 WINSTED @ 2PM

#### For Your Edification:



https://library.brown.edu/collections/skidmore/portraits/domHelderCamara.html

Dom Hélder Câmara (1909-1999)

#### Birthdays:

- Ives-Groebl, Jennifer......08 March
- DiCara, Deirdre .....17 March
- Langlois, Sarah.....17 March
- Suhanovsky, Susan.....17 March

O'Connell, Douglas.....19 March

Brisco, Greg......28 March

#### Club Anniversaries:

Suhanovsky, Susan	03/04/14	9
Oneglia, Cynthia	03/04/97	26
Coutant Skinner, Maria	03/04/14	9 years
Ryan, JoAnn0	3/14/0023	years
Quinn, Owen	)3/24/158 recent + 2	22 previous = 30 years

## Upcoming guest speaker responsibilities:

GOLF KICKOFFTuesday, March 14, 2023		
Ramsey, Frank DTuesday, March 21, 2023		
Paul Harris Award PresentationTuesday, March 28, 2023		
Rovezzi, GuyTuesday, April 4, 2023		
Rovezzi, RobertTuesday, April 11, 2023		
Ryan, JoAnnTuesday, April 18, 2023		
Ryan, William PTuesday, April 25, 2023		
Smith, JeffTuesday, May 2, 2023		
Steck, JimTuesday, May 9, 2023		
Suhanovsky, SusanTuesday, May 16, 2023		
Sullivan, KevinTuesday, May 23, 2023		
Sullivan, TeresaTuesday, May 30, 2023		
Tillotson, Ellen LTuesday, June 6, 2023		
Tonon, GregoriTuesday, 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 <u>not</u> the policy of the Club to donate funds raised from the Sergeant-at-Arms presentation to the organization represented by the speaker <u>on the day of the presentation</u>.
- 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: <a href="http://twrotary.org/">http://twrotary.org/</a>

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TWRotary/">https://www.facebook.com/TWRotary/</a>

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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