

Club Meeting Place & Time

Fairfield
Meets at Gaelic American Club
74 Beach Road
Fairfield, CT 06824
Time: Monday at 12:30 PM



President



President-Elect



Secretary



Treasurer



Public Image Chair



Membership Chair



Sergeant-at-Arms



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Youth Services Chair



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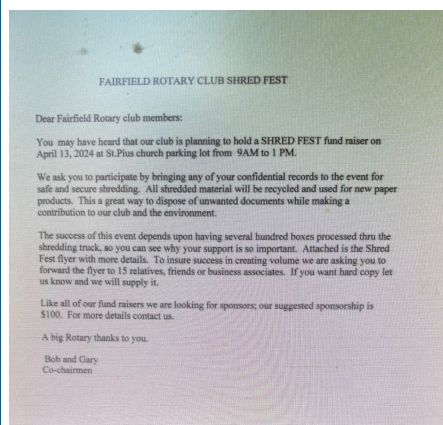
Birthdays

Richard J. Huber
July 14th
Mary Carroll-Mirylees
July 10th
Chad Stewart
July 8th
Margaret Hodgkins
August 2nd

The Shred Fest Needs Workers* aka "Volunteers"

--Earn 'volunteer hours' to add to your college applications by helping shred important-documents that are nobodies business...

Below is an important message from our 'Shred Guru' Bob Vossler, PDG and Legend:



THANK YOU! C U THERE! Disregard Next 248 Pages....
I don't have time to nuke them... Bruce

UPCOMING MEETINGS

This is Sean's first meeting as President...

July 11, 2022

Speaker: Rachel Brooks and Safe Food

Induction: Keri O'Connor

Special: We will honor a Crossing Guard July 18, 2022

We don't have a speaker scheduled yet, but because Bob Vossler* is in charge of speakers no doubt it will be a blockbuster... Don't miss it...

(* no pressure on you, Bob)

Vacation Weeks:

July 25 and August 1

Don't show up, you will be alone and go home hungry...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richard Scarry Exhibit/programming will be a big project in concert with the Fairfield Museum...

This looks to be fun as we will be working with Mike and children bringing Rotary to the youngest generation.

Please make a note of the following Rotarians who have 'stepped up to serve above self' for our club for 2022-2023.

Heidi Schmenk
July 10th
John Harrington
July 10th
Noor Deeb
July 11th

Years of Service

Sheryl A Shaughnessey
08-01-1988
34 Years
Richard J. Huber
08-01-1989
33 Years
Kevin Lesko
08-01-1993
29 Years
Adam Bsko
07-29-2013
9 Years
Beverly Ann Balaz
07-07-2014
8 Years
Rena Fortuna
07-07-2014
8 Years

FOUNDATION:
Chad Stewart - President
Vance Hancock - Secretary
Debbie Clancy - Treasurer
Rich Huber - Investment Committee Chair
Kevin Lesko
Ginny Greatsinger
Rena Fortuna
Sam Topal
Renato Gasparian
Joe Worthington
Sean Flynn - ex-officio
Club:
President - Sean Flynn
President Elect - Doug Williams
Past President - Ginny Greatsinger
Secretary - Stephen Layton
Treasurer - Janet Barillari
Public Image - Kara Mendenhall
Rotary Foundation - Paul Greatsinger
Youth Services Chair - John Hoover/Michael Pida
Membership Chair - Noor Deeb
Programs Chair - Bob Vossler
Fellowship Chair - Beverly Balaz
Community Service - Barbara Welles
International - Bill Lewellyn
Vocational - Pat Matteson
The club members also voted to recommend that the Foundation support the upcoming Richard *Scarry Exhibit/programming* in the amount of \$5,000. See proposal attached to Drummer email
Proposed - Ginny Greatsinger
Seconded - John Lee
Approved. The next step is to contact Kevin Lesko/Foundation for vetting by Foundation Board.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

GETTING TO KNOW YOU PROGRAM

Fellow Rotarians:
There are times when we don't have a speaker or scheduled program at our regular Rotary meetings so I'd like to use these occasions to learn more about you using the "GETTING TO KNOW meetings just in case. If you'd like to participate please send me an email and let me know. Thanks.

Bob Vossler, Program Chairman 2022- 23

Door Duty

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Contact Norma Peterson for more information or to purchase gift cards.
Via email: AMRONPETE@GMAIL.COM

DRUMMER APRIL 11, 2022

Please visit our website at FairfieldRotary.org
Photos courtesy of Steve Layton

The meeting was called to order by President Ginny Greatsinger

Pledge
Prayer
Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JUST BECAUSE

It was announced that the Shred Fest was a resounding success and netted roughly \$6,000.

You can still join the Golf Event! Over 90 golfers are signed up, and the goal is 100.

There were other announcements and "just because".

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board has proposed and recommended a new member!

Keri O'Connor

Classification: Accounting

PROGRAM

The Four Way Test Speech Contest was the program today. Representatives from Ludlowe High School, Warde High School and Fairfield Prep competed. The speeches focused on applying values to the Four Way Test.

1st Place - Allen Yao of Ludlowe High School - \$500
1st Runner-up - Luis Bria of Fairfield Prep - \$400
2nd Runner-up - Riley Siegel of Warde High School

The District is not holding the contest at the District level this year.

Four Way Test

The meeting was adjourned with the ringing of the bell.

Upcoming Speakers

Apr 18, 2022
[Fairfield Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Tina Kramer & Shawnee Knight, FILLING IN THE BLANKS
Filling in the Blanks fights childhood hunger by providing children in need with meals on the weekends.

Apr 25, 2022
[Fairfield Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: KEVIN LESKO - CHAD STEWART
Foundation update

May 02, 2022
[Fairfield Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: PATRICK MOORE, OWNER HILLTOP APIARIES
HILLTOP APIARIES

May 09, 2022
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Speaker: JIM KUCZO, KEVIN'S AFTERGLOW
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May 30, 2022
[Fairfield Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: NO MEETING-MEMORIAL DAY

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Apr.18 Beverly Ann Balaz/ Stephanie Coakley

Apr. 25 Pat Matteson / Jeff Warren

May 2 Mike Pida/Debbie Clancy

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PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING



Other Photos Shred Day and Norm Parsells Luncheon



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Drummer notes courtesy of Steve Layton

The meeting was called to order by President Ginny Greatsinger

Pledge
Prayer - John Hoover
Song - John Hoover

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You can join the Fairfield Earth Day Community Cleanup on Friday, April 22 from 12 noon to 2pm. Please contact Ginny if you plan to participate.

Steve is ordering Rotary shirts. Please get your order to him by this Friday.

You can still join the Golf Event May 16th in several ways!



Become a tee or green or other sponsor. Donate raffle prizes. Donate a wine bottle. Attend the after golf cocktail party. See Bill's email for details or contact him directly.

On May 18th there is a Fairfield Cares event at Ludlowe Middle School.

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PROGRAM

The program today was about an organization called "Filling in the Blank" which provides weekend food for school children throughout Fairfield county. [Tina Kramer & Shawnee Knight](#) explained

RAFFLE ETC.

Door Prize Ticket - Steve Elworthy
50/50 - No winner today.

Four Way Test

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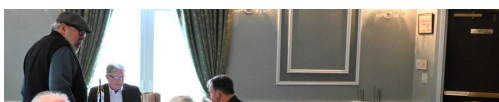
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DRUMMER APRIL 25, 2022

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The meeting was called to order by President Ginny Greatsinger

Pledge - Vance Hancock
Prayer - John Hoover
Song - Bob Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve and Ginny discussed ordering Rotary apparel. Email sent out about this.

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Sheryl reminded members of the District Foundation Dinner on May 15th. Register on DACDB.

Vance announced the **Pillars of the Community** event on June 6th. This is a new fundraising event to celebrate 4-5 community members who have helped, especially during the pandemic. /

Ginny discussed future programs, including several emphasizing mental health.

JUST BECAUSE

Pat Matteson focused her attention for the Earth Day clean-up on her home. She also suggested there were many areas around our neighborhoods that could use some clean-up and encourag
Deb donated \$1 to thank Sheryl for finding her sunglasses. She also related the sad story of her mom having a fall and sustaining injury on her way to her 85th birthday party...

Bruce Carter was happy to announce he passed the Trolley License test and will be running a trolley to the ospreys in East Haven.

Sheryl was appreciative of the care her mom received during her rehab stay at the Jewish Home.

Noor Deeb introduced her guest, Wadie Boutros, and apologized for missing Shred Fest.

Bob Price expressed appreciation for those who attended the event recognizing Walter Leask.

Kevin donated dollars for missed meetings.

GUESTS

Phil Dwyer of Bridgeport Rotary
Wadie Boutros - prospective member, guest of Noor Deeb

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Classification: Accounting

PROGRAM

Foundation President Kevin Lesko and Foundation VP Chad Stewart presented a brief history and update of the Fairfield Rotary Foundation. They explained that investment decisions were mad
Foundation Treasurer, Deb Clancy, explained that bequests have helped increase the Foundation, including a substantial one from Ernie Karkut. Projects were, and will be, supported in Ernie's n

RAFFLE ETC.

