

Milford Rotary Chat February 16, 2023



Rotary Seal South Island – New Zealand

[Meeting Minutes: 2/9/23](#)

Don got us started with a prayer.
We said the pledge. I didn't write down who lead us.
Dan got through the 4 way test

Guests:

Visiting Rotarians were District Governor Tari Marshall Day who was our speaker today and also Stephanie Phillips from the Stratford Club
Don also had a guest join us whose name is Sherry and she is interested in getting involved and doing things that are important for the community.

Do Good:

Mike announced he is now a proud grandfather and he knows and welcomes Stephanie.
Youssef is happy to be able to make it to the meetings.
Phil was in Florida with his family and had a great time. They were delayed coming home because of the balloon from China flying over the Carolinas.
Tari is happy to be here and to be our speaker (she has lots of energy). she wants a picture with us at the end of the meeting.
Stephanie is happy to be here and to see her friends Mike and Don. She congratulated us for our 100 year anniversary of the founding of our club.
Dan told us Mayor Blake is going to step down.
Tari wants us to know Stephanie is the future DG.
Carrie asked if she should run for Mayor. Her granddaughter turned 3. She is sad about the earthquake and the devastation in Turkey.
Tad is happy the DG is here and he told she had 10 minutes to speak. He was hiking and skiing in Vermont and dropped his phone in the snow. After looking for 1 1/2 hr in 10 below temperatures , he had to ski down in the dark. Ended up getting a new phone.
Don spent 1 1/2 hr visiting Ted Goodwin last week. Had a nice visit and Ted really appreciated the visitors.
Youssef gave a class helping the new arrivals in to the country on how to get acclimated to how things are done here.
Lorna happy to have the DG with us today.
Win said his son is traveling so he has his granddaughter. Went up to Vermont where it got as cold as 35 below.

Speaker: Tari Marshall Day -- Our current District Governor

Rotary's goal is serving humanity. If you have events to promote get them in to the Dacdb calendar and in to social media. We need to bring youths in to our clubs and diversify membership. It opens our clubs up to a whole segment of the population which can broaden our clubs and it can be an important growth tool for the youths. They will add to their resume, can learn grant writing or even how to run a meeting. Tell your story and get others interested.

Flexibility is the way of the future for Rotary. Already they have satelite clubs and e clubs. Tari has sent out numerous messages to our e-mails. Read them get involved.

Announcements:

Board meeting was the 9th at Mike's office (second Thursday of the month)

Lobster bake will be July 22. We are starting to look for help. Next meeting is Feb 15th at United Way office (I think).

The Centennial celebration next meeting is Feb 22nd at Win's office behind Milford Bank.

Carrie needed help to deliver diaper on the 13th. Hope you got it.

Feb28th there is a double blood drive from 8 AM to 7 PM at the Kingdom Life Church at 597 Naugatuck Ave. It is the old gym in the back. We hope to get 92 pints. Red Cross does everything. We can help supply snacks.

June 11th is the shred event and possibly a 5 K at Eisenhower Park (we may have to work out a conflict).

May 20 is Rotary day of service.

May22nd is the district assembly

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

Officers:	Sergeant-At-Arms: Frank Perry	1 st Year Board of Dir:	2nd Year Board of Dir:
President – Don Wetmore	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Mike Granata	Gary Johnson	Dave Adams
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Secretary - Lorna Sura	Carrie Reed (Immediate Past President)	Frank Perry	BJ Frazier
Club Historian- Ken Hawkins	Beth-El meal leaders- Shaileen Landsberg and Lorna Sura		

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If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever.

— Kofi Annan