

# Rotary

## Club of Fairfield



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### Birthdays

## Drummer Notes

### Rotary Meeting September 16, 2024

- Meeting was **opened** by **Alon Sapir**, our President-

- **Pledge: Crystal Engram**, our ADG

- **Invocation: John Hoover** had a good one.

- **Song: Bob Price** led us in "Welcome to Rotary"  
He must have noticed our District Governor was here!

Wanted to make a good impression, and when we ended singing in harmony, mission accomplished! (unlike last week)??

### Guests:

**Crystal Engram, Bob Friend DG, Chuck Dikko**  
(Chuck is a future member)

### Announcements:

1 **Sarah & Chris Cranos** are having a Karanti Fest on September 28<sup>th</sup>. 5 Bands will assist in raising funds for cancer research.

2 **Tom Sansone** also reminded us that we have a team for the Alzheimer's™ Walk on October 27<sup>th</sup> when the weather will be perfect. Don't forget it. "Fighting Fairfield Rotarians" will step up to the challenge.

3 **Bob Vossler thanks Jay Tini**, who led a great team effort to pull off the "Paddle Fest". We raised \$3,500!! He did schedule the next fest for September 6, 2025. (that is a quote, not a typo.)

4 **Alon Sapir** covers for Bill Llewellyn in reporting that 108 golfers will bring 108 clubs to the One Club Tournament in November 2, 2024, approximately 51 years before the next Paddle Fest. Sponsors are loved and needed. (or needed *then* loved) at the Fairfield Wheeler golf course.

4 **Pat Matteson** reported on the **Community Grant**

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

Steven Heffer  
09-01-2015  
9 Years

John Harrington  
08-23-2023  
1 Year

Tom Kelty  
09-01-2023  
1 Year

**Program.** We are using  
â€œ[SurveyMonkey.com/r/2024RotaryGrant](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024RotaryGrant)â€ to take  
applications easily.

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7 Our next meeting after that will be held on Thursday  
(not Tuesday) September 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be a  
â€œ**Membersip Meeting**â€ at the Brew Port. Put this  
on your phone calendar so that it beeps at you when it  
is time to leave. Brew Port is in the middle of the Route  
8-25 and 95 interchange. Take the exit ramp just **before**  
the double ramp that goes north to 8-25.

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If you miss and take the wrong ramp, pulling a U-ee is  
not advisable. There are big clunky lane dividers in  
your way. Take the first exit, make three lefts in a row.  
You will be going south on 8-25. Then make the first  
right and Brew Port will show up on your left. If you  
miss the exit, refer to your map-quest. It will tell you  
that you are hopelessly lost.

### Just Because: Tons & Tons of them.

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1 **Sheryl Shaughnessy** says â€œThank Youâ€ to **Bob  
Vossler & Jay Tini** and all of the Rotary Team, of which  
there were many.

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2 **Pat Matteson** went clamming and ended up with  
more oysters. Now an expert in standing in mud. Goey  
toe nails still affected. (GTN syndrome)

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3 **Crystal** has been *Rotarized* by **Bob Vossler**.

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4 **Bob Friend** honors **Bob Vossler** and **Crystal**.

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6 **John Marshall Lee** gives us an update on Haitians and  
a Health Foundation. \$10 to the Rotary Funds.

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7 **Doug Williams** hits 40 years three times! His job, his  
home and his wife, who he married at minus one years  
old.

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8 **Ginny Greatsinger** (welcome back) congratulated and  
thanked Ben Williamson for his website expertise  
(heâ€™s great!!).

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9 **Chuck Dikko** was moved by **John Lee**â€™s Haitian  
comments and adds \$20 to the fund.

## 10. John Harrington

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11 **Ben Williams** has a son who is off to college, Ben is looking for the money that was in his account just last monthâ€¦!

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12 **Peter Penczer**'s son visits.

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13 **Alon Sapir** welcomes our visitors and speakers.

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14 **Bob Vossler** Adds \$40 to the fund for Paddle Fest and all those who helped.

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## Program Notes



Sherly Shaughnessy and Crystal introduce our District

Sherry Shaughnessy and Crystal introduce our District Governor, Robert Friend.

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Bob discussed the value of Rotary, which, by the time he was through, we knew was invaluable.

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So many members leave Rotary each year, about 300,000. 300,000 new members are needed to replace them. Fairfield has two members added (we count Chuck Dikko early) so RI needs only 299,998 to go. He notes it is extremely important in ensuring the health of clubs now and in the future.

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The question to be answered is: How do we keep them? We should stay in touch! "How are you doing?" Maybe say "Here's \$1,000. Where do you want it to go?"

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In Rotary we are taking a journey for peace, and Bob displayed a peace post for us to think about. Peace does start within ourselves, and we might then send the message to others.

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Have you been to an RI conference? No? Go to Calgary!  
=**Join us in igniting an irresistible fire that unites Rotarians and the entire Southern Connecticut community in a journey of unparalleled impact and inspiration!**=

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Let us make this year a big growth year for our club by using "Touch & Talk."

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**Raffle** Money is safe.

**4-way test** Well done, duly impresses the DG!

**Next Week:**

Brew Port on Thursday 6-ish until ? our Membersip Meeting!

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