

Milford Rotary Chat January 26, 2023



[Meeting Minutes: 1/19/23](#)

Pledge done by Buddy as he ran in the back door late (but here!)

Prayer presented by Don.

4 way test by a shakey Phil. We all know it. Why is it more difficult when we are put on the spot?

Guests:

Visiting Rotarian and speaker was Dominic Montuano from the Stratford club who is the Executive Director of the Connecticut Burn Care Foundation.

Do Good:

Phil got us started by welcoming Dominic and he told us he and Bob are going down to the Harbor Commission to start the process for this year's Lobster bake.

Carrie was happy to see a full room (good attendance this week) Her son just turned 30 and her grand daughter just turned 2.

Bob's son is still with him since the holidays and they are having a good time. He also gave a hopeful cheer for the Giants.

Tad's root canal is doing well! (I don't know why those things have such a bad reputation.)

Lorna said the AED presentation at the Fine Arts Council went well.

Win congratulated Carrie for doing a great job on the diaper drive. Also, he went up to Vermont for the weekend and he had his grandchild with him.

Dave said that channel 12 News was at the AED presentation, good publicity. His newest grandson, Magnus, is 1 month old and all is well.

Don on a sad note said one of his best friends passed away today. They did a lot of charity work together (and shared a few cocktails to follow). It made him feel better to be at the AED presentation and to come to the meeting to be with friends.

Dominic told us he is going to perform at the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra Carousel.

Frosty was sad about UConn Mens basketball teams recent losses but had good wishes for the Giants (sorry they got beat pretty soundly) and Yale hockey which is playing a strong Harvard team.

Tom is going to New Zealand in a week with 4 siblings and their spouses. He is going for 3 weeks. Sounds great!

Carrie said the diaper drive netted \$1362.00. She thanked Lorna and Phil for adding Saturday. After attending the AED meeting, it sparked her to want to do more. Possibly CPR training.

Don said he had a good time at the diaper drive. Not only were they doing good but there was good fellowship.

2 of our newest members were welcomed into the club this week by Carrie. She did a great job of bringing them up to speed about what Rotary is all about. The new members are Chris Durkin and Stephanie Haak.

Speaker:

Dominic Montuano spoke about the Connecticut Burn Care Foundation.

Our club donated \$5000 to the Foundation.

The camp is for kids who are burn victims from age 8-18 and it is at no cost to the kids and their families. The counsellors are all volunteers and 80% are fire fighters. Most of them are doing it 30+ years. The camp gives kids a chance to be kids without feeling self-conscious about their wounds and allows them to accomplish activities they would not have access to without the camp. The camp goes for 1 week per year but they hope to increase the number of people in camp and also hope to increase the number of weeks they can have camp. The camp location has changed and they hope to be able to get a new location within the next 2-3 years. They have an upcoming fund raiser called the Angel Ride that happens sometime around Memorial Day. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Announcements:

Wine tasting at Stone Bridge on Jan 30th Monday, I think at 6:00.

Fund raiser to help support our own Frank. It is Feb 2nd at Orange Ale House. \$50 per person, there should be a band. Any raffle prizes are appreciated. The hospital bill was \$911,000 and his out of pocket is about \$25,000. All help appreciated.

Tad passed around memorabilia from the club archives. Wednesday Feb 22nd there will be an organizational meeting of those looking to help out with our 100 year anniversary celebration at Win's office behind the Milford Bank.

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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Positive anything is better than negative nothing.

-Elbert Hubbard