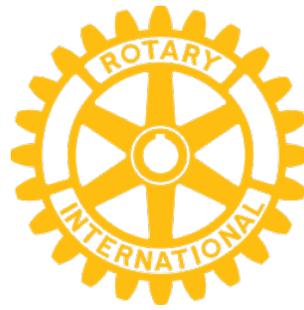


Rotary

Club of Fairfield



Drummer Notes

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Rotary Meeting

April 28th, 2025

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Opening: Alon Sapir brings the meeting to order, sort of.

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Pledge: MEA

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Invocation: John Hoover: Who congratulates **MEA**... he discusses the various ways of service found in our Rotary Club.

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Song: Bob Price, Welcome to Rotary

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Visiting Rotarians: None, but not a problem, because we had lots of...

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Guests:

May Guedes this is her last time as a guest!!

Scott Nichol guest of **Sheryl Shaughnessy**

Isabelly Goulart guest of **May Guedes**

Mo Moussa guest of **Mark Perelman**

Jennifer Farrington guest of **Sheryl Shaughnessy**

Jennifer Jennings guest of **Dan Walsh**

Michelle Cheng guest of **Mike Jehle**

Bill Gerber our keynote speaker

(Thank you all for printing clearly on the sign in sheet.)

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New Member Induction:

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No story selected for story_2
No story selected for story_3

Club Leaders



Alon Sapir
President



Jeff Warren
Secretary



Janet Barillari
Treasurer



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Asst. Treasurer



Ben Williamson
Public Image Chair



Deborah Clancy
Rotary Foundation
Chair



J. Vance Hancock
Sergeant-at-Arms



John Hoover
Youth Services Chair



Tom Sansone
Membership Chair



Beverly Ann Balaz
Fellowship Chair

Steve Elworthy
Programs Chair



Mark Perlman
Programs Chair



Timothy G. Russell
Community Service
Chair



William Llewellyn
International Service
Chair



Douglas Williams
iPast President

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

No Wedding Anniversaries
Found

Years of Service

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

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May Guedes was inducted today and that makes her our newest member. She lives in Fairfield and hails from Brazil. She came to the US five years ago, is married and is in the auction business. She also has a new puppy.



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Announcements: Some will be familiar...

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Familiar Announcement #1: Bill Llewellyn is happy we have lots of golfers for May 12th. You *may* remember it is at the Brooklawn Country Club. We could use a few more raffle prizes. All looks good. Now we need the weather.

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Familiar Announcement #2: Dan Walsh lets us all know there are a few key slots for volunteers to participate in the golf tournament.

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Familiar Announcement #3: Bob Vossler reminds us about the **Shred Fest** *this Saturday*. He needs a few volunteers to 'round out' the event on the second shift. Please please help if you can.

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Announcement #4: Jeff Warren announces that we have “*Rotary Hats*”. See him so you can wear one.

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Announcement #5: Sheryl Shaughnessy lets us know that **Paul Greatsinger** is having ACL surgery and will be unable to pitch for the Mets for the rest of the season.

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Announcement #6: Alon Sapir welcomes our guests and soon to be new members.

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Just Because:

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Sheryl Shaughnessy thanks everyone who came for the *Norm Parcels Luncheon* where we honored our own **MEA!**

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Peter Penczer congratulates **MEA** for her recognition as a Norm Parcels awardee. He also announces that he is celebrating his 65th wedding anniversary. Did you know he got married after having only *eleven dates* with his wife? Good choice Peter!

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Bruce Carter is celebrating his 52nd wedding anniversary. Bruce took *eleven years* to tie the knot.

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May Guedes is happy to be a new member! We are happy to have her.