Door Prize Ticket
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Four Way Test - Chad Stewart

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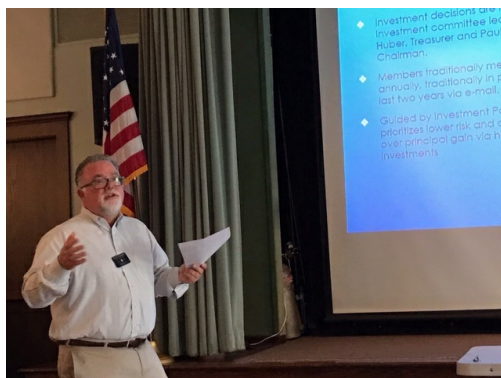
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Drummer May 22, 2022

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Pledge
Prayer - John Hoover
Song - Bob Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Special Children's Mental Health program Thursday, May 5th, at 6:30 at the Pequot Library. Invitation below.

Join us for an important and timely discussion on children's mental health and wellness. In recognition of National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, we

6:45 p.m. - Arrival/Social

7:00 p.m. - Presentation followed by Q&A

The speaker is Barbara Stoudmire, PMHNP-BC, APRN, Nurse Practitioner - Psychiatric/Mental Health. This event is sponsored by Pequot Library, the Fairfield Rotary Club,

- You can still support the Golf Event May 16th! Provide raffle prizes from local merchants or a bottle of wine, or email Norma (AMRONPETE@GMAIL.COM) to purchase a gift card as a raffle prize.
- Sheryl reminded members of the District Foundation Dinner on May 15th. Register on DACDB.
- Remember the **Hometown Heroes** event scheduled in early June. This is a new fundraising event to celebrate 4-5 community members who have helped, especially during the pandemic.

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board has proposed and recommended a new member!



Wadie Boutros


Classification: Banker

PROGRAM

The presentation by Matthew Fitzsimons described The Covenant School and its program. He explained the challenges for boys in school and the solutions addressed by the school. Bridgeport 1

The Covenant School Solution

- Intentionally Small (15 per grade)
- Extended Day (10 hours)
- Extended Week (Sat. field trips)



RAFFLE

Four Way Test

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Upcoming Speakers

May 09, 2022

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May 9 - Beverly Balaz /Stephanie Coakley

May 16 - No Meeting - Golf Tournament

May 23 - Breakfast at Chip's

May 30 - No Meeting - Memorial Day Parade

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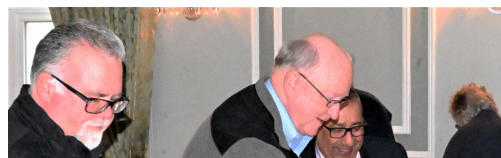
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Drummer May 9, 2022

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Pledge - Karl O'Connor
Prayer - John Hoover
Song - Bob Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sean reminded everyone about the new **Pillars of the Community** event on June 6th. This event will celebrate 5 community members who have helped, especially during the pandemic. A P Chad discussed the mental health program last Thursday and said it was a valuable program. He thanked Dan Walsh for sponsoring the speaker.

Ginny talked about our club participation in Memorial Day. This year we will walk at the end of the parade to collect food and donations for *Homes for the Brave*. We are scheduled to meet at t

JUST BECAUSE

Phil Dwyer was happy he received his booster.
Dan thanked all who attended the mental health program last Thursday.
Vance talked about Kentucky Derby Day and appreciated talking to his mom who is 94!
Bob Vossler noted our local Rotary magician is in the Rotary International Magazine.
John Hoover marveled at the perseverance and "can win" attitude of the Kentucky Derby horse and thought we should all remember that.

GUESTS

Phil Dwyer of Bridgeport Rotary
Guest Speaker Jim Kuczo

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board has proposed and recommended a new member!
Wadie Boutros

Classification: Banker

PROGRAM

Chad introduced the speaker for today. He met Jim Kuczo while walking his dog and learned about the important mission of the organization called **Kevin's Afterglow**. The organization seeks t organization's website: kevinsafterglow.org.



**"Everyone you meet is
fighting a battle you know nothing
about. Be kind. Always."**



RAFFLE

Door Prize - Phil Dwyer won a bottle of wine and donated it to the golf event
50/50 - No winner today.

Four Way Test

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May 30, 2022
[Fairfield Weekly Club Meeting](#)
[Speaker: NO MEETING-MEMORIAL DAY](#) HELP AT THE PARADE

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Gift Card Orders



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DRUMMER March 7, 2022

Photos courtesy of Steve Layton

The meeting was called to order by President Ginny Greatsinger

Pledge - Sam Topal
Prayer - John Hoover
Song - Bob Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JUST BECAUSE

Ginny welcomed newest member Alyssa Amaturio!



Norma announced that members can purchase gift grocery cards to support the Food Drive.

Sheryl Shaghenessey discussed the Norm Parsells luncheon which will honor Chad Stewart on April 7th and invited all to participate. There is a link on the website to register to attend and Sher Bob Price shared that deceased member Walter Leask is being honored by community organizations, including Rotary, at Fairfield Grace Church on April 12th at 2 p.m. Walter's family will be pres Dan Walsh will be the Volunteer Coordinator for the Golf Event on May 16th. Please save the date and contact him to volunteer. Registration for the event is on the club website. Sponsors are



Bob Vossler reminded all of the Shred Fest on April 9th. Volunteers are needed.

John Lee told the story of his visit to the Emergency Room and was thankful for the good care he received.

Rena reminded all that the history of our club is available at the Fairfield Museum and invited all to visit and check it out.

PROGRAM

Member Mike Jable and Barbara Moore of the Fairfield Museum gave an update and thanked the club for the support. In particular, they noted the Emily Kerkut fund helped fund the platform

MICHAEL MIKE JEHLER AND THE OTHER MUSEUM GAVE AN UPDATE AND STATED THE NEW FOR THE SUPPORT. IN PARTICULAR, THEY NOTED THE LITTLE KIDNA TUNA HELPED WITH THE PROBLEM

Public Programs

-March 16 at Noon: *History Bites with Anthony Wellman*

-March 24 from 6-7:30 p.m.: *John Taylor Arms and His Circle* Opening and Printmaking Demonstration with the Center for Contemporary Printmaking

-March 30 from 3:00-4:15 pm.: *Mabel Osgood Wright: Pioneering Conservationist* Film Screening and Talk with Filmmaker Karyl Evans

-April 6 from 6-8 p.m.: Alternative Printmaking Workshop with the Center for Contemporary Printmaking

-Tuesday, April 19, 2022, from 6-8 pm.: Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America Film Screening and Filmmaker Talk

Fairfield 101 History Course Thursday evenings in April and May

-Summer: Memorial Day Picnic, Burning of Fairfield Interactive Tours, and Jazz Fridays

RAFFLE

Door Prize Ticket - Heather Maxson
50/50 - John Hoover and Ginny Greatsinger - Neither won

Four Way Test led by Mike Jehle

The meeting was adjourned with the ringing of the bell.

Upcoming Speakers

Mar 07, 2022

[Fairfield Weekly Club Meeting](#) Speaker: MICHAEL JEHLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FAIRFIELD MUSEUM & HISTORY CENTER

Updates on the Victorian Cottage and events planned at the Museum

Mar 14, 2022

[Fairfield Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Cathy Hazlett, Prog Dir/Coalition Coordinator, FAIRFIELD CARES

The Fairfield CARES Community Coalition focuses on preventing substance misuse, fostering social and emotional wellness and resilience among youth, young adults, and families.

Mar 21, 2022

[Fairfield Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Pat Caruso, Robbie Donno and Genisis, Gift of Life

History of the Gift of Life

Mar 28, 2022

[Fairfield Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Brenda Kupchick, Fairfield First Selectwoman

Updating what is going on around town

Apr 04, 2022

[Fairfield Weekly Club Meeting](#)

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Ginny commented that the Bridgeport Rotary Club has changed to morning meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Burroughs Community Center at 7:30 a.m. Since there will be a review Bill Lewellyn commented about his trip to Maine to see his daughter play and it was very cold! He also asked everyone to support the NCAA tournament by reaching out to the captains. Each t Chad appreciated having his son home for spring break, but did notice a difference in the grocery budget and the noise level..

Steve Layton reported that his granddaughter won her soccer game.

Ginny made a special presentation to Steve Layton as the "sheriff" in town... He was given a Sheriff Badge and thanked for the work he does for the club.

Doug Williams reminded all that the Fairfield U ladies are off to the NCAA !

