

# Milford Rotary Chat March 9, 2023



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## Meeting Minutes: 3/2/23

Confusion reigned when President Don Wetmore failed to show up for the meeting. Eventually, it became apparent (even to the brain-trust of the Milford Rotary) that he would not be in attendance. In a gross violation of the Milford Rotary By-Laws, which clearly require the Vice President to act when the President does not, President-Elect Tad Smith shoved aside (both literally and figuratively) Vice President Phil Ucci and seized control of the meeting. Ruthlessly, he gaveled the meeting to order. Sensing the impending power grab, Bill Parry began to act as Sargent-At-Arms (even though he is in fact NOT the Sargent-At-Arms per the Chat, Mike Granata is). Usurper Parry then forced Win Smith III to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance. Oddly (and appropriately) Parry then asked Curren Bishop to give a prayer, which was finely done. Bill turned the tables on Tad and made him do the 4-way test (which was well read).

### **Guest:**

Ellie Bishop (who is now about as tall as her mother!)

### **Do Good:**

Secretary-Elect (is there such a position?) Youssef was happy to be here

Phil gave a sad fine for this father who is still in a rehab facility, a sadder fine for the state of our health care system as no one seems to know what is going on (Dr. Esposito (who was sitting next to Phil) did not disagree!), and, finally, he has been unable to get anyone to be a speaker at the lunch meetings (perhaps the saddest fine of them all!)(he should have seen the Rob Thomas year when all the speakers for the entire year were set up BEFORE his year as speaker chair);

Dave A had happy and sad fine. He is going to Florida for a month (happy) but won't be here for 4 weeks (sad).

Dr Dave was happy to hear Frank is doing great.

Tad told us he won't be here next week as he is going to Buenos Aires, Argentina with his son.

Win III is going to run the NCAA basketball pool.

Curran was here and apologized that it has been a while since he was here. His church was having their third anniversary this Sunday. They meet at Harborside School at 10:30. All are welcome.

Lorna was happy to be here but said she is having parts removed? Good Luck!

Ellie told us Girl Scout Cookie season is open. They have a new cookie but it has to be pre ordered. Order early!

Apparently running the meeting was a surprise to Tad.

## Announcements:

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 (ha Gotcha, Mike) Check that. I think it is going to be at Mike's office (the pink buildings on the Green).

March 22nd – The next 100 year Anniversary of Milford Rotary organizational meeting is at Win's Office. Last meeting they had a lot of great ideas.

Dr. Dave reminded us that the Rotary Scholarship Award applicant pool has been poor the last couple years. If you know any high school seniors, encourage them to apply. It is easy to do and it is free money.

There was some confused discussion about the March madness pool. I think Win wants to use the ESPN app. He said it is simple, you can have your own group and you can have unlimited entries. He said the easiest way to do it is right on your phone. He or Lorna will be sending out details on how to sign up. Dave A wanted me to send out instructions but the only one more confused than him was me. Sorry.

Our speakers from last week did a great job with Food 2 Kids. There was discussion about combining our May 20th day of service with the work they are doing with Food 2 Kids.

Thank you Win for the notes for the first half of the meeting and for the jump start on the write up (note his additional editorial commentary over the usual Chat!).

*Greg Schmitt*

March 30<sup>th</sup> - a fifth Thursday. Let's see if we can get a good turnout.

April 16<sup>th</sup> - 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!

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 <sup>st</sup> Year Board of Dir:	2nd Year Board of Dir:
President – Don Wetmore	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Mike Granada	Gary Johnson	Dave Adams
President-Elect – Tad Smith	Treasurer: Tracy O'Brien	Darcy Lapp-Rabinowitz	Jill McGoldrick
Vice President – Phil Ucci III	Asst Treasurer: Youssef Boutros	Bill Parry	Sam Bergami
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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*It's not how big you are, it's how big you play.*

*-John Wooden*