

Rotary

Club of Fairfield



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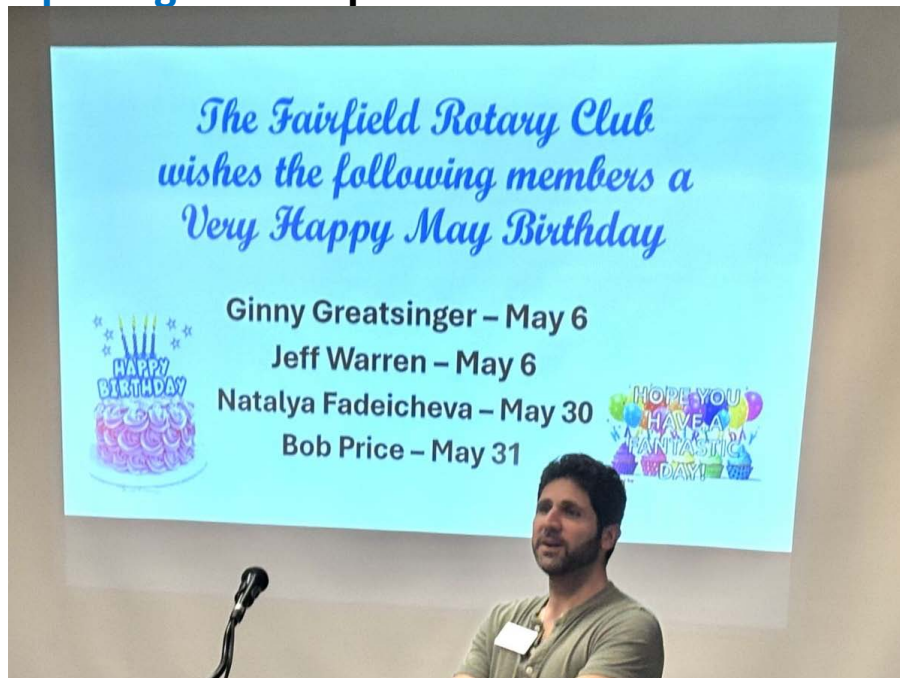
Drummer Notes

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May 5, 2025

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Opening: Alon Sapir



Here are this month's birthdays.

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Pledge: Mark Perlman



[Mark Perlman](#)
Programs Chair



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Community Service
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Birthdays

TJ Elgin
August 22nd
Harry B. French
August 24th
Bruce F. Carter
August 25th
Daniel Walsh
September 3rd
Janet Barillari
September 16th
Barbara Welles
September 16th
Ben Williamson
September 17th

Wedding Anniversaries

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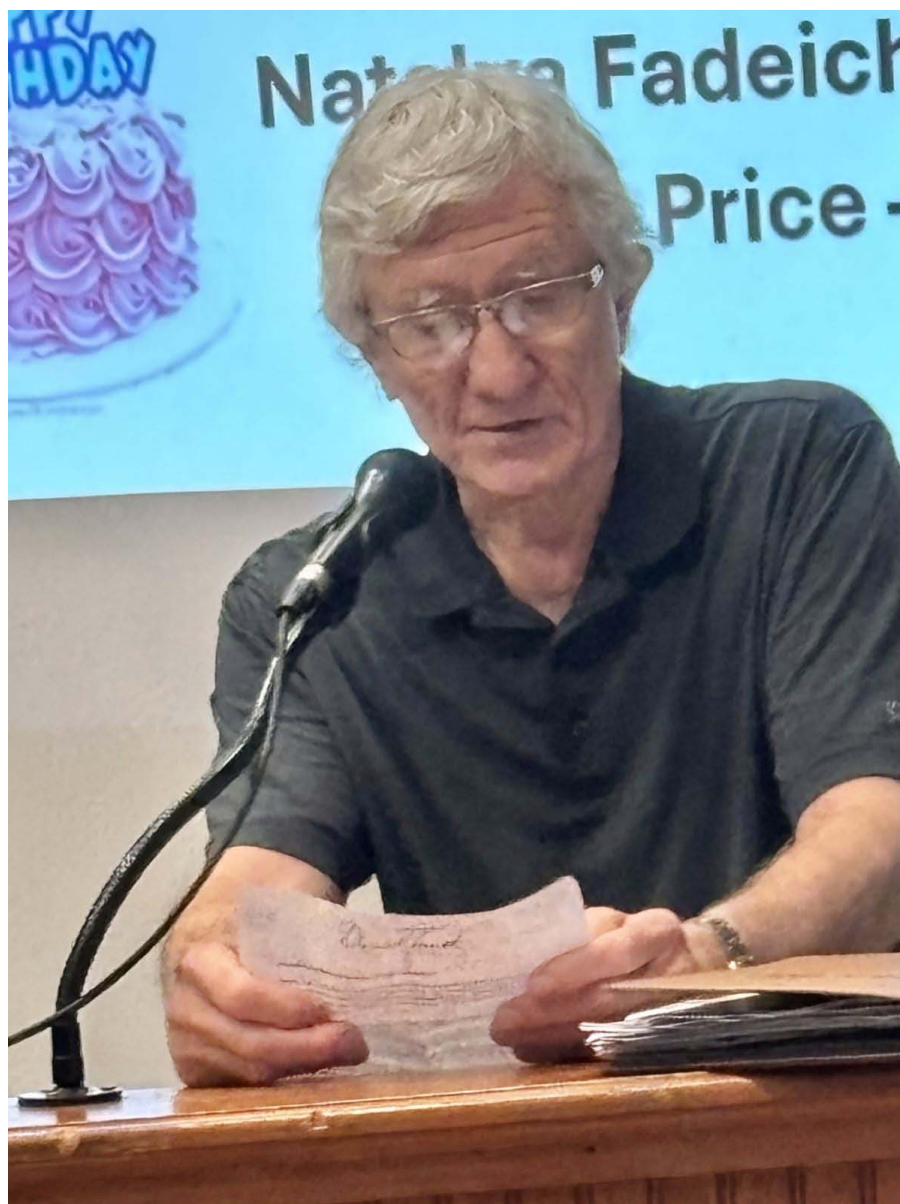
Years of Service