GUESTS

Phil Dwyer Speaker and member of Bridgeport Rotary Club
Cathy Hazlett - Speaker and also a member of Rotary

PROGRAM

The program presented information about the organization **Fairfield Cares**. Phil Dwyer explained that the organization is concerned about misuse of drugs and alcohol. It has received a grant to

RAFFLE

Door Prize Ticket - Jim Hisey
50/50 - Doug Williams and Chad Stewart - Neither won

Four Way Test led by Jim Hisey

The meeting was adjourned with the ringing of the bell.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Mar 21, 2022
[Fairfield Weekly Club Meeting](#)
[Speaker: Pat Caruso, Robbie Donno and Genesis , Gift of Life](#)
History of the Gift of Life

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DRUMMER March 21, 2022
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Pledge - Mike Pida
Prayer - John Hoover
Song - Bob Price

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Mike Pida was happy about his daughter's tennis.

Chad Stewart thanked attendees at the April 7th Norm Parsells luncheon in advance.

Deb talked about the upcoming scholarship program and thanked Bob Vossler for his donation to the Foundation.

Bob Vossler expressed appreciation for today's Gift of Life program guests.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

New member Alyssa Amatore was inducted by District AG Stephanie Philips.



GUESTS

Phil Dwyer - Visiting Rotarian from Bridgeport
Stephanie Philips - District AG and Rotarian from Stratford

PROGRAM



The presentation today was about the Gift of Life program. Robert Donno from Gift of Life explained the operation of the program today. It is different from when the program first started and from the website: *Our mission is to provide lifesaving cardiac treatment to children in need from developing countries regardless of gender, creed, or national origin. Our goal is to develop sustainable programs that will allow us to continue to provide lifesaving cardiac treatment to children in need from developing countries regardless of gender, creed, or national origin.* Robert Donno commented that "It is personal in every aspect."

RAFFLE

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PHOTO FROM THE MEETING



NEW MEMBER ALYSSA AMATURO



DRUMMER MARCH 28, 2022

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Prayer - Jim Hisey
Song - Bob Price

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Bill reminded the club of the Golf Event on May 16th. Please save the date. Registration for the event is on the club website. Sponsors are also needed. Also, contact Captains to sign up for the event.

Bob Vossler reminded all of the Shred Fest on April 9th. Volunteers are needed.

RSVP directly to Bob Price at bobphps@mindspring.com if you would like to attend the Walter Leask Citation Award event at Grace United Methodist Church on April 12th.

Debbie asked all to support the Rotary International Foundation with a gift to the Annual Fund.

Bruce Carter was glad he was a successful speech writer.

Many members and guests thanked First Selectwoman Brenda Kupchik for attending the meeting and presenting an update about the town.

Bridgeport Rotarian Ed Davies announced the Bridgeport Rotary Club was now a breakfast club.

Sheryl thanked Dan Walsh for his assistance when her mother was in the ER.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

New member Jeff Warren was inducted by District AG Stephanie Phillips.

GUESTS

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Visiting Rotarians from other clubs
Vince Santilli from Homes for the Brave
Brenda Kupchick
Jen Carpenter
Keri O'Connor

PROGRAM

The Guest Speaker was Fairfield First Selectwoman Brenda Kupchick. She described her transition at the beginning of her term since Covid hit the town about 4 months into her term of office.

RAFFLE

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50/50 - Ed Davies and Sam Topal - neither won

Four Way Test

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Norma Peterson reminded members that *Gift Cards* are still available. You can order what you need for the month for groceries, etc. or other cards you could use by emailing Norma at: Just include the merchant, the card denominations and the number of cards. When the cards arrive she will contact you. Both John Lee and Bob Price are now part of this fundraising project leadership. Thank you John and Bob!

Bill Llewellyn announced that there will be a planning meeting before next Monday's Rotary meeting to discuss the annual golf event.

Steve Layton requested members to donate raffle prizes.

Ginny announced that the Norm Parsells luncheon is scheduled for April 7th 11:30-1:30 and members planning to attend should contact Sheryl Shaughnessey. The cost is \$30 and payment will

Sheryl thanked Rena for doing door duty and asked everyone to check the *Drummer* for their assigned times and be sure to be there or get a sub. She also presented a Birmingham Rotary flag

Bruce Carter was happy to be celebrating the 50th anniversary of asking his wife to marry him. P.S. She said yes.

Steve Elworthy was pleased to tell everyone that Chadwick's had an underground area which assisted the Underground Railroad activities.

Steve Layton celebrated that his wife who had her hip replaced was recovering well.

The speaker today was Rob Rayman, CEO of Gift of Life International and President of the Rotary Club of Manhasset. He provided an update on efforts to help children around the world get th

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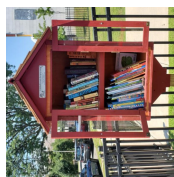
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Our Cause: Supporting Education

Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

Together, We Read

A New "Little Free Library" - July 1, 2021

A community action team from Save the Children, based in Fairfield, and our Club recently helped open a new "Little Free Library" installed outside of the : Children who attend summer camps at the Bridgeport YMCA were on hand for the event, and were the first to share a book at the library.

Save the Children and Rotary International are taking action together to raise awareness about early learning and to make early literacy and kindergarten reading

Save the Children and the Rotary Club nationally created a partnership in 2019 called "Together, We Read," that is focused on promoting the importance of early childhood education and literacy. Sharing books and reading aloud to children from infancy builds the language skills and love for books and reading that helps prepare children for success in school and life.

Did you know that in the United States:

- 1 in 5 children grows up in poverty
- Nearly 63% of low-income children do not attend preschool
- 60% of children living in poverty have no books in their homes

That means millions of children growing up in poverty in the U.S. enter kindergarten unprepared. And children who reach third grade not reading at grade level are more likely to drop out of high school. Free Little Libraries can help give children access to books.

Please visit our website at FairfieldRotary.org

Drummer October 25, 2021

PHOTOS IN DRUMMER COURTESY OF STEVE LAYTON
Ginny Greatsinger, President, opened the meeting

Pledge "Bill Llewellyn
 Prayer "Reflection by Bruce Carter
 Song "Bob Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Shaughnessey made the sad announcement of the passing of Nancy Richter, widow of Gene Richter. There will be a service on Thursday, October 28th at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony's. She encouraged members to attend as the Richter family has long been involved in and supported Fairfield Rotary.

She also announced the passing of Lynda Hammond who was very active in the District. Contact Sheryl if you would like to attend or have words shared at the scheduled service.

Gift cards or bottles of wine for raffle prizes are still welcome for the One Club Golf Event on October 30th (rain or shine!). Contact Bill (wleweH52@aol.com).

Bob Vossler reminded members of the one member/one lead goal of the Membership Committee. He requested each member supply one lead to the committee and they will do the follow-up.

Ginny announced she had received thank you letters for the club support of Father Allen's luncheon and Homes for the Brave. She also noted two upcoming dates:
November 27th - Community Award Luncheon
December 9th - Club holiday open house at Fairfield Museum

Chad Stewart was pleased to announce that the Rotary Beer Garden profit was about \$2500 and he thanked all who participated, including his wife, Donna, who showed great patience and support. He also gave special thanks to George Szondy of Abbey Tent and Kevin Lesko for their tent and table donations respectively.

Steve Elworthy made a public service announcement reminding everyone to vote.

JUST BECAUSE

Barbara Welles thanked all those who participated in Read-Aloud-Day as well as club members who helped with Halloween on the Green. She was also appreciative of George and Chris Markley personally delivering gift cards to her which she used to purchase the pumpkins for Halloween on the Green.

Bill Llewellyn sadly reported that his mother is still struggling with Covid.

Bruce Carter was happy that he was able to get his Covid booster shot.

Bob Vossler thanked Chad for the great job he did with the Beer Garden.

OTHER BUSINESS

Past President Rena Fortuna presented Mike Pida an appreciation award for all he has done for Rotary.



PROGRAM

The speaker for today was Ginger Katz explaining the organization **Courage to Speak**. This organization was founded after the death of her son, Ian, when he lost his battle with drugs. She explained his story and then described the various programs and services associated with the organization. These include presentations, drug prevention programs for grades 4-6, middle school and high school students as well as after school programs. There is also a program called - Courageous Parenting 101 as well as a drug prevention book called Sunny's Story told through a dog's perspective directed at helping young people form an understanding of temptations and the impact of unhealthy decisions. Further information is on the website: www.couragetospeak.org.

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Four Way Test - Led by Doug Williams

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October 30 **One Club + Putter Golf Event (RAIN OR SHINE)**
December 9 **Fairfield Rotary Holiday Open House**

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Don't forget to ask George about some particularly high percentage cards that will really help Our Club. Over the last 12 years of gift card sales, the Club has raised over \$80,000 for use on

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Halloween on the Green



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Drummer November 1, 2021
MEETING PHOTOS AT END OF DRUMMER COURTESY OF STEVE LAYTON

Ginny Greatsinger, President, presided over the meeting!

