

# Milford Rotary Chat January 19, 2023



## [Meeting Minutes: 1/12/23](#)

Tad got us going with the pledge.  
Gary gave us a prayer.  
Sam blow through the 4 way test.

### **Guests:**

Bethany Briggs (Curran's sister) from Kenya  
Ellie Bishop (I think she is warming us up for girl scout cookies)

### **Do Good:**

Frosty out did himself. He forgot to check in.  
Youseff was happy to be here.  
Phil is almost over COVID but still wearing his mask to be safe for everyone else. His son went on a ski trip where 40% of the people had never skied. His wife passed her MRI test. Congrats!  
Sam just got back from Florida with his son. They went to Disney but the girls didn't go. Guys weekend!  
Lorna joked why did the skeleton cross the road? He had a bone to pick with the chicken. Beth El had 33 guests last week and they planned for 50 so there was a lot of food. The youth helper (sorry didn't get his name) was great.  
Don said at the district level there is a whole process to be District Governor and Stephanie from Stratford was approved.  
Dave said on Thursday there is an AED event at Milford Fine Arts at 11:30 (just before lunch) where Mike Papallae will make the presentation. Dave has tickets for the Frank Perry fund raiser which is at Orange Ale House on Feb 2nd. Tickets are \$50 each. Frank is doing great!  
Carrie gave us a cat story. A ways back she had them neutered (or so she thought). She has come to find out one still has his parts! Male cat in heat is trouble.  
Gary acknowledged an old picture of the Rotary Club with attention to the Italian table.  
Tad had a root canal earlier in the week, doing much better now. On Feb 22nd at 6:00 at Win's office there is to be the next organizational meeting for the 100 year anniversary of the club.  
Curran went to Atlantic City and has been singing Bruce Springsteen songs since. He got his finger nipped in a leaf blower, he is not flipping anybody off as it may appear.

Bethany Briggs gave us an update of the work they are doing in Kenya. The organization is called Anaweza Organization which means "she is able". They were in the United States for the last 2 years but recently moved back to Kenya where they help getting systems for clean water, education, etc.. She said Rotary has been an incredible organization and has been great help. Someone asked her how she and her brother were drawn to their work. She said they are both people of faith and they are doing God's work.

**Speaker: Chad Betz**

Speaker for the day was Chad Betz author of "Late Bloomer" and his latest book "The Second Mouse Gets The Cheese". The thought is learn from the first mouse (each other) to get the cheese (our goals). Look at our goals, not the goals of others. What does success mean to us? There are 3 traps we fall into. Mediocracy trap where ok is good enough. Keeps you from being great. Isolation trap where you think you are the only one to do it and you get isolated. The artificial life trap where things divert your attention to things that are not important and take you away from reaching your goals. We all have a desire to succeed. What does success mean to you? Don't be OK, BE GREAT!!!

**Announcements:**

This past weekend was the second weekend of the diaper drive at Shoprite. The blood drive is not happening on Feb 24th. We need to pick a new date.

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> - Speaker is Dominic Mantuano, Exec Dir of the CT Burns Care Foundation and Children's Burn Camp.

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-9:00 Wines and More is sponsoring a wine tasting dinner at Stone Bridge. Jeff Wilson set it up and he figures the club should receive about \$1000 from the event. Great job and thanks Jeff. Link is at: [www.milfordrotary.org](http://www.milfordrotary.org)

Feb 2nd is the Fund raiser for Frank at Orange Ale House. Get your tickets.

Carrie is working on the corn hole event but there have been some snags slowing down the process. Stay tuned.

The next board meeting is at Gary Johnson's house on Jan 12th. Food at 5:30, meeting at 6:00. His address is 96 Terrace Rd. Milford. That is in Morningside.

*Greg Schmitt*

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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*The secret of getting ahead is getting started.*

—Mark Twain