

Milford Rotary Chat March 23, 2023



[Meeting Minutes: 3/16/23](#)

Welcome:

Pledge of Allegiance – Lorna

Prayer – Don

4-Way-Test - Mike

Do Good:

Phil U - sad for Roger Cox's passing. Happy for the Board Meeting and Happy for last week's good turnout for BethEl

Bob - happy about the March Madness Tournament upcoming (he had brackets at the meeting)

Sam - happy that his daughter Michaela is in the Color Guard Competition at UNH even though she is still a senior in High School.

Tad – was happy to be back from his Argentina trip to Buenos Aires and now appreciates the US more!

Don – noted on his cruise with his wife that she fell overboard 4 times during the cruise but that she came back each time!

Entire Group – had a sad fine for Don's Bad Irish jokes.

Tom Margius – played a few Irish tunes on his Accordion.

Proposed new member is Cherie Dallas-Malona.

Speaker: Tom Margius

Due to the unforeseen circumstance of Mayor Ben Blake not being able to be reached or attend the meeting, the Accordion of Tom Margius came through. He thought that a presentation on the workings and his history of playing Accordion would more than make up for anything about Milford and its politics.

Tom played a few tunes and then went into how an Accordion works. It's like a big harmonica with reeds and registers to increase and decrease the sound that the "piano" side makes and likewise with the "button" side. The button side is single notes and chords that accompany the keyboard side.

He went over his history of playing – starting in 4th grade and playing until about 8th grade when he gave it up for high school (and not looking cool). He noted that in his

second year of Optometry school, which was only 7 miles from where he grew up, he went back to his teacher for a year of lessons to better re-learn polkas and other tunes. He didn't tell everyone that most times he practiced in the garage of the apartment he shared with a roommate.

Tom was so excited that at least 3 members were interested enough to ask questions and promise to begin Accordion lessons. As Tom noted he has 2 more Accordions at home, members can take lessons and possibly come "out of the closet" to learn, have some fun, and be continually abused.

Announcements:

March 22nd – The next 100 year Anniversary of Milford Rotary organizational meeting is at Win's Office 9 Depot St, Milford, 2nd floor. Last meeting they had a lot of great ideas.

March 23rd – 12:15-1:15PM Kimberly - Dick Popilowski - Ronald McDonald House

April 13th – April Board Meeting

April 16 - 2:00-5:00 AED/CPR Class for community service. Carrie Reed's office Milford Body Therapy, 318 New Haven Ave, Unit D, Milford

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

April 28th – Normal K Parcels Award Luncheon - Milford Yacht Club (131 Trumbull Avenue, Milford) at 12pm

March Madness – Bob accepted the filled out brackets and noted that online brackets were available to fill out. Cost \$10 per bracket – you can purchase as many brackets as you'd like with a splitwith do-good with the best score at the end of the Tourney

May 20th is the Rotary day of service <https://rotary7980.org/day-of-service-2023/>

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

Norman K Parcels award - Our club has nominated *Phil Ucci* as this year's award recipient. Congratulations Phil!

Tom Margius

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
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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Spring is the time of year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade..

-Charles Dickens