Pledge - Sean Flynn
Prayer - John Hoover
Song - Bob Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vance Hancock spoke about our 2022 CELEBRITY LUNCHEON scheduled for March! He is working on it with Sean Flynn and encouraged everyone to give them ideas for our 2022 Celebrity.

Bill Llewellyn announced that the One Club Golf Event was rescheduled to Saturday November 6th due to the weather.

Janet Barilari made a request that those on Door Duty only deposit the money for the luncheon. All other checks could be mailed to her as they are handled separately and it will be easier for her to process.

John Lee announced it was time to schedule the annual Bell Ringing. Contact John to sign up or use the list on the tables. It will take place December 4th.

Ginny spent some time describing how to access DACDB. Just look at your member number on your Rotary Magazine and you will be able to establish your login by using your membership number. Please also update your profile.

Ginny also announced that Norma Peterson would be coordinating the Gift Card Program and there would be more information about that next week.

JUST BECAUSE

Chad shared the sad news that last weekend a good friend of his passed away. Janet reported that it was Sheryl's birthday yesterday!

PROGRAM

Our surprise speaker was member Bruce Carter who presented interesting information about American History from about 1753-1755. This included dynamics of the French and Indian Wars, George Washington and his role and the different ways that this period impacted the fate of the country.

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Four Way Test

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 DRUMMER NOTES ALSO COURTESY OF STEVE LAYTON
Ginny Greatsinger, President, opened the meeting

Pledge & Jim Hughes
 Prayer & John Hoover
 Song & Bob Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vance is looking for Celebrity suggestions for the upcoming Celebrity Lunch 2022.

Debbie reminded us that this is Foundation Month. She is looking for the club to achieve 100% Every Rotarian Every Year status and exceed last year's giving.

Norma will be managing the Gift Card Program on an interim basis: Use her Gift Card Email Account for questions and orders: amronpete@gmail.com. **Note: Gift Card Order form is attached to the Drummer email.**

Bill Llewellyn's efforts in pulling off the Two Club Tourney resulted in generating \$18 thousand.--You go Bill!

JUST BECAUSE and MEMORIES OF GEORGE MARKLEY

Ginny thanked Sheryl for her efforts in organizing our get together to watch the streaming of George Markley's Funeral Service.

Nearly every Rotarian present had a story or comment on how George left a profound impact on each, all with the common feeling that he (George) was "My George". We remembered how he loved to deliver the gift cards because he liked "getting out" and that he continued to do so even when he became unable to drive; and his whole-hearted commitment to so many organizations that his dedication to CIRC didn't even make the "top ten" on the list.

There were proposals made on how we should or could honor George from naming scholarships to pursuing a proclamation from the State. Ginny committed to pursuing this with the help of the club.

Those who shared stories included (among others): Ginny, Barbara Welles, Janet Barillari, Debbie Clancy, Rena Fortuna, Sheryl Shaughnessey, Vance Hancock, Bob Price, Peter Penczer, Bruce Carter, Doug Williams, Mike Pida, Guy Hatfield, Jim Hughes and Phil Dwyer.

OTHER BUSINESS

We had two guests: Phil Dwyer, Bridgeport Rotarian and Jim Hughes, Former Rotarian.

Jim signed in as a guest of George Markey and came to hear and share remembrances of George.

PROGRAM

Since the scheduled speaker had a last minute conflict and was unable to come, Ginny called on Bruce Carter, always ready with a good story!

Bruce Carter delivered one of his historical, "amazing but true" stories from early Americana. The story was of a slave girl named Phyllis who became the first female national poet and who amazed people such as John Hancock. Her talent took her all the way to England to demonstrate her poetry. Though her fame has faded, there remains a statue in Massachusetts in her memory.

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Ginny Greatsinger, President, opened the meeting

Pledge æ Mea Anderson
 Prayer æ John Hoover
 Song æ Bob Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ginny announced that there would be NO meeting next week. She also encouraged all to donate to Operation Hope Food Pantry and her last email listed items that were needed. She extended an invitation for all to attend the Fairfield Rotary Holiday Open House on December 9th at the Fairfield Museum. An evite will be out shortly.

John Hoover gave a Grants Program update. We will be giving \$42,500 in grants this year. He listed the areas of need being addressed by the grants and then announced the recipients. Everyone voted to approve the grants announced. He also thanked the Grants Committee for their hard work and diligence. The Grants presentations will be Nov. 29th and an evite will be sent. Please RSVP since a head count is needed.

Bill Llewellyn announced the revised estimate of money raised by the recent One Club Golf event and happily announced the One Club Events have raised a total of almost \$38,000 this year. Remarkable!

JUST BECAUSE

Chad shared heartfelt words about George Markley and how he will be missed.

Steve Layton applauded Beverly Balaz for being in the press. She responded that it was a partnership between the Chamber and the Town and donated \$50 in honor of the successful program of e-gift cards which are available on the Chamber website.

Sheryl gave money to celebrate Beverly's successful going-away party for her assistant as well as for Pat and her husband's attendance, the Mercurio family and for our Police Department which was represented today by Chief Kalamaras and Captain Peter Koval.

OTHER BUSINESS

Police Chief Robert Kalamaras was present. He recognized Carol Mercurio's service as a School Crossing Guard. Most of her duties were for the Riverfield and St. Thomas schools. The importance of that job and how it impacts parents and students was emphasized. Carol was presented with a Recognition Plaque.

PROGRAM

The speaker was Mark Barnhart, Director of Community and Economic Development for Fairfield. He presented a program explaining housing needs today and potentially in the future. The town is updating the Affordable Housing Plan as required. In the past the town has played a leadership role in this area and had a plan as far back as 1988. Affordable housing qualifications and CGS 8.30-g were discussed and how they are applied by the state. Additional tools are needed to address this issue and public input is invited.

Door Prize - Mea Anderson
50 æ 50 - Steve Layton and Chad Stewart

Four Way Test

The meeting ended with the ringing of the bell.
 Speakers for November

11/1 - Al Guida (owner of Saugatuck Sweets) from Af's Angels
 11/8 - Esther Blum Integrative Dietician and Lifestyle Coach
 11/15 - Mark Barnhart æ Economic Development
 11/22 - no meeting
 11/29 - Community Grants Presentations
 Door Duty November

Date	Door Duty	Door Duty
November 1	Mary Carol Mirylees	John Lee
November 8	Tracy McMillan	Debbie Clancy
November 15	Steve Elworthy	Gary Kealey
November 22	No meeting	
November 29	Beverly Balaz	Bill Llewellyn

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November 29 Community Award Luncheon

December 9 **Fairfield Rotary Holiday Open House**

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Drummer November 29, 2021
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PROGRAM

The program today was our annual **Community Grants Luncheon** which was very well attended. In the spirit of putting "Service Above Self" over \$40,000 total in grants was awarded to the following organizations. Each organization had an opportunity to describe the work it does as well as how the grant will assist it with its mission. Congratulations to all the recipients.

Bridgeport Caribe Youth Leaders
Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust
Bridgeport Rescue Mission
Burroughs Community Center
Cardinal Sheehan Center
Center for Family Justice
Fairfield Center Stage
Circle of Care

CLASP Homes
CT Audubon Society
CT Burns Care Foundation
CT Housing Partners
CT Institute for Refugees & Immigrants
Courage to Speak Foundation
Fairfield Theatre Company
Filling in the Blanks
Greater CT Youth Orchestra
Habitat for Humanity
Hall Neighborhood House
Help for Kids
Help our Military Heroes
Horizons at Sacred Heart University
Horizons at Notre Dame High School
Lifebridge Community Services
Mercy Learning Center of Bridgeport
Norma Priem Breast Cancer Center, Bridgeport Hospital
Operation Hope of Fairfield
Pequot Library Association
St. Catherine Center for Special Needs
St. Vincent's Medical Center
Town of Fairfield Dept. of Human and Social Services
Urban Impact of Black Rock
Woofgang-Team Woofgang & Co.
Workplace Dress for Success
YMCA Central CT Coast

The meeting ended with the recitation of the Rotary Four-Way Test and the ringing of the bell.

Speakers for December and Beyond

December 6 - No Meeting (Holiday Open House December 9th)
December 13 - Bruce Carter - Yorktown, the last big battle of the American Revolution which victory depended on a Spaniard, a Slave & a Storm: in that order

December 20 - Holiday Fun
December 27 - No Meeting
January 3 - Club Assembly
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Door Duty December and Beyond

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Upcoming Events

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December 9 **Fairfield Rotary Holiday Open House**

NOTE ABOUT THE FUTURE PADDLE FEST! - The Paddle Fest committee held its first planning meeting on 11/19 for the purpose of outlining the event's 2022 components and confirming its date. It will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Jennings Beach. This year's PF surpassed our expectations and gave us the confidence to move forward with additional features in the coming year.

