

Milford Rotary Chat March 16, 2023



[Meeting Minutes: 3/9/23](#)

The meeting start got hijacked by Frank. He paid a \$20 happy fine and was off to the races. No prayer, no pledge, no 4 way test. It was chaos. He gave us a rundown of his medical condition that had him in the hospital and home since October. He noted that this was his first Rotary meeting since that time. He was back to his usual happy and funny.

Guests:

Guests and speakers - Paige Miglio and Jackie Munk from the Milford Arts Council (MAC)

Do Good:

Frank is back!! He gave thanks to all for all the support. Everyone was great!

Frank said he had hospital goods for sale, walkers, canes, etc.

Youssef said it was good to have Frank back.

Phil U said he guessed he was acting President for the day. The board meeting was going to be at his house.

Bob welcomed Frank back.

Tom was sad he couldn't play accordion Christmas Music for Frank.

Win paid the fine for his son. His firm was on the cover of a newspaper. They were representing the unarmed woman who was shot 4 times by the police. Win said he had a ball writing last week's chat (or at least the first half of it).

Phil C said it was good to be here and see Frank. He walked out of Frank's fund raiser with a bunch of liquor. He was down to Granada where he got some scuba in. Coach Jim Boenheim is retiring from Syracuse. He is looking forward to baseball, Let's Go Mets!!

Buddy told us there is a gala to support the Boys and Girls Club of Milford. It is on April 20th at the Bridgeport Hilton. Devon Rotary has 20 going, let's see if we can't beat that. Great seeing Frank. Italian American club has scholarships they are giving out.

Lorna reminded us Carrie has a CPR/AED course being offered on April 16th at her office. It is \$40 per person and runs from 2-5 (it is not a certificate course).

Greg was just talking to Tad who is down in Argentina. He said hi to all and will be back next week.

Proposed new member is Cherie Dallas-Malona.

Speakers:

Paige Miglio and Jackie Munk from the MAC - They gave out handouts advertising coming artists and a calendar of activities. The MAC is small but mighty and they support 220 events every year. It is special because it is intimate with only 80 seats. They have concerts, plays, exhibits and classes. Last night was an open mike night with 15 performers. It was standing room only. They partner with Beth El, Boys and Girls Club, Literacy Center, Dream Boxes, etc. They help support others. Their space is available to rent and sponsors can use the facility 1 time a year for free. It is truly an asset to the community. During Covid they went outdoors to support performers. The MAC has scholarship programs that last year gave out \$7000 to Law, Foran, Platt and Laurelton students. They have an endowment that is invested and doing well. It was created in 1998 by generous donors to provide long-term support for the arts in Milford. Consider a legacy gift to the MAC endowment. Keep the MAC here for tomorrow.

At the end of the meeting Lorna sneezed and Frank warned her of his bodily noises. Great to have you back Frank.

Announcements:

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.

April 20th - Boys and Girls Gala - Let's try to fill a table.

March Madness selection will be Sunday the 12th. Please get your forms in by Thursday the 16th. It is a 50/50 format and \$10/ entry.

May 20th is the Rotary day of service.

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

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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May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold—and at the end of your rainbows may you find a pot of gold.

-Old Irish Blessing