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# Drummer Notes

Rotary Meeting  
October 7, 2024

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**Opening: Alon Sapir**

**Pledge: Kevin** was that you?

**Invocation: John Hoover** and Saving the Children

**Song: Bob Price & "Hurrah for the Flag of the Free"**

Sung to the tune of "Be Kind to Our Friends in the Swamp"

(Not *that* swamp, the wetlands swamp.)

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**Visiting Rotarians:**

**Ron Holtz, ADG**

**Steve Layton**

**Guests:**

**Arianna Romanelli: Save the Children**

**Jeremy Bocco: Save the Children**

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**Memorial Comments:**



## Birthdays

Margaret Hodgkins  
August 2nd  
Stephanie J. Coakley  
August 11th

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries  
Found

## Years of Service

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  
11-16-2021  
3 Years  
Wadie Boutros  
10-31-2022  
2 Years

**Alon Sapir** remembers that today is the first anniversary of the attack on Israel. He is hopeful Israel will find peace and the hostages will be returned.

## Announcements:

**John Marshall Lee** reminds us about Read Aloud Day which will be at Marin School on October 25th. 8:58am.

1 **Alon Sapir** discusses the Ukraine fund raiser by Westport Sunrise Club. \$\$ welcome.

2 **Tim Russell** needs eight volunteers for Golden Hill on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Prep & Pack has two shifts, !:30 and 3:30

3 Halloween on the Green is on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

4 **Tom Sansone** is looking for even more walkers for Alzheimerâ€™s on October 27th.

5 **Bill Llewelyn** needs sponsors and prizes for the One Club tournament on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rotary International is a sponsor.

6 **Ron Holtz**, ADG, discusses the Hurricane Supplies which will be collected **TOMORROW** Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have Rotary covered by **Channel 12**. You are encouraged to stop by Stop & Shop and shop for supplies. Say *Stop at Stop & Shop and Shop for Supplies* five times quickly. See you there.

7 **Chad Stewart** dedicates the Beer Garden proceeds to Rotaryâ€™s Hurricane Relief Fund. Armored Vehicles will be standing by for Security. October 19, 2024. Set up at 10:00, take down at 4:00. Drinking between those two times. Set Up & Take Down volunteers may qualify for a dedicated driver. MUSIC PROVIDED.

8 **Alon Sapir** electronically introduces Marshall who is raising funds for Ukraine Aid International. Help if you can. Super Speed water filtration to help those without potable water.

## Just Because:

1 **Steve Layton** announces that right after the Beer Garden there will be a music program just across the street at First Church. 4:00pm

2 **Janet Barillari** announces that **Sheryl Shaughnessy** will have shoulder surgery shortly and will be indisposed. (if thatâ€™s not the right word, she will be laid up)

3 **Mary Mirlees** mentions she was at Stratford-on-Avon where they donâ€™t know how to pronounce â€œAvonâ€. Anyway, there was a boat race event thingy where 50 racing teams participated and raised a boat load of money. Just sayinâ€!

4 **Chuck Dikko** thanked everyone for a warm welcome. He remembers Israelâ€™s October 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A general overview of how adults who canâ€™t resolve their differences end up in wars that harm children terribly was presented.

### **Other Business:**

Gathering supplies for our Hurricane victims on **Tuesday, October 3** is important. See if you can make it to the Westport Stop & Shop between 9:00ish and 1:00ish.

**Speaker: Save the Children**, from right here in Fairfield!

**Mark Perelman**, Program Chair Extraordinaire (PCE) introduces **Arianna Romanelli** and **Jeremy Boccolo**.

The Save the Children organization has been assisting children since 1919 at the close of World War I. It had a major expansion in the 1930s and continued to grow to where it is now in 115 countries. Their work saves and improves childrenâ€™s lives all around the world. Health, Education, Safety and the tools needed are provided.



Eglantyne Jebb was the founder and declared that children had rights too. They have a right to be fed, get medical care, receive an education, be protected and to be given the tools to overcome poverty

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This was a very impressive program and an indirect reminder that the luncheon meetings are productive for our members.

**Raffle:** we drew two tickets and destroyed two cards from the deck! Getting Closer to a winner.

**4-way test:** Yup, did them again!

**Next Week:** No meeting but we will see you at the **Beer Fest** on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Town Green. 10:00 to 4:53. (53 minutes for take-down)

### Door Duty Instructions

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

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**\*\*\* 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.

#### Guest Policy:

Students, speakers, and guests are free.

Prospective members: 1<sup>st</sup> time it's on Rotary; 2<sup>nd</sup> time sponsor pays; 3<sup>rd</sup> and following the prospective member pays

### Dues Payment

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

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**Please mail your dues check to Janet if you have not already done so!**

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## Gift Card Sales

By Norma J. Peterson on Tuesday, August 3, 2021

## Gift Card Sales

**When you buy a gift card, you not only get the full value of the card; you earn the Club additional dollars for use on Club programs and projects.** If you purchase a \$100 gift card for Stop & Shop or Home Depot, you get a \$100 gift card to that store. And, because the Club uses a specific vendor to initially purchase the gift cards, the Club receives a percentage of the values of the card back from the Vendor. A Home Depot card may pay the Club back 3%, or Lands End may pay %10. Again - You get Full Value; the Club gets varying percentages back from the Vendor. It will vary by card.

What doesn't vary is the fact that the Club gets money when you use the Gift Cards on things you'd spend money on anyway - Amazon, Whole Foods, Dunkin Donut, Stop and Shop; and so many other stores and services.

**Contact George Markley for more information or to purchase gift cards. Via e-mail: [gcmarkley@aol.com](mailto:gcmarkley@aol.com) or via cell phone: (203) 913-3708**

Don't forget to ask George about some particularly high percentage cards that will really help Our Club. Over the last 12 years of gift card sales, the Club has raised over \$100,000 for use on Community Service Projects like building a garden at the Columbus School in Bridgeport, or \$1,500 to End Polio Now, or funds to support building a new School Playground in Uganda, or provide emergency medical supplies during Covid to seniors in our community.