Jay
Chairman

Gift Card Sales

NOTE: ORDER BY DECEMBER 9TH IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GIFT CARDS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

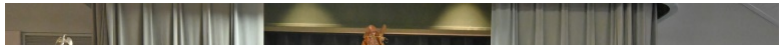


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Membership Development Update

Last year the club began the ONE MEMBER - ONE LEAD program designed to encourage every member to supply the committee with one lead per year for potential membership. Each year we

Steve Elsworthy Karla Mendenhall
Ginny Greatsinger Mike Pida
Vance Hancock Barbara Sreckovic
Pat Matteson Jay Tini

Providing leads is not hard. Consider the people you are in contact with like tradesmen, fellow workers, accountants, doctors, friends and neighbors. The list is almost endless. And the best way All we ask is that you provide us with the lead form and the OK to use your name so when we make the initial contact we can mention your referral.
Bob and Paul
Co-chairmen

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Drummer December 13, 2021
PHOTOS IN DRUMMER COURTESY OF STEVE LAYTON
NOTES TAKEN BY STEVE LAYTON

Ginny Greatsinger, President, opened the meeting

Blessing
Prayer
Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- John Lee noted that the Salvation Army bell ringing crew from the club collected \$890!
- Janet Barilari requested the Rotarian who left the \$50.00 in an envelope in the cash box let her know the "Who and What for" particulars.
- Debbie let us know that the Club donated \$5000 to the "Adopt a Family" program of Fairfield Social Services. This helped 10 families. Debbie is still looking for donations as well as any "Every Rotarian Every Year" money. (She needs contributions this week for this year...otherwise go to the Rotary Int'l web site).
- Bill Llewellyn announced that The Rotary Club Golf Event will be on May 15th, 2022. Save the date.
- Gift cards from current inventory can still be ordered from Norma. Just email to: AMRONPETE@GMAIL.COM. A list of current gift card inventory is attached to the

- Drummer email. It is too late to order new gift cards to guarantee arrival before Christmas.
- Doug Williams found that Rotary Int'l has organized a Ski Trip to Banff for the third week in February. Particulars are on the Rotary Int'l web site.

JUST BECAUSE

Paul G. reminded Sheryl S. that today was not the Club's "Ugly Sweater " day.

Mary Carol Mirylees remembered her Mom on her birthday in 1917.

John Hoover gave us a run down on the coy wolf and a sample of the animal's sound.

Steve Layton reminded all that the 13th was "Lucia Dagan" Santa Lucia Day.

Steve Elworthy presented a number of items but did mention his recent heart scare when he suffered an attack of tachycardia.

Denise is back after a hospital stay. A resilient lady.

There were more "just because" moments shared.

OTHER

Visiting Rotarian: Phil Dwyer
Guests: Jim Moore - Guest of Bruce Carter
Alex Carrera from Save a Suit - Guest of Bill Llewellyn

Bill Llewellyn presented the \$15,000 check to Alex Carrera of Save A Suit, a non-profit organization. . Bill's One Club Golf Event generated \$15,000 for Save A Suit which provides veterans business attire

PROGRAM

Our Speaker was Bruce Carter who gave us a history lesson of the Battle of Yorktown. The Americans, with the very important contribution of our French allies, defeated Cornwallis. Alexander Hamilton finally got to lead his troops in battle. All this was told with the insight and humor that only Bruce can provide.

Door Prize - Paul Greatsinger (He won wine provided by Ginny)
10 & 50 - John Hoover who picked the WINNING CARD!

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Drummer January 3, 2022
MEETING VIA ZOOM
Ginny Greatsinger, President, presided over the meeting

Pledge
Prayer
Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norma will be placing an order for gift cards on Monday, January 10th. If you would like to be included in that gift card order, please email Norma the name of the card, the denomination and the quantity of each card you want ordered.

EMAIL TO: AMRONPETE@GMAIL.COM

Example:
Stop and Shop \$100 3 cards

PROGRAM

CLUB ASSEMBLY

President Ginny presented **HIGHLIGHTS** and **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
And
A LOOK AHEAD FOR 2022

PLEASE SEE THE POWER POINT PRESENTATION OF THE ASSEMBLY ATTACHED TO THIS DRUMMER EMAIL!

Door Prize
Four Way Test

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Speakers for January

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[Fairfield Weekly Club Meeting](#)
[Speaker: TINA HOGAN](#)
ALZHEIMERS DISEASE

Jan 17, 2022
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[Fairfield Weekly Club Meeting](#)
[Speaker: CHARLIE DOWD, DEPUTY DIR OF ATHLETICS, EXTERNAL OPERATIONS, SACRED HEART UNIV.](#)

Jan 31, 2022
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Door Duty January
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Drummer January 10, 2022

MEETING VIA ZOOM

Ginny Greatsinger, President, presided over the meeting.

Pledge - Mea Anderson
Prayer - John Hoover

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ginny announced there will be no meeting January 17th. The next meeting is January 24th. It has not yet been decided if that meeting will be via Zoom. Look for Ginny's emails for updates.

Assistant District Governor Stephanie Phillips gave a District update. She reported that 80% of the clubs are now having virtual meetings and the District meetings are virtual as well. April 9th is the Day of Service and each club is identifying a project. In addition, the District Conference is scheduled for April 23rd and April 24th in Groton.

Dan Walsh gave a very informative update on the Covid situation through the eyes of hospital statistics and charts. The hospital is in an elevated level of activity at this time. Almost all of those in ICU were not fully vaccinated and boosted. The hospital is well supplied with equipment. He also noted that the recommendation is being made that individuals in the community avoid using cloth masks, but instead use SURGICAL OR KN95 MASKS. The best mask protection is N95 masks. (Note - any errors in this information are due to the note-taker's error)

PROGRAM

Tina Hogan of the Alzheimer's Association gave a very informative presentation regarding the programs and services it provides. In addition, she described some differences between dementia and Alzheimer's. Dementia is the umbrella term for a collection of symptoms with cognitive decline. Alzheimer's is the most frequent, but not the only, cause of dementia. She provided information about several risk factors and also noted that 73% of the caregivers are women. The cost of Alzheimer's is over \$300 billion annually, and projected to rise considerably. She gave an example of the difference between Alzheimer's and normal memory loss with aging: someone with memory loss with aging might forget where they put their keys, and eventually track them down - an Alzheimer's memory loss would be forgetting what the keys are for. The support offered by the Alzheimer's Association includes virtual programs and free online learning. See www.alz.org. There is also a 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900. Cheryl Podob of the Fairfield County Alzheimer's Association also provided information about the Alzheimer's Walk in Norwalk every October. Q and A followed the presentation.

The meeting ended with the Four Way Test and the virtual ringing of the bell.

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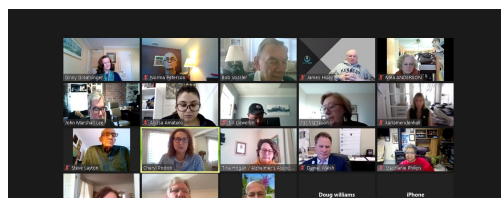
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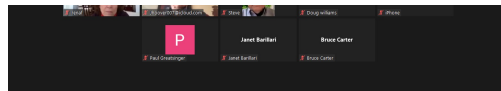
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 NOTES TAKEN BY STEVE LAYTON

Ginny Greatsinger, President, opened the meeting
 Pledge
 Prayer
 Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS/JUST BECAUSE

Sheryl announced that she is traveling to Birmingham, AL to visit the Rotary Club which is the largest in the U.S.

There were various other announcements and Just Because.

PROGRAM

The speaker was Charlie Dowd, Deputy Director of Athletics, External Operations at Sacred Heart University. He discussed the breadth and depth of the Sacred Heart University athletic program with emphasis on the hockey arena and program. The University has 33 NCAA 1 women's and men's sports represented.

Four Way Test

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- Feb 28, 2022

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[Speaker: KEVIN LESKO - CHAD STEWART](#)

FAIRFIELD ROTARY FOUNDATION

Door Duty

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ginny reminded all to Save the Date of May 16th for our annual golf outing. In addition, a Day of Service is planned for April 9th. Those with leas for this event should contact her or Barbara Welles. Ginny will also put information about the District Conference on the website.

Job Vossler announced a Shred Fest is scheduled for May 7th and Paddle Fest is scheduled for September 10th. He also welcomes new member leads!

ohn Hoover reported he is working on the 4-Way Test speech competition and that the District will be handling it differently this year.

Bill Llewellyn announced Superbowl Boxes were still available and email Bill if you want one: Bill@universalprinting4u.com

JUST BECAUSE

Vance announced he had a recent birthday and was ready to celebrate the Bengals victory.

Bill was glad his daughter was currently on a training ship but would be heading back to Massachusetts in February.

PROGRAM

The speaker was the Executive Director of CT Housing Partners, Renee Dobos. This organization focuses on low income and retired residents æ™ housing. She showed a video and then a power point. Basically, the mission is to create and sustain innovative housing and vitalize neighborhoods for low and moderate income residents. They also have supportive services housing and operate multiple lines of business that support the organization. Photos of some of the power point slides are at the end of the Drummer.

