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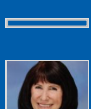
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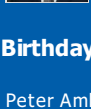
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Birthdays

Peter Ambrose
December 13th
Beverly Ann Balaz
December 15th

Rotary Meeting

Date February 26, 2024

Pledge: **Debbie Clancy**- although "Grandma" wasn't here for a while, she remembered the words.

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Invocation: **John Hoover**: on the Black History Month and the need for unity.

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Song: **Bob Price** and "This Land is Your Land" 1956- Woodie Guthrie (you knew that)

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Visiting Rotarians: Phil Dwyer from Bridgeport



Announcements:

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1 **Barbara Welles: Prep & Pack** at Golden Hill Church 1:30pm to 4:30pm- two shifts- a great chance to Pig Out on desserts on March 6th.



Peter Ventriglia
December 22nd

Wedding Anniversaries

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Years of Service

Norma J. Peterson
12-01-1995
29 Years

Deborah Clancy
11-07-2005
19 Years

Chad Stewart
11-07-2005
19 Years

Ben Williamson
11-22-2005
19 Years

John Hoover
11-29-2010
14 Years

Robert D. Russo
11-10-2014
10 Years

Noor Deeb
11-16-2021
3 Years

Gary Kuhn
11-13-2023
1 Year

JoAnne P Williams
11-13-2023
1 Year

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2 **Bob Vossler**: The **Shred Fest** (aka *Shred the Evidence*) will be on April 15th. 8:10am set up to the end, which will be about 1:00pm. Short shifts, you donâ€™t have to stay the entire time. IRS will not be there.

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3 **Bill Llewelyn**: The date for our spring **Golf Event** is May 1st at the Brooklawn Club. Sponsors are needed; think about approaching a new business. Also, this is a good time to look for new members. Lots of clubs are allowed in the bag, a **big** improvement from his last event.

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4 **Norma Peterson**: Gift Cards are still being sold. Order by the end of this week and you will get them quickly. Profit\$ go to the club.

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5 **Sheryl Shaughnessy**: The Westport 100th is coming up. Sign up online.

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6 **Pat Matteson**: Habitat for Humanity is perking along. There will be a day when we can all pitch in. Sheâ€™ll keep us in the loop.

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7 **John Hoover**: The **Famous Four Way Test** contest will be at the club on March 11th. This would be a great meeting for us to come out in force and support the students. Support John too, as this is his signature event for a long time. Thanks John!!

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8 **Alon Sapir**: Our â€œFire Side Chatâ€ for new members is upon us, February 29, 2024. If you are one of the Magnificent Nineteen you should come.



9 **Debbie Clancy** reminds us that the scholarship season is here. Applications are on the club site. Lots of bucks, \$6,000 three times.

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10 **Alon Sapir**: Theres a big event in New Haven where our International President will be the featured event

our international President will be the featured event. March 11 will be "Charting Peace" and the RIPE is Stephanie Urchick.



The above photo was placed here as it had nowhere else to go...

Just Because:

1 **Debbie Clancy**: her one month old grandson is doing fine.

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2 **Barbara Welles**: her one month old grandson is doing fine, after being born at home. Yikes!

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3 **Noor Deeb's**™s twins celebrated their 16th birthday! Congratulations! (She should fill out scholarship applications now.)

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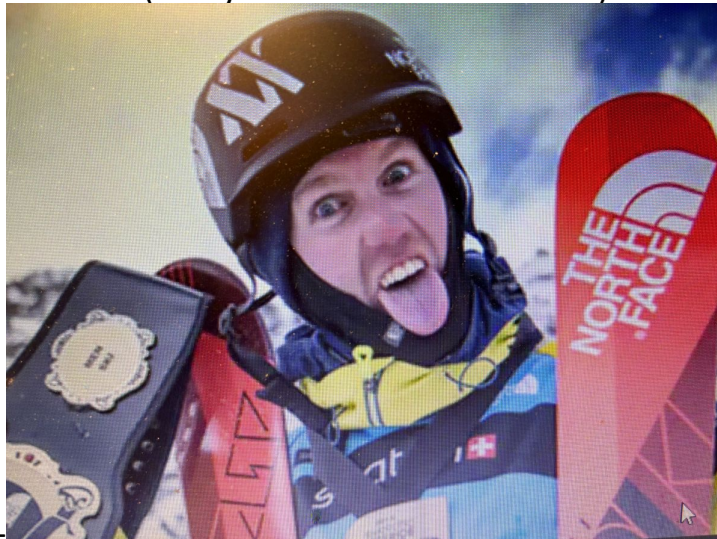
4 **Sheryl Shaughnessy** says welcome back to Janet.

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5 **Janet Barillari** says she is glad to be back.

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6 **Bob Vossler** noted that his grand daughter is a skiing instructor, and when the snow falls in New Zealand, she will continue the job Down Under. Check out the photo of **Sam Smoothy**, her *Main Squeeze*. The Kiwi won first place in Free World Tour event held in Andorra (and you know where that is)



Two hours of sitting by a fireplace in the lodge enabled his frozen tongue to be returned to his mouth.

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Speaker: Steve Elworthy introduced **Tim Bishop**, the head of Fairfield's Conservation Department.



Tim Bishop is a breath of fresh air here in the town. His department has 7.5 employees and four of them are in the field.

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They watch over our wetlands and open spaces. Flood control is important, and that includes keeping the tide gates operating. Shell fish are monitored and we are #1 in Connecticut in that area.

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"App Maps" will be available soon, so you will

know where you are when you get lost on our town's extensive trail systems.

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Spotted Lantern Flies are a big invasive insect problem. Get rid of Trees of Heaven if you have them, and the SLFs will have trouble eating.



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Above: Tree of Heaven is straight from....

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Goats! We need goats! Contact Tim and he will feed them all sorts of weird plants! (We have no research done on what goat cheese will taste like after they eat to their heart's content.)

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Important Comment:

[John Lee](#) lets [Steve Elworthy](#) know that his hard work getting speakers is appreciated.

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Raffle: Nope, no winnahs.

4- Way Test: Nailed it!! (finally...)

Next Week: Who? What?

information that is not much needed, but that's OK.

Remember, recycling helps save the environment.

Next Week Door Duty List.

Date	Name	Name
/February 5		
February 12		
February 19		
February 26		
March 4	Paul Greatsinger	Ben Williamson

Meeting Next Week !! Don't Miss It!



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When an employment application asks who is to be notified in case of emergency, I always write, "A very good doctor".