

Rotary

Club of Fairfield



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Rotary

"Gift Cards. Contact Amron. Museum Grant Proposal on way bottom"

Meeting called to order 12:32 by Sean

Pledge: Everybody

Prayer: **John Hoover:** An Irish Prayer (the one with wind at your back)

Song: **Bob Price:** "Irish Eyes" (They just keep smiling. What do they know we do not?)

Guess What Holiday is Friday? Not Sure? SS hints below...

Visiting Rotarians:



Programs
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Barbara
Welles
Community
Service
Chair



William
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Service
Chair



Virginia A.
Greatsinger
iPast
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Stephanie D.
Philips
Assistant
District
Governor



Phil Dwyer: First time visitor! Welcome Phil!

Guests:

Mark Barnhart: Community and Economic Development

Announcements:



Sean: A board meeting of our Foundation was held, and there is a proposal to support the Fairfield Museum. Mike Jehle made a pitch for us to refresh the permanent exhibits. We will vote on this in next week's meeting. Sheryl Shaunessy suggested we review some of our major gifts the last three years so we can have a better understanding of our club's financial direction. Data will be forthcoming. **It Forthcame, see below.**

Birthdays

John Hoover
March 24th

Kevin Lesko
March 28th

Robert D. Russo
April 5th

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

Robert D. Russo
11-10-2014
9 Years

Noor Deeb
11-16-2021
2 Years

Wadie Boutros

10-31-2022
1 Year



Ginny: The “Pillars of the

Community” event will be on March 24th. Note: for all of us who are retired, that is a **Friday**. 6:30 to 8:30. Note: for all of you who are retired, that is **PM**. Set your alarms so you don’t over nap. \$50 and you can pay online.

She made some comments on Proclamations and Service Above Self. Details next week?

John Hoover: Our winner of the Four Way Test contest will be presenting at the semi-finals on Saturday. John expects he will do well. Does a \$1,000 grand prize have anything to do with that?



Bill Llewelyn: Reports on

the golf committee meeting. There is a new sponsorship category of \$1,000. Bag items are needed.

Sheryl Shaunessy: See “Sean” above. The Rotary event at Grassy Hill this Saturday might benefit from a few more from our club.

Doug Williams: Went to the Rotary President training event in Massachusetts. The event was a Friday and part of Saturday with about 400 presidents elect in attendance. R. Gordon R. Mcinally was presenting as our RI president, so it was a big deal. (Does one of the

“R.s” in his name stand for Rotary?)

Bob Vossler: We have a *Shred Fest* on the horizon. May 6th, St. Pius parking lot. Yard Sign distribution will be before that... Step up!! Gary Kealey or Bob can help you get them. \$5,000 goal!! (Bob was not making the announcement... this message was skillfully recovered from an email.)

Just Because \$\$\$\$:

Two Cats...



Canary MIA...

Steve Layton: Women’s Day meant a lot with memories of his Mom and reflections on his wife and daughter. There was a Scorpion memory that was too complicated to report here in full. *Cliff Notes:* Don’t get bitten by a Scorpion.

Peter Penzer: Recounted how his good friend who had introduced him to his wife had passed away and was buried with honors in Arlington National Cemetery. Peter could not make it as Covid had struck his friends and it was best he didn’t go. A loss for all.

Bill Llewelyn: His daughter scored twelve (12) {a dozen} goals in her last game and, no surprise here, she was being interviewed for “Athlete of the Week”. She spent most of her time talking about Rotary in the interview. Bob Vossler is preparing her application as we type...

Sheryl Shaunessy: Hi Phil! Hi Mike! She also let us know that Chris Tracy passed away. He was a Deputy Fire Chief.

Ginny Greatsinger: Ginny pointed out Sheryl’s holiday colors... To save 1,000 words, we are going to post this picture...



Program:

Mark S. Barnhardt from our own Community & Economic Development department was our speaker/presenter.