Guy C. Hatfield
11-01-1985
39 Years
Douglas Williams
11-01-1993
31 Years
Thomas J. Walsh Jr.



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Invocation: John Hoover sites Marcus Aurelius. It was pithy, but the editor didn't write down what it was about. No excuses.

11-01-1999
25 Years
Robert B. Price
11-01-1999
25 Years
Deborah Clancy
11-07-2005
19 Years
Chad Stewart
11-07-2005
19 Years
Robert D. Russo
11-10-2014
10 Years
Noor Deeb
11-16-2021
3 Years
Wadie Boutros
10-31-2022
2 Years



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Song: Bob Price leads us in singing “My Country Tis of Thee.” What is a ‘tis of thee’ anyway?

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Visiting Rotarians: No one signed the sheet.

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Guests:

Scott Nichols: Guest of Beverly Balaz

Jennifer Farrington: (the last time as a guest)

Adele Jacobs: speaker

Jaime Seltzer: other speaker

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Member Induction:

Jennifer Farrington: sponsored by her neighbor, Sheryl Shaughnessy, Jennifer is a third generation Rotarian. She knew she was in the right place when she moved to Fairfield, and we know she is in the right place here in

Fairfield Rotary.

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Announcements:

- 1 **Bob Vossler** was thrilled with the success of the Shred Fest. The unofficial poll he made of how people knew of the event was 80.063% signage, 18.937% Fairfield Patch, and 1% 'who knows?' He thanked everyone involved as we made a bunch of money.

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2 **Bill Llwellyn** is glad we have 100 golfers signed up for the tournament on **May 12th**. The Brooklawn Club is again the venue, and as always, a few more raffle prizes would be appreciated.

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3 **Dan Walsh** informs us that a couple of jobs are available at the tournament.

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Just Because:

1 **Pat Matteson** went out to Iowa (aka 'fly over country') for the wedding of her nephew. Good family times were had, and the bride was a ballerina. When was the last time you had a ballet dancer at a wedding? (Not last month, for sure.)

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2 **John Hoover** reminds us the ***"Sister Act"*** is being performed by the Fairfield Center Stage the next two weekends. There will be six performances.

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3 **Brendan McKeon** had a great time at Disney World meeting with some old friends. They got older, and he didn't. We only have time, and we should spend it well. We are not 'Peter Pan'.

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3 **Mike Pida** is back after orthopedic surgery. Yale did a good job.

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4 **Bob Vossler** is happy about how smoothly the Shred Fest went, thanks to great team members Gary, "MEA the Glue", and many others.

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5 **Sheryl Shaughnessy** thanks **MEA, Gary Nealy, Bob Vossler** and everyone that made the Shred Fest a success.

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6 **John Harrington** has his boat in the water. Cocktails are being served. Call for your invitation to be validated on a day with good weather.

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7- **Bruce Carter** was in Massachusetts selling of a toy train collection for an estate. If you have a family member who has rooms in their home impassable because boxes and boxes of toy trains are covering the floors, contact him.

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Speaker: Adele Jacobs & Jaime Seltzer presented the “Voices of Hope” program to the club.

‘Inspired by the vision of Alan Lazowski and established by the families of Holocaust survivors across Connecticut, Voices of Hope’s bold mission is to promote a culture of courage to stand up against hatred through Holocaust and genocide education and remembrance. Voices of Hope is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization.’



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This holocaust remembrance program has grown to involve many communities over several states. Its impact has been significant, but recently the hatred for

Jews has been rekindled, particularly in some universities. History doesn't repeat itself, but sometimes it rhymes, and that is what is happening now.

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The current ostracism, beatings, and humiliation of Jews is reminiscent of the 1930s.

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We should be concerned, and we should speak up. We can start by telling the college students we know:

Never Again.

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-**Raffle:** The money is safe, tell **Janet Barillaro**.

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Next Week: Golf at the Brooklawn