

Milford Rotary Chat March 2, 2023



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

I arrived a little late, so this is where we started:

Dan did the 4 way test. I was told he read it, but stumbled through it anyway. (Happens all the time!)

Do Good:

Carie told us her mother fell and broke her hip. One day later her hip replacement was done. She is very determined to get out of rehab. Carrie and her sister are going to try to run the store on the weekends and hope to find someone to run it during the week. She is not closing. Please support the store. It is Canvas Patch in case anyone didn't know. Right now sign in the window says Marty is enjoying a break.

Don is hoping 3 times is a charm. He and his wife are going to Miami to pick up a cruise.

Win had nothing so he made it up. His brother Tad is running for U.S. Congress

Lorna said they had a great turn out at Beth El last weekend. They served 48 guests. Beth El's annual gala is coming up, please support it if you can. Also, she saw her grand babies this past weekend. She loves it.

Speaker: Kevin McGrath from Keeping Milford Warm <https://www.keepingmilfordwarm.com/>

They have been in existence for about 9 1/2 years. Kevin had a neighbor who was crying because she had no money, no oil and there was not anywhere to turn to for help. He and a group of Kawanis members raised \$1500 to get their group started. They started helping get oil then expanded to helping with natural gas and electric bills. The need has been growing. There have been 947 requests for help in Milford since Jan 1st and just this morning there were 7 more. Requests had been low due to state and federal aid but these sources have tightened up and the request flood gates have opened up. In the 9 years of existence they have raised about \$250,000. They are a 501C3 organization with a board of 10 people. They have an annual gala to raise money and every penny that gets raised goes right back out. Most times people ask for assistance 1 or 2 times and they are embarrassed to ask for help. An organization called TEAM helps them determine who is eligible for help. The group works with Santa Fuel and Philips Oil in the valley. They helped save a lot of money. Milford is the only town in the state with an independent energy group. Others have contacted them to get help on how to set up their own organizations. They need \$15,000- 20,000 seed money for the model to work. They have been very fortunate and have good sponsors (\$1000 each). They raise most of their money from their large gala but they are looking at smaller events to raise additional funds. Keep Milford warm helps supply fuel but they do not do repairs.

Announcements:

The club has an opportunity to send a shelter box to Turkey. There is a great need. Please support the cause.

Last night there was a meeting for the centennial celebration. They got a lot done. Tom and Win are going to co-chair the event. Thoughts are they would like to buy a bench and sitting area with the proceeds raised and they can sell bricks to raise additional funds. The next meeting is March 22 at Win's office at 6:00.

Feb 28th - Red Cross blood drive at the Kingdom Life property at 527 Naugatuck Ave . Drive is in honor of Frank and runs from 8 AM to 7 PM. It is in the large gym in the back. We will provide snacks and red cross does the rest. There will be a Rotary table. If you can donate blood it takes about 1 hour.

March 9th is the next board meeting. It will be at Phil's house on Oronoque Road.

March 15th – next organizational meeting at Mike Granada’s Office

March 30th - a fifth Thursday. Lets see if we can get a good turnout.

April 16th - CPR and AED class is being held Sunday from 2-5 at Milford Body Therapy. Fee is \$40 per person. It is a community level class, not a certificate class.

May 20th is the Rotary day of service.

June 11th is our Shred event and there will be a 5K race that day also.

Our own Carrie Reed has been nominated for the Don Adams Award. Congrats Carrie, you deserve it!

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
President-Elect – Tad Smith	Treasurer: Tracy O’Brien	Darcy Lapp-Rabinowitz	Jill McGoldrick
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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 you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life.

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