Don't be too surprised, but there is quite a bit going on.

We have a highly skilled workforce and local university graduate talent located in a great place. A stable workforce, education, good business community and amenities all help.

Real Estate wise we do fairly well as compared to the rest of the county. Office vacancy rate is not too bad, but there is an overabundance of space.

Schools keep growing in their real estate holdings. Resident halls keep growing.

4.5% of land is available for commercial use, but is 12% of the grand list. The Fairfield Metro site was quiet until a developer plans to present to our town a modified plan.

Note to Chad: A beer garden with restaurant is planned near BJ's.

Bullard Site nearby has a possible mixed-use development project.

Exide property has some nibbles for mixed-use also.

To summarize, we have a **Mix and Match** situation. We have a good mix of properties but we have to find the right matches.

That is Mark's job, and it appears he is doing a great one.

Raffle: Gina won again. She's on a streak. Saving another 1,000 words, her picture is added.



Polio Plus: Let's End It...

Next Meeting: Uganda and the Ernie Karkut well.

Join us for the 2023 Pillars of the Community - Service Above Self Awards



The Fairfield Rotary Club is proud and excited to announce the **2023 Pillars of the Community Awards**. The awards recognize five members of our community who exemplify Rotary's motto of ***Service Above Self***. The

award ceremony allows us to spotlight the amazing work and commitment made by the honorees, and is a chance for our community to come together to say a great big, heartfelt, Thank **You!**

Date: March 24th

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Gaelic American Club, 74 Beach Road, Fairfield

Tickets: \$50/per person. Includes heavy appetizers, dessert, soft drinks. Cash bar available.

RSVP by: March 20th

- Click here to RSVP: [2023 Rotary Pillars of the Community](#)
- Click here to pay for your tickets & your program ad: [Payment Portal - 2023 Pillars](#)

Please contact [Ginny Greatsinger](#) if you'd like more information about placing a Congratulatory Ad in the Program Book.

Congratulations to our 2023 Pillars of the Community:
Becky Bunnell - Dan Cassette - Kenneth Dalling -
Al DiGuido - Jim Kuczo

35th Annual Golf Tournament



It's time to hit the links –

Join us on May 15th for our 35th Annual Golf Tournament at the Brooklawn Country Club.

If you, or your company, is looking for a way to support our community then become a sponsor, get a foursome, and get seen on the links! We have amazing, exclusive sponsorship opportunities. Proceeds support our youth scholarship program, our community grant program, and helps the Club make a difference in Fairfield, and around the globe.

Registration will open in late March/early April - so check back then.

For more information, contact Bill Llewellyn - bill@universalprinting4u.com or call 203.330.0628.

Rotary Grant Proposal

Creating Community

A New Long-Term Exhibition at the Fairfield Museum that Presents a More Complete Picture of Southwestern CT's Diverse History and Shared Future
Opening May, 2023

In spring 2023, the Fairfield Museum in Fairfield, CT will open Creating Community, an exciting, new long-term exhibition exploring southwestern Connecticut's diverse and fascinating history, from early Native American settlement into the 21st century. Supported in part by grants from the National

Park Service and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the exhibition will be the most ambitious ever created by the Fairfield Museum, featuring new research and discoveries on pre-colonial Native American history, African American history, and the contributions of the many groups who built this multi-faceted community. As the Fairfield Museum's flagship exhibition featured in its largest gallery, the art-and artifact-filled exhibition will provide the Museum's 30,000 annual visitors and 4,000 students with a more comprehensive look at the intriguing historical forces that have shaped our community and nation, and how those influences continue to reverberate in contemporary society.

Creating Community has been organized in close consultation with some of the most highly regarded historians and Native consultant in Connecticut. The exhibit offers focused looks at intimate personal stories while weaving together related histories to create a dynamic and diverse exploration of southwestern Connecticut's history. On one side of the gallery, visitors will dive into broad themes of land, ecology, and sense of place; and on the other, explore the people and communities who have called Fairfield home for more than four centuries.

