



The Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas

Rotary Matters!



Last Week's Program:

Cathy Coyle introduced Ian Campbell of the Black Bear Music festival to us, and he proceeded to give us a great background on the event!

He explained that this is now the 6th year of the event and that each year it has grown because of word-of-mouth. He described the event each year as a community of kind, caring, giving people who are working together to try to create a space where artists can create magic! This year, there are scheduled over 50 separate acts!

He described how there are several different performance stages/tents. And for the performing artists, it is an “opportunity to commune with other people and appreciate their talents.” He explained how additionally the opportunity for vendors who are tangentially associated with the music industry to be there has grown as well and one of the goals for the organizers is to make sure that the vendors that participate are able to make a profit while appealing at the same time to the crowds that are attracted to the event.

Ian explained how there are opportunities for sponsorship and for volunteering and he noted that to be involved either way is proving to be rewarding for those involved.

He concluded his time with us with a little bit of the performance and a wonderful song that he wrote about his adopted community... “My Town.”

Here's a great video of him performing the same song at the Black Bear Music Festival in 2019:
<https://youtu.be/pXD14GZRogk?si=47DSeOb664p60qDZ>



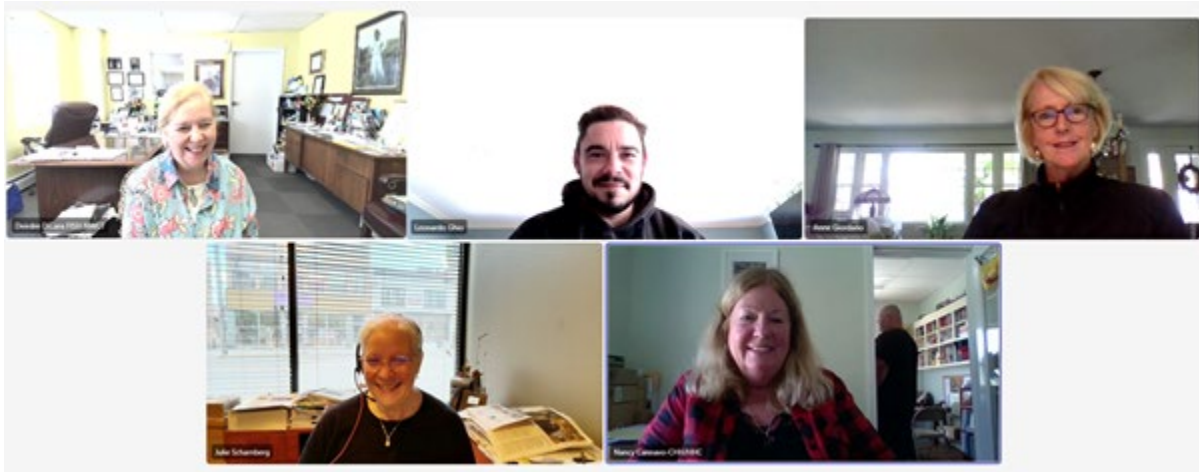
This Week's Program:

Our Own Humanitarian Crisis in NWCT -

Homelessness has increased in our region, throughout our State of CT, and across the country. The overwhelmingly negative impact of this hardship on so many of our neighbors, including those who work full-time, may be retired on Social Security, or may be in a health crisis, or facing other reasons, and who are currently homeless, or who may be imminently homeless, cannot be understated. Providing for those who find themselves without safe shelter during the coldest months of the year continues to present a significant challenge for our rural, NWCT region. Since the emergence of COVID, this effort has been built from scratch each year in different locations, leveraging different operators, and dependent on inconsistent funding sources. The 2023-2024 seasonal cold weather initiative hosted at Trinity Church and operated by the NWCT YMCA in Torrington, served 136 unduplicated clients including 3 families with 12 children.

This week's presenters - Nancy Cannavo - The Gathering Place (New Beginnings) and CHH/HHC, Julia Scharnberg - Northwest CT Community Foundation, Anne Giordano - EdAdvance, Leonardo Ghio - Northwest Hills Council of Governments, and Deirdre DiCara - FISH/Friends in Service to Humanity of NWCT - frequently hear from caring community residents expressing concern and asking how they might help. And this is the case from several Rotarians.

This great happy smiling photo derives from our presenters' recent prep session. Please reward all of their work and effort in preparing by attending this week and participating in this important talk.



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, November 14, 2024, at 8am via Zoom. Board members will receive an email with the contact info.

Torrington/Winsted Rotary News and Reminders:

- Following on Christina Oneglia's visit to our club two weeks ago, the offer has been extended to any Rotarians who wish, to have a tour of the new THS/TMS work site. The project is nearing completion and it's quite a sight to behold. If there is interest, the tour would happen this upcoming Tuesday, the 15th after our weekly meeting. If you wish to take this tour... please email Cynthia at coneglia1@icloud.com This will allow her to judge if there is interest and for her to get a head count. (Cynthia informs at the time of this writing that 7 folks have committed to the tour so this WILL happen. If you're interested in joining please email her as above... it's not too late.)
- It might interest some of you to know that the chance to win big is increasing each week! There's only 11 cards left in the deck and the progressive weekly jackpot stands at \$1192. You can't play if you're not at the meeting! Come see if you can draw the Ace of Clubs!

For Your Edification:

Biden seen here sending another hurricane to a red state using his Storm-O-Matic 3000.



Birthdays:

Bingham, Dustin.....01 October
Malanca, Rista.....02 October
Fusco, Jeanne.....October
King, Robert.....13 October
Emery, Christina.....13 October
Hall, Lee.....20 October
Cerruto, Gladys.....25 October
Ryan, William.....26 October
Childs, Starling.....30 October

Club Anniversaries:

Langlois, Sarah.....10/01/13.....11years
Capobianco, John.....10/04/23.....1 year
Rougeot, Paul.....10/07/08.....16 years
Michalowski, Gerald.....10/12/84.....40 years
Burrows, Gina.....10/26/23.....1 year

Upcoming guest speaker responsibilities:

Brenda DiCarlo22-Oct-24
Christina Emery29-Oct-24
DISTRICT GOVERNOR5-Nov-24
Jessica Gueniat12-Nov-24
Jeffrey M Geddes19-Nov-24
Maria Gonzalez26-Nov-24
Jessica E Gueniat3-Dec-24
Lee Hall10-Dec-24
William G. Harding..... 17-Dec-24
CHRISTMAS EVE: NO MEETING24-Dec-24
NEW YEAR'S EVE: NO MEETING31-Dec-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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