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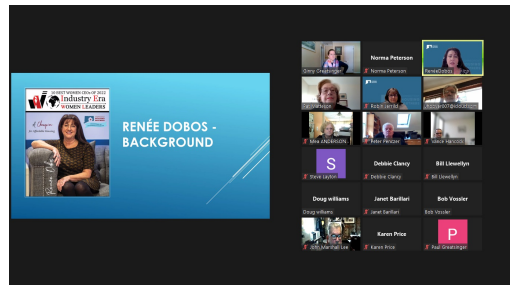
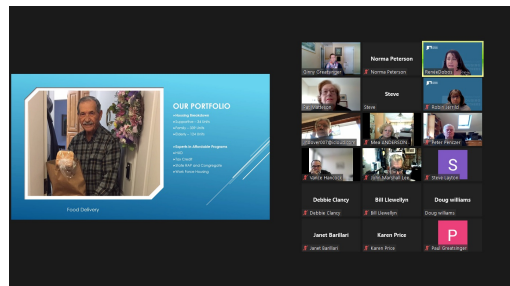
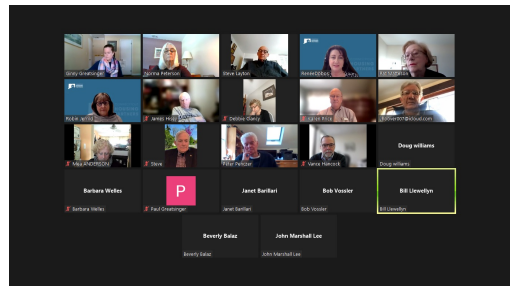
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Drummer October 11, 2021

NOTES PROVIDED BY VANCE HANCOCK

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Pledge æ Bob Price
Prayer - John Hoover
Song æ Bob Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary Beer Garden (12 æ 4 p.m.) at the Sun Tavern is part of the Harvest Fest October 16th. Please help promote the event! If you have questions, contact Chad at rotarychad@gmail.com.

Reminder æ Read Aloud Day October 20th. Contact Barbara if you have questions: bwelles@fairfield.edu.

Volunteers needed for Rotary Halloween-on-the-Green on October 24th. Contact Barbara to volunteer - bwelles@fairfield.edu. Help needed with **set up (11-12:30)**, **pumpkin painting activity for the children (12-2 and 2-4)** and **clean-up (3:30-5)**. This is a great opportunity for those who prefer to volunteer outdoors!



Raffle prizes and sponsorships are still welcome for the One Club Golf Event on October 30th. Contact Bill (wleweH52@aol.com).

Ginny announced that Rotary is celebrating World Polo Day on October 24th and

District 7980 has launched its 2021 End Polio Now campaign. See our website: FairfieldRotary.org for opportunities to support this effort.

She also announced multiple ways to help with the Afghanistan humanitarian resettlement efforts including donations via www.irjct.org/donate or joining a community welcome team by emailing John McGeehan at jmcgeehan1956@gmail.com. Greens Farms Church at 71 Hillandale Rd. in Westport is also accepting donations 12-3 pm this weekend of the following items only: winter coats, rain coats, boots, and new toiletries.

JUST BECAUSE

Steve Layton happily announced his 36th anniversary.

Bill talked about his son's job and his daughter.

Chad was grateful that his friend Ed is in good spirits while fighting a health battle and also reported that he enjoyed his recent golf outing.

Rena was glad to have Paul Greatsinger back.

Sheryl was relieved she is Covid negative.

PROGRAM

The speaker for today was Ted Hollander on the topic of national service for all. He discussed multiple reasons for the need for this as well as multiple forms of national service. For those interested in more information, he has written two books: STEP FORWARD AMERICA (2017) and BACHELORS OF CITIZENSHIP (2021). He also has a Facebook page "Step Forward America!"

**Door Prize
Four Way Test**

The meeting ended with the ringing of the bell.
Speakers for October

October 4 Amanda Rodriguez, motivational speaker
October 11 Ted Hollander discussing U.S. Citizenship
October 18 Mark Barnhart, Director Fairfield Community and Economic Development
October 25 Ginger Katz "Courage to Speak" Substance Use Prevention

Door Duty October

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October 24 **Halloween-on-the-Green**
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November 6 **Shred Fest**

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Drummer September 27, 2021
NOTES PROVIDED BY STEPHANIE COAKLEY
(MEETING PHOTOS AT END OF DRUMMER COURTESY OF STEVE LAYTON)
Sean Flynn, President Elect, presided over the meeting.

Pledge
Prayer
Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chad Stewart reminded all about the October 16th Beer Fest. It will have craft beer, live music and a club corn hole competition. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Chad at rotarychad@gmail.com. Preliminary meeting is at Fairfield Craft Ales in Stratford at 6 pm on Wednesday Sept. 29.
Barbara Welles (bwelles@fairfield.edu) announced that Rotary will be helping with Halloween-on-the-Green on October 24th. Contact Barbara to volunteer.
Bill Llewellyn report on the *One Club and Putter Golf* event on October 30th. Raffle prizes and sponsorships are needed. Contact Bill (wleweH52@aol.com) for more information.

Shred Fest is scheduled for November 6th. Save the date and volunteer if you can.

Bruce Carter reminded all that George Markley has a number of gift cards for sale in support of the club.

Bob Vossler explained that the club has a goal of one member-one lead. Contact Bob with a lead and his committee will do the rest. (nvos21030@aol.com)

JUST BECAUSE

Vance Hancock recently returned from Provence, France and was also happy because he won his first fantasy football game.

Mary Carroll-Mirylees reported that her daughter got married last year in her back yard.

Pat Matteson and Sheryl attended the Memorial Service for Dave Huntington.

Noor Deeb from People's Bank reported that she recently returned from Dubai.

PROGRAM

The speaker for today was Rocky Prognano from Riprour, a local adventure organization with the motto: Get outside and explore. Plan + Prepare. Execute + Adapt. Leave No Trace. He explained that Risk + Creativity = Adventure. See the website riprou.com for more information.

Door Prize
Four Way Test

The meeting ended with the ringing of the bell.
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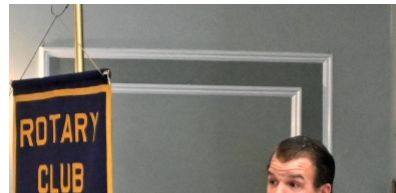
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Drummer October 4, 2021

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Ginny Greatsinger, President, presided over the meeting!

Pledge
Prayer
Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary Beer Garden (12-4 p.m.) at the Sun Tavern is part of the Harvest Fest October 16th. Please help promote the event! If you can assist with set up/ take down please contact Chad at rotarychad@gmail.com.

Rotary will be helping with Halloween-on-the-Green on October 24th 12-4 p.m. Contact Barbara to volunteer - bvwelles@fairfield.edu. Help needed with set up/take down and pumpkin painting activity for the children. Raffle prizes and sponsorships are still needed. For the One Club Golf Event on October 30th. Contact Bill (wleweH52@aol.com).

Shred Fest is scheduled for November 6th. Save the date and volunteer if you can. Volunteers arrive around 8 a.m. and leave before 1 p.m. Contact Bob Vossler at [bvoss21030@aol.com](mailto:bvos21030@aol.com).

John Hoover announced that 42 Grant Applications were received this year.

JUST BECAUSE

- Ginny thanked the Club for their support of Paul as he recovered from Covid-19
- Bruce said his son-in-law was very sick. His daughter looked online to research his symptoms and found what the cause of his illness was - a lot of information is available.
- Debbie said online provided information for her but not all of it was correct.
- John Lee said he went to the emergency room with a pain similar to kidney stones but the pain went away but the fee didn't.
- Dwyer commented on the Tampa Bay win and was glad for Tom Brady.
- Sheryl had her first contact tracing contact but turned out to be a false alarm.
- Peter Penczer went to CA to visit his younger son and his oldest celebrated his 50th birthday.
- John reminded the Club that the Pfizer booster shot was available for those who qualify.

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- On October 24th we will celebrate World Polio Day worldwide. District 7980 has launched it's 2021 *EndPolioNow Campaign*. This year, we will continue our effort by having Rot
- Below are some ongoing ways to help with the Afghanistan Humanitarian Resettlement Efforts

DISTRICT supported effort spearheaded by Rotary Westport -
 Connecticut will receive over 700 refugees in the next year & 300 refugees are expected in September & November through IRIS & Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (irisct.org).

IRIS indicates each family of 2-4 will need an apartment near public transport, language training, cultural assistance, women's help, school assimilation; about \$20,000 per family to settle for. You can Donate online (\$50, \$100, \$250 or up) via www.irisct.org/donate.

