

# Rotary Club of Fairfield



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## Birthdays

Sheryl A Shaughnessey  
October 31st  
Renato Gasparian  
October 31st

## Drummer Notes

### Welcome To Rotary!

### Fatherâ€™s Day Poem at the End

### Meeting Called to Order: Doug Williams Pledge

### Invocation: John Hoover:

We have great weather

**Song:** Bob Price leads us in â€œTake Me Out to the Ballgameâ€

(Who remembers Cracker Jacksâ™ Prizes?)

### Visiting Rotarians:

Phil Dwyer from Bridgeport

### Guests:

Neil Abrams

### Posting for Membership in the Fairfield Rotary:

**Brendan McKean**

### Announcements:

1. Doug Williams: We have no speaker, today. We have a June 11 meeting. â€œPass the Gavelâ€ is on June --- 6:00pm at the Fairfield Museum. We do go two weeks without an official Monday meeting.
2. Bill Llewelyn announces that we made about \$21,000 from the Golf Tournament.
3. The Memorial Day Parade fund raising for â€œHomes for the Braveâ€ brought in \$1,800.
4. Pat Matteson reports that seven volunteers worked at Habitat for Humanity and two walls were assembled.

### Just Because:

1. Bill Llewelynâ€™s daughter finished her sports career with scoring and assist records that will endure for a long time.

She starts here marine career shortly in the Gulf of Mexico.

1. Dan Walshâ€™s daughter is a star performer in hockey, and Dan is getting antsy about his daughter getting a call from an Olympian encouraging her to go even further in the sport. Does Minnesota call?
2. Alon celebrated his sonâ€™s first birthday. Alon

Douglas Williams  
November 1st  
Timothy G. Russell  
November 4th  
Peter A. Penczer  
November 5th  
Gina Giannone  
November 5th  
William Llewellyn  
November 7th  
Tom Kelty  
November 9th  
Steven Heffer  
November 13th

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

No Wedding Anniversaries  
Found

#### **Years of Service**

Douglas Williams  
11-01-1993  
30 Years  
Thomas J. Walsh Jr.  
11-01-1999  
24 Years  
Robert B. Price  
11-01-1999  
24 Years  
Deborah Clancy  
11-07-2005  
18 Years  
Chad Stewart  
11-07-2005  
18 Years  
Ben Williamson  
11-22-2005  
18 Years  
Robert D. Russo  
11-10-2014  
9 Years  
Noor Deeb  
11-16-2021  
2 Years  
Wadie Boutros  
10-31-2022  
1 Year

had a mixed blessing when he was laid off when his employer downsized.

3. Pat Matteson has a cousin who played second base in "Field of Dreams." No comments on Peanuts or Cracker Jacks. The Blessing of the Fleet is in Southport this Saturday, and you might want to meet up with her at The Southport School at 9:16am.
4. Do not get a kyak blessed, you may sink.
5. Beverly will miss the Blessing of the Fleet because she will be tagging horseshoe crabs while they are laying their eggs on the beach.
6. Steve Elworthy made some comments about that, but the notes taken are illegible.
7. Ginny Greatsinger has been married for 35 years. She is celebrating partially by becoming the President of the Exchange Club. (She is not, to our knowledge, exchanging Paul.)
8. Chad Stewart had a Just Because letting us know that the club's Foundation Meeting went well at the Fairfield Museum. Vance Hancock will be the new President. Chad emphasized that all is well with \$50,000 in scholarships granted and almost \$50,000 in other grants distributed.
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If Debbie Clancy were here she would let us know that there were four scholarship applicants this year, down from approximately 20 last year.

**No Speaker and no Other Business:**

**Raffle:** no winners

**4-way test**

Next Week: Who? What?

A friend of Bruce's asked that memorial lyrics for her father be written for his services. Below is the result.

## **My Old Man**

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**My Old Man has passed, riding off on his last train-  
His three lessons are left on the station platform,  
Like him: Very simple, very plain-**

**-  
I can see him at the throttle,  
Looking far down that lonely track-  
He's got no choice, he's moving forward-  
There is no coming back.  
â€”-**

**God knows I miss you Daddy:**

**No longer can I ask for your adviceâ€”**

But you left me lessons on the station platform -  
They'll just have to suffice -  
â€”

I know what the first one is:  
The truth I have to say-  
It's important but the hardest:  
To always say the nicest way.  
â€”â€”

But when I've messed up myself  
And I'm feeling really down:  
The truth might help me get my act together-  
So I can continue onâ€”  
â€”-

The second is for me-  
To take care of myself:  
Pay attention to what goes in my body:  
I have to have my health:  
â€”-

For I am God's creation,  
That I was a gift to my Dad  
A thousand times he told me-  
For that I am forever glad:  
â€”-

The third one is my attitude:  
I can suffer or I can thrive:  
Choose gloom and depression  
Or be thrilled to be alive-  
â€”â€”

You know what I chose, Daddy  
I live my life with many smiles-  
I know that you saw them  
As we traveled lifetimesâ€™ miles:  
â€”-

God knows I miss you Daddy,  
No longer can I ask for your advice-  
But I'll follow those lessons on the station  
platform:  
Thanks for leaving them. That was so very niceâ€”  
â€”â€”

# Rotary

The Meeting Ended with the Four Way Test.

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**Photos from Meeting August 16, 2021** - Courtesy of Steve Layton

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