



The Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas

Tuesday's Today!

Memorial Day:

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

—Abraham Lincoln – November 19, 1863 - Gettysburg



Forest View Cemetery – May 26, 2023

Remembering those dedicated volunteers from Winchester who in 1861 knew sedition, treachery, and inhumanity when they saw it, and joined the fight against it. They died far from home and their bodies were never returned for burial. They considered themselves participating in a conflict which they appropriately termed a “War of the Rebellion.”

Pet Parade:

Tomorrow, Memorial Day, we'll be having our abbreviated Pet Parade, with our enthusiastic young marchers comprising a division of the regular Memorial Day Parade. Rotarians who are helping should be at 1 Lake Street (B.A.S.E) for "line-up and awards" at 10am. The marching will happen thereafter.



Last Week's Program:

Last week Maria Coutant-Skinner introduced us to Kathy Ohm, executive director of the YMCA's Youth Service Bureaus.

She began her talk by explaining in general terms that the mission of the Youth Service Bureaus was to "help youth and families find happiness." She then detailed thereafter several of the programs that are offered.

She described Camp Rising Star and explained some of the lessons that they hope to be able to teach the campers. She noted that through the use of a token economy which rewards good behavior, the kids can be granted the ability to go on field trips to fun places such as the Connecticut Science Center, Mystic Seaport, the Beardsley Zoo... And others. She outlined the "Leaders in Training program" which is an option for older teenagers who have aged out of camp which provides those kids an opportunity for further growth and responsibility and the opportunity to assume positions of leadership amongst their

peers. She explained that (among others) there are programs on literacy and etiquette in addition to the all the fun!

Kathy also explained the area Juvenile Review Boards. Kids who get themselves into trouble with the law, depending on the severity of the offense, have an option of going before these boards which are comprised of a probation officer, a police officer, school representatives, the student, the parents and a representative from the Youth Service Bureau. These are diversionary programs represent an alternative to traditional punishment.

She discussed the Torrington Teen Center and the Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut's Women and Girls Fund and how that fund in particular helps women to achieve their potential through the funding of internships, helping women for whom English is a second language and in general exposes women and girls to the fact that there's many different local options available to them in terms of their futures and potential careers.

It was a good talk and we were glad for the explanation as to both bureaus. Kathy is a very highly motivated individual who is clearly dedicated to the task and the YMCA is lucky to have her. Thanks to Greg Brisco for having facilitated her talk and Maria Coutant-Skinner for having introduced her.

This Week's Program:

As of press time, the details for this week's speaker haven't been fully vetted... but the talk this week is shaping up to be, as usual, interesting and informative.

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 May 30, 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, June 8, 2023, at 8am via Zoom. Board members will receive an email with the contact info.

Torrington/Winsted Rotary News and Reminders:

- We have the names of THREE prospective members that have been considered by the board and are now able to be published to the club. This process is strictly governed by the bylaws and therefore we are making notice of their names. (One of these folks is obviously very well known to us!) Please communicate any concerns to membership chair Cynthia Oneglia at coneglia@hotmail.com

Debbie Bender

Lou Helt

Dustin Bingham

- Susan Suhanovsky is making considerable progress in her hike across northern Spain on the Camino de Santiago. She'll be keeping a blog as she makes her way which she wishes to share with you here: <https://smsmarine.blog/> Navigate to that page and then click on the green "Join me in my pilgrimage" button for the most recent updates. There's already a bunch of incredible pictures detailing some of the sights that she's seen! Make sure you bookmark that link in your browser and follow her progress. For more information on the Camino de Santiago, see this link: <https://caminoways.com/camino-de-santiago>

Golf Tournament:

This notice from the Golf Committee is a big deal...

"Dear Rotarians,

The Golf Committee shares this (attached) spreadsheet that shows sponsors pledges and payment received as of 5/22 and the Rotarian who is getting the points for the sponsorships.

Please take a look. If your sponsors are not on the list and you have contacted them, please follow up. If you have not started to get your points, please make time to do so. We are 63% of the way to our sponsorship goal of \$31,000. If we don't hit that goal, we won't hit our proceeds goal of \$50,000. If you have questions, contact a member of the golf committee or email Cathy Coyle ccoyle@brookermemorial.org. On a positive note, we have 26 foursomes committed. Hoping for at least four more to get to 120 golfers."

For Your Edification:

"We [have a] need to aspire to something greater." – Michael Kimmelman

Last Wednesday was the 140th Anniversary of the opening of the Brooklyn Bridge. Years ago, I first became aware of the incredible story of the building of the bridge having read a book by David McCullough. The PBS website presently hosts Ken Burns' UNUM series. "UNUM is a new way to explore American history through scenes selected from across our over 40 films. We're constantly curating new topics, providing historical context for the conversations we are having today"

This particular link takes you to a page full of multimedia links celebrating the Bridge... the construction thereof, the importance of the Bridge to NYC, what the building of such a thing said about America in the 1870s... and much more. If you have ten minutes or two hours, take some time on this Sunday morning to investigate:

<https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/unum/playlist/featured#unum-chat-walk-brooklyn-bridge>



Birthdays:

Healey, Jason.....14 May
Marchand, Bill.....17 May
Sullivan, Teresa.....24 May
Ramsey, Frank.....31 May

Club Anniversaries:

Sollitto, Frank.....05/01/67.....56 years
Geddes, Jeff.....05/04/22.....1 year
Libby, Jerry.....05/08/79.....44 year
Marchand, Bill.....05/11.....45 years
Power, Pat.....05/17/16.....7 presently +39 previously = 46 years
Fusco, Jeanne.....05/17/16.....7 years

Tonon, Greg.....05/30/17.....6 years

Upcoming guest speaker responsibilities:

Tillotson, Ellen L.Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Tonon, Gregori.....Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Guy Rovezzi.....Tuesday, June 20, 2023

OPEN.....Tuesday, June 27, 2023

INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY.....Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Donna Bielefield.....Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Brisco, Greg.....Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Cassella, Larry.....Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Cerruto, Gladys Y.Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Oneglia, Cynthia.....Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Coutant Skinner, Maria.....Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Coyle, Cathy.....Tuesday, August 22, 2023

DiCara, Deirdre.....Tuesday, August 29, 2023

DiCarlo, Brenda.....Tuesday, September 5, 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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