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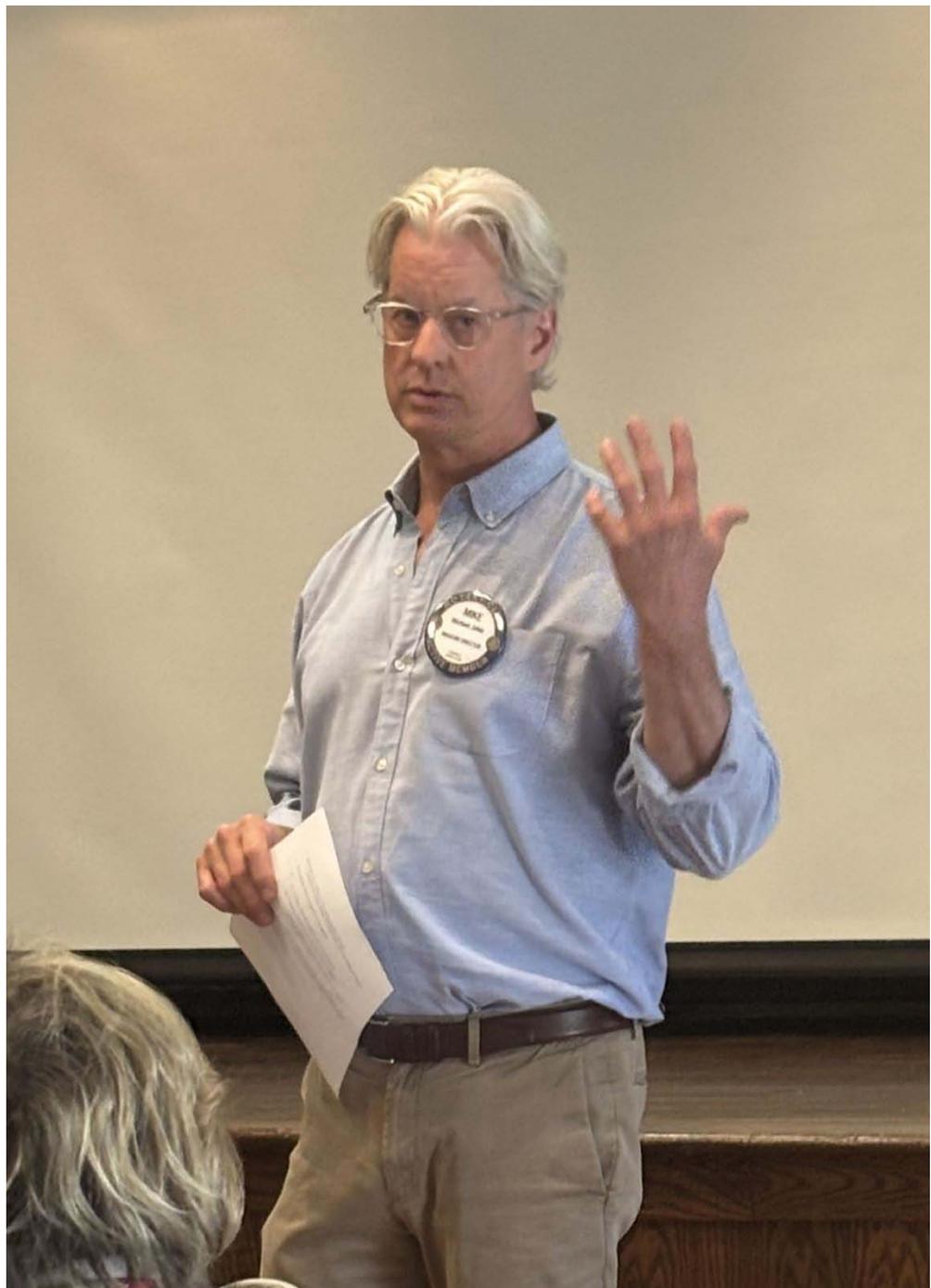
John Lee mentions that we have had two auctioneers who were very active and productive Rotarians years ago.

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Speakers: We have two speakers to speak at the meeting! A double header!

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The first at bat is **Mike Jehle** giving us an update as to the exciting goings-on at the Fairfield Museum.



32,000 visitors a year of which 12,000 are students enjoy many different programs. **Michelle Cheng** discusses the 250th anniversary of the country when they will have different copies of the Declaration of Independence.



A new mural depicting the burning of Fairfield by the British will be painted in time for the celebrations. A lot is going on! Don't miss it!

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Bill Gerber gives us the scoop as to what is happening in the town, some pretty good and some not so much.



In the 'not so much' department he notes that a state law allows builders to bypass local zoning regulations if they build multiple housing units with a certain percentage being 'low income' units. These are helpful as they allow government service employees to live nearby avoiding long and expensive commutes. Not so helpful is their size and sometimes locations.

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He notes the budget is tight and increases in taxes may be around two percent. This is all mathematically interesting as the mill rate and the tax rate changes everything and who knows what will happen to individual taxpayers.

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Some changes he made: we have a new law firm, a new position of Communications Director, a first time Lobbying firm and lastly but not leastly a capital projects committee.

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In other words, there will be more oversight as to the direction of our community. Thanks Bill!

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Raffle Chris Caranos and Doug Williams draw losing cards

4- way test: Yup, did them again... This time **Sheryl Shaughnessy** knew them all. Good job Sheryl

Next Week: C U at *Brooklawn Country Club* for Golf. **Bill Llewellyn** may be there. Don't miss him!