

Milford Rotary Chat December 1, 2022



[Meeting Minutes: 11/17/22](#)

Pledge done by Mark

Prayer by Tom with a reminder to keep Frank in our prayers.

Four-Way test by Lorna (with a slight hiccup even though we know you could say it in her sleep frontwards and backwards)

Visitors:

Will Kalikman who is a junior at Dartmouth, is a rower and is Frosty's grandson.

Mark Krom who is Scout Master Troop 1 and our speaker for today.

Do Good:

Phil - Happy to have Mark here and the positive effect the scouts have been for him and his son.

Tom - His daughter, Deanna, volunteered at the NYC Marathon taking care of medical needs. His nephew, a sophomore, is rowing crew at Princeton where he is 6' 4" & 205, perfect for crew probably competed against Will (Frosty's Grandson) this past year.

Bob - Happy to see Mark. He and Kate are going down to Virginia.

Dave - Wanted to update us that Frank is still in the hospital with a rare blood disease or infection. He said they may have to remove his spleen. His cigar club may be doing a fund raiser. We need your support. You know Frank would be in your corner. On a lighter side, Dave spent 5 days down at Pine Hurst NC and in their friendly competition, he was the silver bowl winner.

Don - Pointed out it was good to have Anthony back with us. Also, Mark Nastry is a new Dad.

Mark Krom - was glad to be here.

Sam - said UNH football is playing in West Virginia. His daughter is going into dental hygiene while getting a taste of dentistry by working for Dr. Phil. This winter she is trying out for winter guard.

Frosty endorses whatever support we can give to Frank. Happy to see Anthony. He said the grand kids keep showing up and he just loves it but they play a lot of cards and he is getting tired of getting beat.

Dan is happy to see Mark and his grandnephew Will. Then as expected Dan took a shot at his brother (as only a brother can).

Gary said Colgate beat Syracuse in basketball (sorry Phil).

Speaker: Mark Krom who has been Scout Master Troop 1 for over 40 years.

The Troop started in 1901 and Pink Smith was their first eagle scout. They now have 48-50 kids. There are 4 Troops in Milford, some with less than 8 people. There were 40 Troops at one time.

They just finished a big undertaking with their Thanksgiving food drive. They fed 345 families in Milford and had 80 volunteers. Each family got 2 big boxes of food that was enough for Thanksgiving dinner and food enough for 2 weeks following. They filled 2 box trucks with food and any extra food was given to area food pantries. No food went to waste. Their next fund raiser is a wreath sale. Future plans are to send Christmas cards to the troops, Hat and coat drive to help the needy in Bridgeport. At the Christmas tree lighting, they will pass out cookies and milk. They are always doing something and

of course they work on their Eagle Scout projects. They have built bridges, did landscaping at Milford Landing and painted railings at Mondo Ponds.

Mark started with Scouting when his kids were young and he just stayed on. He loves it. They camp about twice a month. Last month they went to NYC and to the Statue of Liberty. In the summer they go to a camp on Nantucket and the kids love it. At this point there are no girls in the troop, but they welcome them. They would need 2 female leaders to join to allow them to join. Connecticut Yankee Council is the most active in CT. In New Haven they started with 50 scouts but now there are 1500.



The club gave them a check for \$500 (Frosty and Dan gave an extra \$100). Great job and money well spent.

Greg Schmitt

[Upcoming Milford \(and other\) Rotary Club Events:](#)

- **Dec 1st Lunch Meeting Thursday 12:15-1:15** at Kimberly Restaurant. **Speaker** will be William Legere from Milford Historical Society
- **Dec 1st After Lunch Meeting 1:15PM** Carrie Committee for Cornhole Fundraiser Event any thoughts contact Carrie
- **Dec 3rd 10AM** Brad Gesler’s Funeral Service at Orange Congregational Church <https://www.codywhitefuneralservice.com/tributes/Bradford-Gesler>
- **Dec 6th 6PM** - 100 Year Celebration Planning Meeting, 9 Depot St. Milford
- **Dec 8th – Lunch Meeting Thursday 12:15-1:15** at Kimberly Restaurant. **Speaker** will be Sharon Cappetta from the Community Foundation of New Haven
- **Dec 8th 5:30PM Board Meeting/Christmas Party** at Mark Sandillo's house. Please RSVP so appropriate plans can be made. Thanks
- **Dec 15th Lunch Meeting Thursday 12:15-1:15** at Kimberly Restaurant. Toys for Tots – Jason and Milford Fire Department
- **Dec 17th Saturday 9-1:30** Beth el

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

[Who’s Who for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year](#)

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We make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill