

Milford Rotary Chat June 1, 2023



June 11th 9:30
Eisenhower Park

LOBSTER BAKE

July 22nd 3:30-7:30



SHREDDING EVENT & ELECTRONICS

Sun., June 11th 9-12
440 New Haven Avenue, Milford



Proceeds to benefit YMCA and Kids Camps

[Meeting Minutes: 5/25/23](#)

Welcome:

Gary J. got us started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Margius gave a Prayer.

Win Jr breezed through the 4-Way-Test.

Guests:

We had 2 visiting Rotarians. Michelle McManus from upstate New York was here. She has been in Rotary 10 years, is a retired educator and she is a cake decorator. Mark Perlman is a Rotarian from Fairfield who keeps busy with shred events and fund raiser golf outings. He is also a writer and he was our speaker for the day.

Another visitor today was Lousa Viladas from the Literacy Center of Southern Connecticut and hopefully a prospective new member.

Do Good:

Dan G told us his girlfriend ran in her 72nd marathon on Martha's Vineyard recently and it is the third one she has run in this year.

Curran was camping in Rhode Island at Burlingame State Park. Had a great time.

Frosty said his youngest grandson graduated high school and thanks to technology he was able to see it online.

Carrie thanked our guests for coming today. Her grandson Ethan lost his first tooth. She has plans to go to North Carolina but it is supposed to rain. She has lawn signs for the shred event, please pick some up and put them out.

Phil U gave a \$20 happy fine. The Saturday food drive had 14 Rotarians participate and things went well. We raised \$1118 in cash and got 2 giant tables full of food. Stop and Shop was happy to have us. The amazing thing is all that food is about 1 week's worth of food they go through each week.

Don Welcomed our guests and thanked Phil for doing a great job with the food drive.

Win acknowledged the food drive was a personal lift by Phil (he worked his butt off). He was a little worried if it would come off but Rotarians showed up to pitch in and get the job done. Great job Phil! Win also told us how when one of Tad's kids lost a tooth he told them the tooth fairy left \$50 for them and that she would always leave that much for each and every tooth. He set a high bar and put the pressure on. I didn't hear if that got followed.

Phil said the Lobster Bake tickets are here. Please pick them up and start selling. The next lobster Bake meeting is Monday 6/5 at Phil's House.

Dan G told us Tom Maier is doing better but not great. He had lunch with him the other day. Give him a call.

Lorna's healing is slow going. Still has a lot of pain on walking. She appreciates the well wishes. Keep them coming.

Speaker:

Today's speaker was Mark Perlman who wrote a book titled "The Reluctant Soldier". His talk told us about the book and the process he went through to write it. The book is a historical novel which is fiction built on a framework of real events. The book spans from pre-civil war to 1970. The book starts with the son of a slave in the old south then follows descendants who fought in World War 1 and WW2 and deals with their personal tragedies of black men growing up in that era.

The author's objective in writing the book was to keep the memory of the Great War alive. Also he wanted to write a story that is history that entertains. The author brought books for those interested to buy for \$20 with \$2 going to charity.

Announcements:

- 5/31 – 6PM is the Centennial Anniversary organizational meeting at Win's office.
- 6/1 - 12:15PM Kimberly – Mike Papallie speaker – AED Units
- 6/5 – 7:00PM Lobster Bake Meeting at Phil's home 204 Oronoque Rd Milford CT
- 6/8 - next board meeting and will be held at Gary O home. Great view.
- 6/9 - Platt Tech Awards are being handed out.
- 6/11 - Shred event at Spectrum and the 5K fund raiser at Eisenhaur Park.
- 6/17 - Beth El Gala.
- 6/21 – 7:00PM Lobster Bake Meeting at Mike Granada’s Office
- 6/22 - District Governor's Installation
- 6/27 - Past President's dinner that Don is organizing.
- 6/29 - Installation for Tad as our next President. It is at Grassy Hill. Tickets are \$55/ person. Please let Carrie know by 6/14 of your intension to come. There will be no lunch meeting that day.

Greg Schmit

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: Bill Parry	1 st Year Board of Dir:	2nd Year Board of Dir:
President – Don Wetmore	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Curran Bishop	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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Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea.

Drink in the wild air.

Ralph Waldo Emerson