You could also **join a local Community Sponsorship Team to welcome a family nearby**. Nine task forces of volunteers needed - email John McGeehan: jmcgeehan1956@gmail.com

Another way to help is the **Afghan Family Help - Donation Drives at GREENS FARMS CHURCH:**

Weekends at Church - 71 Highland Rd, Westport CT (Drive in Congress St entry)- SAT/SUN

This weekend and next weekend 12 noon - 3pm ONLY. Items needed are: *Winter-Rain Coats, Boots, NEW Toiletries & Health, HH Cleaning stuff. Please -- No furniture. No other clothing.*

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Drummer September 20, 2021

Bruce Carter presided over the meeting.

Pledge

Prayer - John Hoover

Song - Bob Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chad passed around a sign-up sheet for the BEER GARDEN scheduled for October 16th. It will have craft beer, live music and a Club corn hole competition. Volunteers are needed.

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JUST BECAUSE

Sheryl Shaughnessey reported about the event honoring Father Allen and that although he was in a wheelchair he was engaging and sharp as always.

The amazing success of the recent Paddle Fest was praised with many thanks to the wonderful volunteers.

PROGRAM

The speaker for today was Liz Salguero of the Circle of Care.



Door Prize

Four Way Test

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Speakers for September

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Sept 6 - LABOR DAY

Sept 13 - Deb Greenwood

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Sept 27 - Frank Skawinski, Horizons at Notre Dame

Door Duty through Oct. 11

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Coffee and Orientation start at 9 a.m.

Volunteer for grades K-2 at Luis Munoz Marin School

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President Ginny presided over the special Zoom Meeting which started at 12:30 p.m.

Since this was a special meeting for the purpose of providing information regarding potential support of a program to help prevent child sex trafficking, the usual formal order of business was no

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Shaughnessey announced that Joan Huntington's funeral will be held on September 25th. Please mark your calendar. In addition, she reminded the members that the Father Allen ev Ginny reminded everyone of the Paddle Fest on September 11th. Additional volunteers are needed. Email Jay Tini if you can volunteer.

PROGRAM

Rick Naylor of PACT (Partners Against Child Trafficking) explained the program which is seeking funding to provide a one hour online course to 1100 freshmen at Fairfield University. The course is in several ways. There was a vigorous Q and A. The power point presentation with additional information is attached to this Drummer email.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Speakers for September

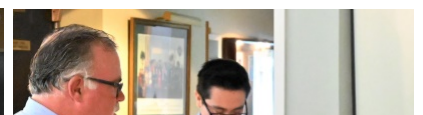
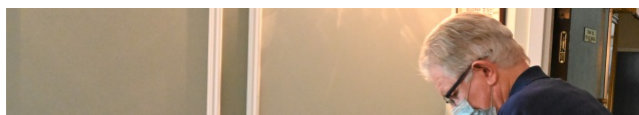
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PHOTOS FROM MEETING August 2, 2021





Potential member Terry Quinn attended the meeting. Assistant District Governor Stephanie D. Philips presented the Rotary Theme Banner and pins to President Ginny.

Bridge House is an organization that empowers adults living with persistent mental illness to improve their quality of life and has served thousands of members in the Greater Bridgeport area. Th

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August 16	August 16	August 16

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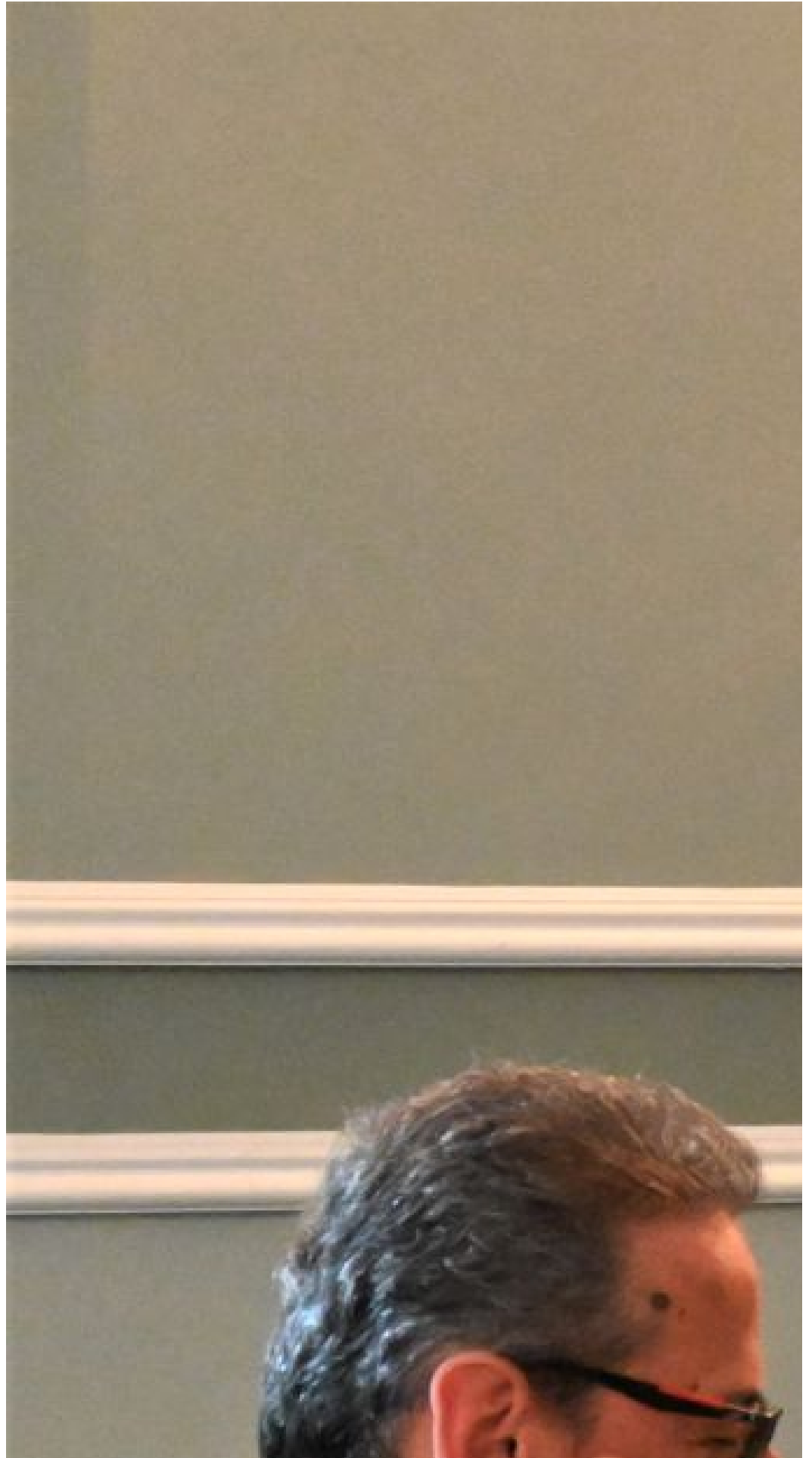
September 11 - Paddle Fest at Jennings Beach

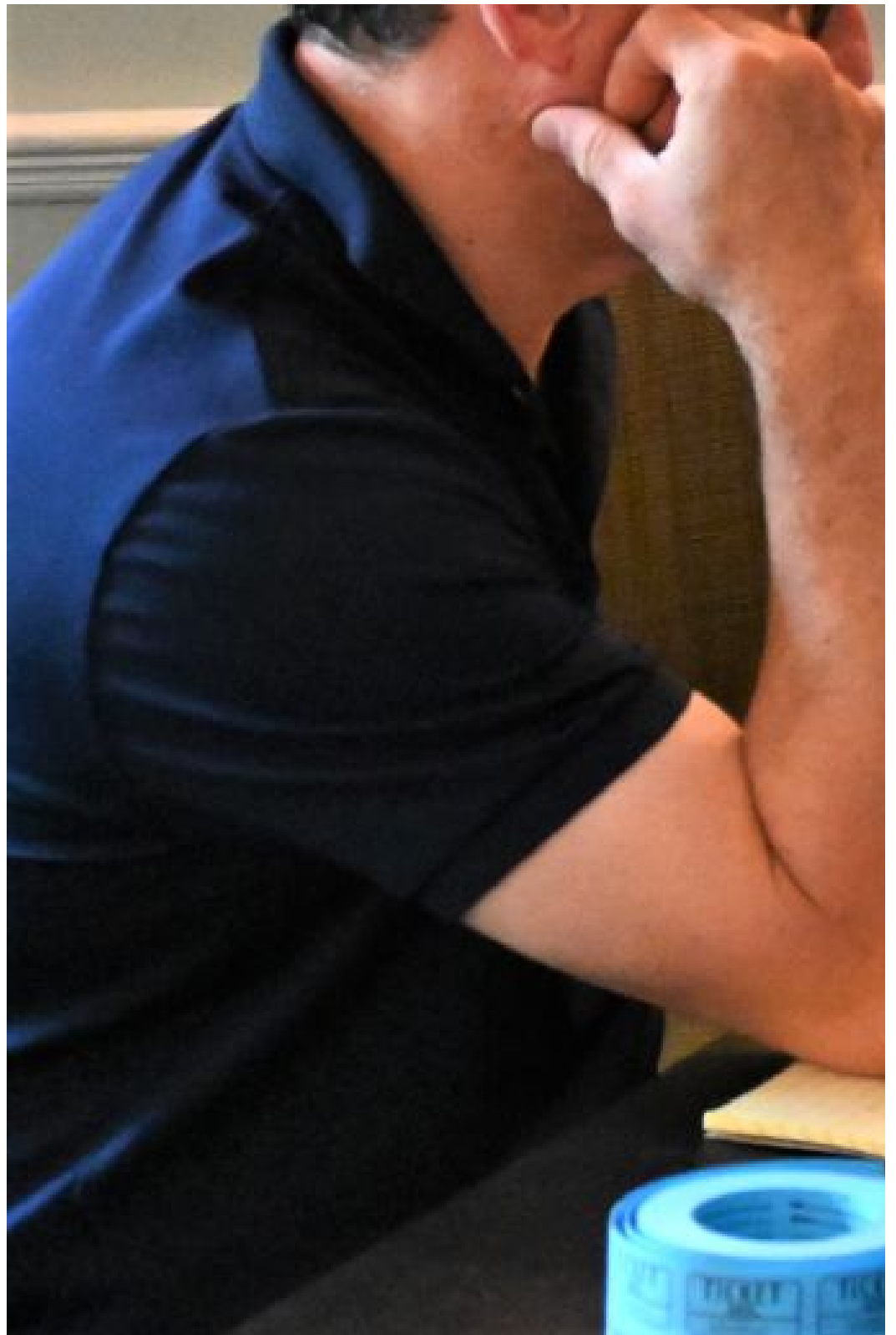
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When an employment application asks who is to be notified in case of emergency, I always write, "A very good doctor".

