

# Rotary Club of Fairfield



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Sean Flynn  
iPast President

## Birthdays

Peter Ambrose  
December 13th

Beverly Ann Balaz  
December 15th

## Rotary

January 29, 2024

**Meeting:** was called to order by **Sean Flynn**

Pledge: **Everyone**

Invocation: **Jim Hisey**'s prayer was for **Fr. Charles Allen**.

Song: **Bob Price** sings one verse of song when he sent out two verses. "Beautiful for Spacious Skies" was not as musically spacious as it should have been. It was more like "Beautiful for Partly Cloudy Skies."

### Guests:

**Tony Hwang:** our state senator representing us up in Hartford.

**Susan Lowry:** a guest of **Pat Matteson**

### First Posting for Membership:

**May Guedes**

### Announcements:

**Bill Llewelyn** is doing the Super Bowl pool. \$20 per box! Please see him before the game. \* see **below**

The Shred Fest is conveniently scheduled for the weekend *after* taxes are due. **Bob Vossler** guarantees that all your evidence will be totally destroyed and unrecoverable on April 20, 2024. He proceeded to mention the Paddle Fest will be on September 7, 2024 but he has thirty Meeting Days before the event, so he must want to get us ready! Don't forget to volunteer for the Shred Fest. \* see **below**.

### Just Because:

**Sheryl Shaughnessy** reminisces about Father Charlie Allen, whose impressive memorial services were on Saturday.

**Rena Fortuna** also remembers Charlie and what a great loss his passing is to our community.

**John Lee** recalls Fr. Allen also, and has a donation to the club in his name.

**Bob Vossler** recalls his sense of humor and incredible memory.

**Debbie Clancy** is now a granny. They are making grannies younger and younger.

**John Vossler** had a granddaughter get married. Fortunately, the guest list hovered around 200 or so! It is good when the young-un's cut back on expenses. Coming up is a grandson's marriage that will be at the top of a mountain in Vermont. Does the young man know the marriage will all be down-hill from there?

### Guest Speaker

**Tony Hwang**, our State Senator, gave us some great insights to what has been going on in Hartford. It appears that our state legislature actually gets some stuff done. One of the bigger

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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legislature actually gets some stuff done. One of the bigger concerns is the cost of energy, and it is a bit upsetting when you realize that some of our providers are foreign owned. Also, the energy companies had lobbying expenses that were billed back to the consumer. (That's u\$, folk\$.)

A bi-partisan (really) commission led by Marisa Gilette has nailed some of the foolishness perpetrated by the energy perps and has tightened up on rate increases. Thank you Marisa!

Health insurance coverage was discussed and the rate increases coupled with hospital budget issues seem to be almost insurmountable. It was pretty cool to hear Tony refer to our Four Way Test. It was almost possible to think he had been here before.

Here's a photo of the funny spotted box (FSB) that will bring you much needed information. There may even be some information that is not much needed, but that's OK.



**\*below:** these announcements are recycled from last week's Drummer.

Remember, recycling helps save the environment.

**4- way test:** We got them all

Next Week Door Duty List.

| Date        | Name              | Name             |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|
| /February 5 | Debbie Clancy     | Tracy McMillan   |
| February 12 | Stephanie Coakley | Norma Peterson   |
| February 19 | No Meeting        | Still No Meeting |
| February 26 | Noor Deeb         | John Harrington  |
| March 4     | Paul Greatsinger  | Ben Williamson   |

## Meeting Next Week !! Don't Miss It!

### CHUCKLE 1

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