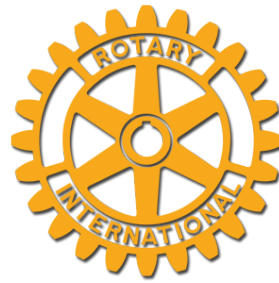


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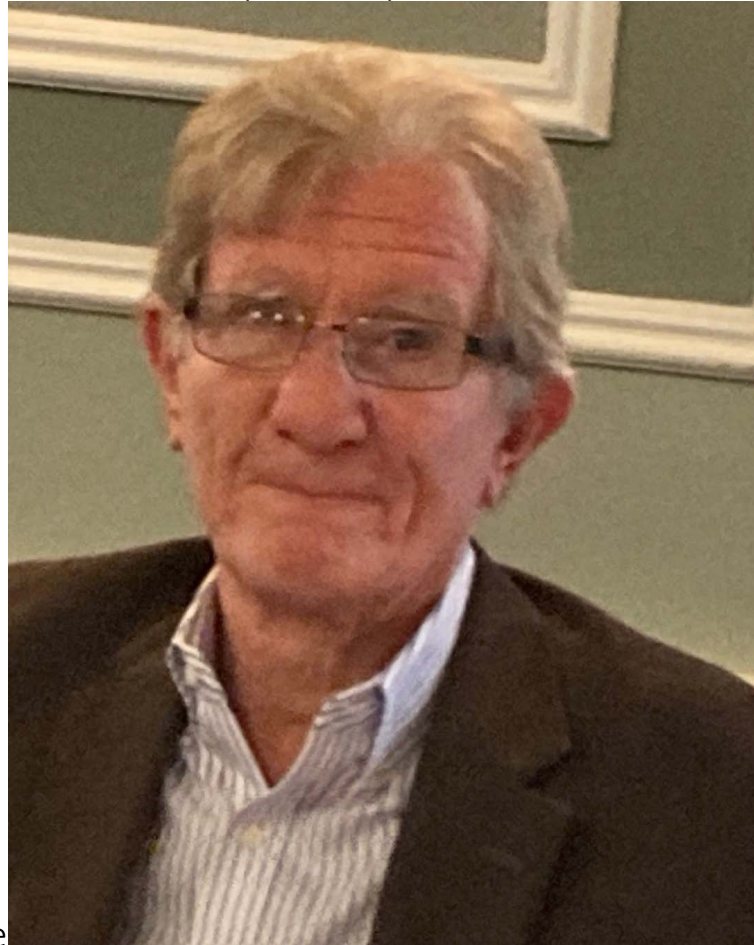


Beverly Ann Balaz
Fellowship Chair

Rotary January 23, 2023

There is a lot going on in Rotary... a big crowd at our meeting had fellowship and learned quite a bit from our speaker... Here is the Story...

Meeting called to order 12:32 by Sean Flynn



Pledge: Everyone

Prayer: **John Hoover:** On Commitment

Song: **Bob Price:** Viva La Rotary... sung with harmony too...

Guest:



Robert J. Vossler
Programs
Chair



Barbara Welles
Community
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Chair



William Llewellyn
International
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Birthdays

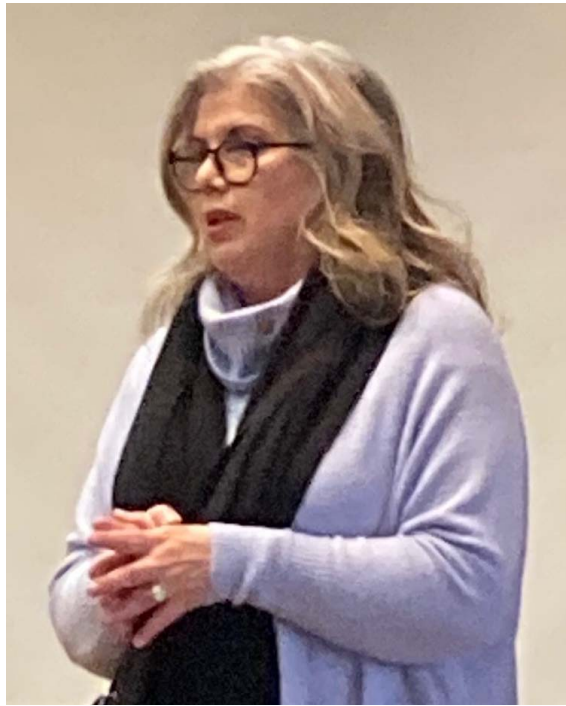
Chad Stewart
July 8th
Mary Carroll -Mirylees
July 10th
Heidi Schmenk
July 10th
John Harrington
July 10th
Noor Deeb
July 11th
Richard J. Huber
July 14th
Margaret Hodgkins
August 2nd

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
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Years of Service

Sheryl A



Gina Giannone- Our newest member in a few minutes.

Andrea Caldwell- She is wanting to be a member! Cool...

Sherri Daley:

Chris Craynos:

Sunil Mehta:

Visiting Rotarian:

Alon Safir: Tribury Club, but joining us soon...

Phil Dwyer: Traveled the shortest distance for a guest.

