

Milford Rotary Chat September 15, 2022



[Meeting Minutes from 9/8/22](#)

Pledge of Allegiance: Win

Prayer: Frosty

4 Way Test of the Things We Say or Do: Don (sort of?)

Guests:

Stephanie Haak

Betsy Nilan – Get In Touch Foundation

MaryAnn and Ralph Stroup – Literacy in Kenya Grant

Do Good:

Win – The Impossible Dream LP – gift of Uncle Dan

Phil - \$20 Thank you Betsy for coming to present today, Board meeting at his house!

MaryAnn & Ralph Stroup – thought they were speakers today as they registered at the Bakers Rotary Club of Milford, Michigan (maybe they'll speak as per the time change and the internet!)

Tad – sold his RV for about what he paid for it! He and Tom did a 60 mile bicycle ride – Great Ride!

Win – (Greg wasn't paying attention but it was something important – politically or otherwise!)

Carrie – Sorry for being away. Keep Bob Miller in our thoughts as he had a serious fall – with a staph infection – and is cognitively challenged. Carrie's grandson is in kindergarten and he can't stop talking (where does he get that from ???).

Tom – happy to ride 60 miles with Tad on a beautiful New England Ride. Tom noted that his son Andy went to grade school at St. Ann's in Milford with Betsy (from the Get In Touch Foundation).

Stephanie – is going to London tomorrow.

Frosty – happy for the guests today!

Don – happy for the guests and the upcoming Board Meeting!

Presentations:

I. Betsy Nilan – The Get In Touch Foundation

She noted that the foundation is about early Cancer Breast Detection. There is the Daisy Wheel to help with the 8 steps of self exam. Her mother started the organization. It is about saving lives. The importance is in good early detection. She is presenting to Schools, Hospitals, OB-GYNs, Clinics, and Virtually.

The upcoming new website will feature people who have been helped by early detection and successful life changing stories.

She noted that she will be bringing back the The Daisy Bowl – a tag football fundraiser.

II. Dr. Ralph Stroup and his wife Mary Ann

They have been working with the Nanyuki Rotary Club in Kenya. The grant is with the North Branford Rotary Club for the II Ngwesi Conservancy in Kenya where they help with literacy. In Kenya they speak 3 languages MA (masi Lang) Shriaheli and English (spelling?). They have a high illiteracy which is lower due to the pandemic. The project is to help build a Medical Clinic with supplies as well as provide water. It is important to help with water filters in the schools as well as the communities so they can transport water to their homes.

Their literacy efforts are important to provide Library services including a mobile library hub to 19 schools and 14 pre-schools. They furnish books, furniture and computers. The Nanyuki Rotary works with the North Branford Rotary on this project.

The pre-schools and primary schools are important in providing storytimes and allowing students to learn about the library. It's about developmental learning. They start by teaching through their centers. Community involvement is important to give input into what is needed to help literacy and improvement of the lives of these students

Announcements:

Board Meeting – Sept 8th at Phil’s house

September 21st - Retirement Dinner for Gary Johnson – Anyone interested contact Don as per there will be tables of 10 so we can sit together.

September 22nd - District Governor will be presenting at our meeting

September 25th – Alzheimer’s Walk – Edward Jones is a sponsor – Please walk or Donate as per Phil will be walking.

Who’s Who for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year

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Board Meeting the second Thursday, 5:30 PM social, 6 PM meeting – every month unless noted otherwise

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Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.

Oscar Wilde