Drawing from the Fairfield Museum's unparalleled collection, the exhibition will showcase key artifacts that illustrate the region's history and will present for the first time newly uncovered Native American archeological artifacts and the Randolph-Ward photographic collection that chronicles four generations of Black family life in Fairfield. Alongside those rare objects, new images, maps, and other unique artifacts will revitalize and reinvigorate our understanding of New England's past and give voice to the many people who make up our community. Throughout the exhibition will be a wide range of interactive activities that promote hands-on learning and help visitors draw deeper connections between the past and present. Digital components include a recording of a Native American creation story as told by the Clan Mother of the Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe and QR codes linking visitors to the Fairfield Museum's vast historical archive and digital learning tools. "Creating Community" will be a vital educational resource for the thousands of students who visit the museum each year, as well as a vibrant tourism destination for Fairfield.

About the Fairfield Museum

Explore the Past: Imagine the Future

The Fairfield Museum believes in the power of the arts and humanities to inspire imagination, stimulate thought, and transform society. Through our dynamic programs and exhibitions, the Museum sparks dialogue, inspires meaningful collaborations, and deliberates the challenges of the future. Central to our community-focused mission is a desire to provide important historical context to pressing issues of our time, and to offer a safe, trustworthy environment where multiple perspectives can be heard and collective solutions explored.

We are a vibrant nexus of community life that welcomes more than 30,000 visitors annually, a prominent center for the study of arts and humanities, and an award-winning institution of statewide renown. The Museum's research library

is among the best resources for Connecticut history in the state, used by hundreds of students, scholars, and researchers each year.

Our Mission is to inspire civic engagement by celebrating the diverse history of our region and its people. As a dynamic public forum, we believe in the power of art and humanities to inspire the imagination, stimulate ideas, and build a better society.

Education: Over the past decade, the Fairfield Museum has worked closely with regional schools to ensure that our education programs support national, state, and local learning goals. Each year we serve more than 4,000 students and teachers from 65 schools from across southwestern CT through high-quality educational programs, and we welcome underserved students free of charge. Fairfield Museum believes that sharing diverse stories about our past, celebrating the individual's role in catalyzing social change, and promoting the value of an informed and active citizenry help empower students and their families to become lifelong learners. Our student and family programs vividly connect the past to the present, sparking the notion that by working together we can shape a better, more inclusive future for all.

Exhibitions: The Fairfield Museum presents exhibitions that delve deeply into the history and context behind important issues of our time, explore those issues through multiple perspectives and inspire informed discussion about the future of our community and nation. Our exhibitions and programming are created through close collaboration with community organizations and affinity groups, and use the arts and humanities to foster discussion about critical issues such as racial justice, climate change, education, immigration, and more. Our exhibitions and programs have received several state and national awards.

The Fairfield Museum is an efficiently-run and financially stable organization. We are consistently awarded top marks by charity watchdogs for our efficient use of donor contributions, including Charity Navigator's highest 4-star rating and Guidestar's Platinum distinction. Through our far-reaching programs and thought-provoking exhibitions, the Fairfield Museum builds a sense of community and inspires positive change. The new long-term Creating Community exhibition will provide vital resources for the Museum's future growth, inspire thousands of new students, and encourage future generations to learn from the past in order to shape a better, more inclusive future for all. www.fairfieldhistory.org.

For more information, please contact Executive Director Michael Jehle, (203) 259-1598, mjehle@fairfieldhs.org.

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January 10	Chad Stewart	Me
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Door Duty through Oct. 11

Date	DOOR DUTY	
	Door Duty	Door Duty
August 16	Sam Topal	Karla Mendenhall
August 30	Mea Anderson	Megan Couch
September 13	Pat Matteson	Tracy Mc Millan



September 27	Sheryl Shaughnessy	Stephanie Coakley
October 11	Steve Elsworthy	

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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".