Announcements:

Bill Llewellyn There is a Super Bowl Raffle fundraiser- There are Captains who will sell you a box on a chart and you might win and if you do you will have \$\$\$\$ and so will our club's foundation... and that's pretty cool. You should buy a box from one of our captains: Sherl, Ginny, Sean or Paul Greatsinger. Also Gary Kealey, Vance, Debbie Clancy and the now famous Doug Williams. (see below)

On May 15th there will be a golf tournament. All clubs allowed.

Ginny Greatsinger: We are having a trip to the new SHU hockey rink... February 10th. We will have a box! Tickets are available on the SHU site and half of the revenue goes to our club... a great deal and a great deal of fun for all.

John Lee: Our February 3rd meeting will be at the Rescue Mission at 725 Park Ave. It is right near 95, and is easy to get to. We will have a tour of the facility and of course our lunch.

(Charlie Karp recorded a generic rescue mission song and you can hear it at CGTM2016.com Song #10)

The Food Truck might come back...

Beverly Balaz: Fairfield Chamber of Commerce presents the "2023

Shaughnessey
08-01-1988
34 Years

Richard J. Huber
08-01-1989
33 Years

Kevin Lesko
08-01-1993
29 Years

Adam Bajko
07-29-2013
9 Years

Beverly Ann Balaz
07-07-2014
8 Years

Rena Fortuna
07-07-2014
8 Years

Economic Outlook Breakfast". 7:30am at the Brooklawn Country Club. RSVP by January 26. 203-255-1011. The date? February 1.

Doug Williams: the community awards is already here again! March 4th local people who have made a difference in our town will be honored. If you have some one you thing may deserve the honor, contact Doug.

Sheryl Shaughnessey: Walter Dunn's wife passed away. By the time you read this the services would have been held.

Bob Vossler: He would have had a dollar or two for the future members we see on the horizon, but he was not here.

Ginny Greatsinger: There is a Rotarian from Budapest whose daughter needs a connection to a squash league.

Pat Matteson: From India is a Rotarian's daughter who needs a job in this area. A job in cyber security is desired.

Sheryl Shaughnessey: Stephanie Phillips will be our District Governor in a couple of years. Congratulations Stephanie!

Doug Williams:



Will be featured in the Rotarian Magazine. **This is a big deal!** Congratulations is in order.

Just Because \$\$\$\$:

Peter Ambrose: Peter brought us up to date on our former member, **Marge Tracy.** She is in Colorado and, to no one's surprise, is helping students who are interested in music. Marge ran an incredible music & theater program with our club for many years.

Peggy Hodgkins: is glad to be back and we are glad to see her.

Chad: He is back on track after his son had a tumor removed. His prognosis is good.

New Member Induction:



Gina Giannone was inducted by her sponsor, Rena Fortuna. Gina lives in Greenfield Hill and is publishing “Greenfield Hill Neighbors”, “Easton Neighbors” and more. She grew up in the Bronx and worked in NYC for a while. Check out her business here:

https://www.facebook.com/greenfieldhillneighbors/?business_id=711893192217303

Program:

We were honored with a visit from Larry Hatheway who is at Fairfield University. The topic, **Today’s Economy.**

Professor Hatheway was born in Columbia, and due to his marriage and extremely good luck, is now in the Fairfield area and working at Fairfield University.

He discussed if we could see an economy with declining inflation without ruining the economy. We are off to a good start on accomplishing that. Has the rate of change gone down? Yes. Will prices go up? Yes, but slower... But up they will go. Total employment is lower, but the rate of unemployment is lower (very low). Many job vacancies exist but are not being filled.

“Immaculate Disinflation” just might happen.

Some parts of economy are softening, particularly housing. There will be layoffs in construction? Home sales will be slower. If you layoff employees, can you get them back if you need them? Unemployment might go up a bit anyway.

Stock Market? Eh...

Will we default? Legislation’s borrowing is limited by law.

Newt Gingrich started the movement to actively limit the growth of the debt ceiling by threatening shutdowns. Then Jim Bayner was elected speaker, and negotiations lasted three years and there was another shutdown. To continue, Jim Bayner gave in to the Tea Party but allowed the Republicans to ‘vote their concious’, so the next possible shutdown was avoided.

Now with a divided government, there is another push in having negotiations for controlling spending by using a threat of a shutdown.

Democrats do not want to debate spending controls.

Larry will not predict what will happen, especially if we run out of cash and default. Will the financial folks downgrade debt? Republicans who represent purple districts may vote to raise the debt limit.

Editorial Comment:

It you missed the meeting; you can see we had a very informative speaker. We did have a high turnout, but we would like to see all of you at once!

Door Duty

*** IMPORTANT ***

Please arrive 15 minutes early PROMPTLY at 12:00 noon to get set up.

Please read and follow instructions from Treasurer Janet in the cash box regarding accounting for and depositing money.

January 16, 2023	No Meeting	Holiday
January 30, 2023	Jim Hisey	Sam Topal
February 6, 2023	Peggy Hodgkins	Peter Ventriglia
February 13, 2023	John Hoover	Tom Walsh
February 20, 2023	No Meeting	Holiday
February 27, 2023	Gary Kealey	Dan Walsh
March 6, 2023	Mike Jehle	Barbara Welles
March 13, 2023	Joseph Worthington	Doug Williams
March 20, 2023	Steve Layton	Robert Russo

Smile for the Day

I am at the edge of my comprehension of my complications.

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