By Norma J. Peterson on Saturday, July 24, 2021
Notes by Steve Layton and Ginny Greatshier

Viva La Rotary! led by Bob Price

Paddle Fest is coming up.
Chad Stewart announced the Fire Pit Social â€œ BYO on Saturday July 24th.
Debbie Clancy announced that scholarships from the Fairfield Rotary Club Foundation were awarded in the amount of \$24,000 to Fairfield school students. It was noted that the Bridgeport school
The Assistant District Governor presented the Rotary badge, information, and a backpack to Ginny and reported that the District Governorâ€™s surgery for a brain bleed was successful.
Rena Fortuna was awarded a Superman Cape as â€œSuper Renaâ€
Chad Stewart announced that the District Governorâ€™s surgery for a brain bleed was successful.

Sheryl Daughmiessey welcomed new guests as a new member and also thanked speaker John Traynor.

Noor Deeb of People's United Bank was inducted as a member of the Fairfield Rotary Club. She commented she is happy to be a part of the club. In addition, she explained that she will be

John Traynor

By Norma J. Peterson on Saturday, July 24, 2021

Fairfield Rotary Foundation Officers and Board of Trustees
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President: Kevin Lesko• President Elect: <i>Chad Stewart</i>• Secretary: Steve Elworthy• Treasurer: Debbie Clancy <p>YEARS IN ROTARY REPRESENTATIVES: Ben Williamson, Mary Carroll-Mirylees, Bob Price, Doug Williams, Renato Gasparian</p> <p>PAST PRESIDENTS: Vance Hancock, Rena Fortuna, Chad Stewart, Sam Topal, Gary Kealey</p> <p>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: (Established by ByLaws) All Past Presidents; Club Treasurer; Current Club President Ginny Greatsinger</p>

Monday, July 26, 2021

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By Norma J. Peterson on Monday, July 26, 2021

Doug Williams - Tomorrow members can go to Notre Dame HS to see presentation of a program. If interested contact Doug Williams right away as he needs to sign up participants in advance. I
John Hoover has a meeting regarding a little free library. He is meeting with Save the Children about this.

President Ginny is focusing on three things - Fun, Fellowship & Fundraising. The Club will also be encouraging engaging with the community such as Sturges Ridge, Save the Children, and con
2021-2022 Goals Summary: Goals include Membership, Giving, Engagement and more.

Membership Satisfaction survey discussed - We will try to be doing this twice a year. A link to the survey results is here: [May 2021 Membership Survey Results](#) (ctrl + click to follow link)
Some President comments about the survey -
As to satisfaction question, about 90% were satisfied in general. The response also seemed to indicate that communication could be improved. Ginny is working to keep the website updated a
Bob Vossler spoke about membership. The club is asking all members to participate in the 1 lead 1 member program - 1 lead each year to the membership committee which will follow through.
Janet Barillari reported as Treasurer - A budget is being prepared. Financially the club is in good shape. A financial statement will be prepared after the end of the year entries are made. Abou
Mea described August calendar of events. Many meeting speakers are already scheduled. Check website for updates. Gary Kealey is also working on this.
Community Grants information is available on our website.
Community Service update Barbara. - Operation Hope is not in need of Rotary assistance at Food Pantry. Barbara will let people know opportunities to get involved and put information on webs
International Service - A \$2000 donation was made to the Bwindi Hospital Project to support the ICU unit project led by Westport Rotary Club.
Jay Tini discussed fundraisers coming up - Paddle Fest Sept 11 consists of multiple events - 6 mile race (more serious racers), 3 mile recreation race, half mile youth race. Sponsors are need

Four Way Test led by Steve Layton

Meeting Adjourned

Monday, July 26, 2021

Our Upcoming Door Duty Roster:

Date	Door Duty	Door Duty
August 2	Chad Stewart	Tracy McMillan
August 16	Sam Topal	Karla Mendenhall
August 23	Mea Anderson	Megan Couch

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

SPEAKERS

August 2 Anne Diamond, Bridgeport Hospital
August 9 No Meeting
August 11 Party Time at the beach
August 16 Marilyn McGuire, Bridgehouse
August 23 Bob Hennessy, Harmonica Talks (a fun meeting)
August 30 No Meeting

By Norma J. Peterson on Tuesday, July 27, 2021

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John Hoover â€” Kevin Lesko has provided storage space for all things Rotary. John and Steve moved a lot of Rotary items into the space. If you have items that should be in this central Rotary
Barbara Welles â€” She has spoken to Golden Hill Church and they are now providing meals on Wednesday evenings. The club will start providing volunteers for this program quarterly. Contact E
Steve Layton â€” Please check the Drummer and the Website for your Door Duty assignments. Reminder emails will also be sent. If you are unable to serve at your assigned time, please get a r
Sheryl Shaughnessey â€” She will be hosting an Operation Hope Tag Sale Satellite Site. If you have an item to donate for the tag sale, please contact her. Check the OH website to see how e
Bob Vossler â€” Paddle Fest on Sept. 11 planning is going well. Sponsors are needed. See information on our Website.
Ginny Greatsinger â€” Please join in the fun club beach event on Wednesday August 11th at the Jackie Durrell Pavilion. Cost is \$30 PP and is BYOB. See our Website for more details. She also re
Bill Llewellyn reported he had a great time at the Womenâ€™s Senior Open at Brooklawn and commented on the high level of golf played by the participants. He also said he was glad to have !
Mike Pida shared he had quality camping time with his daughter who is leaving for college and was also glad his son had found some summer jobs.
Ginny Greatsinger announced that Norma Peterson will be taking over Drummer duty.
George Markley shared that his wife will be happy that there is a new home for all the Rotary items in his garage! He also thanked Bridgeport Hospital for the great job they did caring for him or
Chad Stewart will be spending vacation time with his dad and also thanked Kevin Lesko for hosting the Fire Pit Party and thanked George for all that he does for the club.
Bruce Carter announced he has been a member for Rotary for 50 years!

Sheryl Shaughnessey was recognized for her 33 years as a Rotary member. She had an opportunity to comment on how some things have changed over the years. It was also noted that she w
Anne Diamond, President of Bridgeport Hospital and Executive VP of Yale New Haven Health System lives in Fairfield and has been active for many years in the health field. Her passions include :

Bob Price won the prize which was 2 gift cards. Paul Greatsinger and Janet Barillari each won a chance at the 50-50 raffle but each did not pick the King of Snafes

Don't miss out on the price when most get cards. Don't overcharge and don't overpay each with a chance at the 50-50 game that day and not pick the ring or spoon.

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

New club members bring fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and new friendships into our club.

As chairman of our club's Membership Development and Retention Committee I need your help. Our committee is starting the "One Member One Lead" program. Basically, we're asking every m

When you think about it leads may be easier than you think. For example, people with whom you do business, vendors, tradesmen, doctors, community leaders, clergy and local media/public re

Please send me your leads including contact information and vocation by email to: rvos21030@aol.com

Yours in Rotary Service,
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August 11 Rotary Beach Party

September 11 Paddle Fest

Events

No Events found

Speakers