

Rotary Club of Fairfield



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Drummer Notes

Rotary Meeting
September 9, 2024

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

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Pledge: Done

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

â€œTo the world you are one person.

To one person you may be the world.â€

(Good luck topping that one next week, John.)

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Song: We are led by our song master, **Bob Price**

â€œThis Land is Your Landâ€ from the 1960s

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New Member Posting:

Chuck Dikko sponsored by **Bruce Carter**

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Announcements:

1 **Tom Sansone** reported that the turnout for Golden Hillâ€™s â€œPrep and Packâ€ was terrific. 50+ people came to enjoy the fruits, vegetables and fish of our labor. (Plus: donuts, cakes, cookies and croissants, the four major dessert groups)

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2 **Tom Sansone** also reminded us that we have a team for the Alzheimerâ€™s Walk on October 27th when the weather will be perfect. Donâ€™t forget it. â€œFighting Fairfield Rotariansâ€ will step up to the challenge.

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3 **Chad Stewart** is excited that we have a donor for the beer at the Beer Garden event to be held at the Sun Tavern October 19th. We will make money! You go boy!

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4 **Pat Matteson** has available a time share at the Manhattan Club that sounds like a really good deal. See her about it. Better yet, talk to her.

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5 **Pat** also reported on the **Community Grants Program**.

We are using

â€œSurveyMonkey.com/r/2024RotaryGrantâ€ to take applications. If you are sponsoring someone for a capital gift, work with them so the requests are most effective and follow the rules established. Some in the

Birthdays

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

Guy C. Hatfield
11-01-1985
39 Years
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

effective and follow the rules established. Some in the club might note that **John Hoover** did not make the presentation. John has done many years of terrific work for our community, and has wrapped up his fruitful career as head of the program. Thank you, John, you were the world to many organizations. Awards will be given out on December 2nd's meeting.

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6 **Alon Sapir** (still president at 12:56pm) reminded us that **Robert Friend**, our District Governor, will be meeting with us. This is a great time for newer members to be brought up to speed with what Rotary does beyond the club level.

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7 The next meeting after that will be held on Thursday (not Tuesday) September 25th. This will be a **Happy Hour Extended** (HHE) at the Brew Port. Put this on your phone calendar so that it beeps at you when it is time to leave.

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8 **Tim Russell** did a great job organizing the Golden Hill **Prep & Pack**.

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9 There will be a **7:30am Board Meeting** at Chip's Restaurant Thursday. These meetings are run efficiently so you will get to work or Pickle Ball on time.

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10. **Bob Vossler & Jay Tini** led a great team effort to pull off the **Paddle Fest**. See report below.

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Just Because: Lots of them, here we go!

1 **Sheryl Shaughnessy** says **Thank You** to **Bob Vossler & Jay Tini** and all of the Rotary Team at the **Paddle Fest**, of which there were many.

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2 **Mary Carroll-Mirlees** went to the Tennis Hall of Fame where Vejay Amritraj was honored for his service to the game. He was one person who was the world to many.

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3 **Chad Stewart** is a Giant fan (still?) and **Tony Hwang** got him a hat signed by many UConn players. A complicated story. Speak to him for details. The Drummer editor can only write so fast.

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4 **Vance Hancock** mentioned that he located some of the Covid 19 viruses. They were in his body, but they have since been evicted. They moved on to **Bob Vossler**. He is doing well in spite of the new residents in his body. Perhaps Bob could have closed his border.

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5 **John Harrington** dropped a C-Note (\$100 bill, not the **Every Good Boy Does Fine** one) because he won a bundle at the casino. Thank you! **Paddle Fest Budget**

bundle at the casino. Thank you! Paddle Fest budget take C-note.

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6 **Harry French** missed the Paddle Fest, wished he was there.

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7 **John Lee** admired the Golden Hill project. He also received cataract surgery and a hair-cut. Both life changing events.

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Program Notes

Tom Sansone is our Membership Chairman and he is off and running. Our goals for the club are at least six net new members which would bring us to about 72.

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Bruce Carter designed a "Touch & Talk" membership drive system inspired by Mark Anthony Caruso, a speaker at the PETS meeting last March. (President Elect Training Session)

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Forms for tracking your Rotary comments and conversations with potential members were distributed.

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New members are extremely important in ensuring the health of the club now and in the future. Let's make this year a big growth year for our club.

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Raffle

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Next Week:

Our Rotary District Governor, **Robert Friend**.

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Paddle Fest thoughts and comments:

The many Rotarians who were volunteers started showing up at Jennings Beach at 8:03am. Bob Vossler and Jay Tini had covered all the little details, and the big ones too. Everyone knew what to do or knew who to ask. Bagels and Cream Cheese. Check. Greeting and Registration Table. Check. Event Shirts. Check. Membership Drive Table. Check. Sponsor Tents. Check. Enrollment, Record Keeping location. Check. 90 participants with friends and families. Check. Police presence on the water and land. Check. Personal Paddler's Packets, Check (say *that* three times fast...)

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While the weather was cool and cloudy, our spirits were warm. It was a great event for everyone. Did we mention the band was "just right" blending their music perfectly with the atmosphere we wanted for our participants?

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Early Reports are we raised about \$3,000.

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The only improvement would be to make the weather man an honorary member. Tom Sansone will take the application.