

Milford Rotary Chat November 30, 2023



Meeting Minutes: 11/16/23
Kimberly



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Welcome:

Pledge: Phil did the Pledge.

4-Way-Test: Tad breezed through the 4-Way-Test.

Prayer: Youssef gave a heartfelt prayer.

Guests:

Erin McGrath from Keeping Milford Warm.

New Member Induction:

There was a new members induction done by Paul Mangels, FPP, FDG (Former Past President and Former Past District Governor) as he did his best Al Ross impersonation. He reminded us there are 1.2 million Rotarians in the world. All of it started with Paul Harris and 3 friends. From there it grew. Today's inductees were Evelyn Karam with sponsor Carrie Reed, Ray Guido with sponsor Gary Johnson. Don had the inductees repeat the 4-Way-Test with him.



Do Good: *For the next 3 weeks, Do Good is being donated to Toys For Tots. Please be generous.*

Phil U said he loves Lorna's sweatshirt (sorry I didn't see it). The first Lobster Bake Meeting was great. Good energy. Next Bake will be July 27th.

Carrie told us Shaileen is doing well and bought a little cabin on a lake. She had her grand kids but Ethan was rough. Unfortunately her son is separating.

Tom is going to have his granddaughter for 3 days. It wore him out last time he had her for 2 days –but he's looking forward to it! Then he gave us an old man joke. Most of us can relate about the late Mike Petrocelli and his quote "Thanksgiving Meeting – Is Thanksgiving on Thursday?"

Ray thanked Phil for showing him the Beth El ropes and hopes to be cooking next month.

Phil C was happy Syracuse had a nice comeback against Colgate (one of their alumni and fellow dental Rotarian Gary Opin was not here for the ribbing).

Youssef was happy to be here and feeling well.

Don was happy for the strong support for the Lobster Bake (since he didn't run one!) and gave a welcome to some of our new Rotarians at the meeting. The LB Meeting was pretty full.

Tad said he has not slept in 36 hours. He came from St Croix in a very circuitous route. He had a great time but he was going directly home after the meeting to go to sleep.

Frosty is going to Massachusetts to see his daughter and the grandkids.

Phil U said the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts had a food collection this week. The club donated \$250. They filled over 300 boxes and got 284 turkeys donated. All of it goes back to Milford families.

Dan is happy to be here but sad that the Lobster Bake and Woodmont Day will be on the same day again next year. It will effect ticket sales some.

Paul asked why don't they move Woodmont Day? He thought it was humorous that Gary Opin the dentist went to Colgate University. Paul was listening to Milford Memories recordings that had interviews with Past Rotarians on them like Wally Rubin and Gary Zink. He thought maybe that could be worked in to the 100 Year Celebration. Looking back, he said The Milford Rotary Club was the Club with the most singing in the District (at which point Tom broke into song – that didn't go very far!).

Win said they are having 17 people for Thanksgiving. If so inclined, it would be a good way to take out the Smith Clan (his twisted thoughts, not mine). He said last night's meeting was great.

Speaker:

Speaker for the day was our own Joe Barnes with his topic Bit Coin. Some bullit points. It can't be use as a transfer because it is too volatile. It is not safe and secure. Can't be used for a purchase. As an example what someone paid for a pizza a couple of years later was worth 1.9 million. But there may be a market for crypto currency outside the system. There is a fatal flaw and the revenue steam is going away. I think the talk is best summarized as your best strategy is to stay away.



Today there was a big check presentation to Erin McGrath from Keep Milford Warm for \$3000.

Announcements:

This month has a fifth Thursday on 11/30. Potential location is Hair of the Dog. 12/5 – Gold Raffle at Stonebridge – [buy tickets link](#) or QR Code right =>



The Raffle is ramping up. Please sell. If you don't ask, you won't sell.

12/7 is the next 100 year anniversary meeting at Win's office at 6:00.

12/9 is the Keeping Milford Warm fund raiser dinner. It is at Grassy Hill Country Club, the meal is surf and turf with a 2 hour open bar. The Rum Runners are the entertainment. Cost is \$100 per person. Carrie has 2 spots left on her table. Call her if interested.

12/14 is the next board meeting/Rotary Christmas party is at the Sandillo's home on Race Brook Rd.

4/27/24 - 100th Anniversary Gala – Grassy Hill Country Club

Greg Schmitt

Board Meeting the second Thursday, 5:30 PM social, 6 PM meeting – every month unless noted otherwise

Who's Who for the July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024 Rotary Year

Officers:	Sergeant-At-Arms: Carrie Reed	1 st Year Board of Dir:	2nd Year Board of Dir:
President – Tad Smith	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Mike Granata	BJ Frazier	Gary Johnson
President-Elect – Phil Ucci III	Treasurer: Adam Kasowitz	Mike Granata	Dracy Lapp-Rabinowitz
Vice President – Lorna Sura	Asst Treasurer: Tracy O'Brien	Jill McGoldrick	Bill Parry
Secretary – Bill Parry	Don Wetmore (Immediate Past President)		Frank Perry
Club Historian- Ken Hawkins	Beth-El meal leaders- Shaileen Landsberg and Lorna Sura		Don Wetmore (IPP)

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The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest.

-William Blake