

Milford Rotary Chat February 1, 2024



Meeting Minutes: 1/25/23
Kimberly



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Welcome:

Dave started with the Pledge of Allegiance which he pointed out he did last week also.
Paul C gave his usual prayer – short and effective.
Greg did the 4-Way-Test – shaky but he got through it.

Guests:

Guests was our speaker Doug Brendel from Newthing.net.

Do Good:

Carrie was back from 2 weeks in Florida. They did Islands of Adventure and more, great to be a kid again!
Gary J had a sad fine. His wife and daughter had to put down their 18 year old dog. On a positive note, he went out to California to visit Dan and Trina and had a great time. Frosty is following Gary out to Palm Springs to visit brother Dan and Trina for 2 months. (that is a long time to have company!)
Phil C had a story about his wife, son and a very loud fox looking to mate.
Tom went through a bunch of old Rotary pictures. There was Al Ross, Caroline Menken to name a few. He has a duffle bag full of pictures. It was fun going down memory lane.
Phil U gave thanks for the vote of confidence for the Presidential Nomination. His father is still in and out of the hospital and he is miserable. His son did the Klondike Derby with the Scouts and he froze. He is just starting to thaw out now.
Win noted Dave's protest against doing the pledge 2 weeks in a row. He was with Tom looking at the old pictures. He thought we should do it again. Cheri hosted the gathering and was complimented on her cooking prowess. He thanked those who sent him demographic articles. If things go as he suspects, in 200 years there will be less people alive in the world than there were when Jesus was alive.
Tad's rebuttal to Win is that he doesn't believe it.
Carrie went through the box of old Rotary stuff. There was a lot of neat stuff in it.
Dave had 2 jokes. It was so cold he saw a dog stuck to a hydrant. It was so cold, he saw a lawyer with his hands in his own pockets.
Dan commented the food for picture night was delicious. Also, he was amazed to see they still make Yodels.

Speaker:

Speaker for today was John VanDer Werff from Save the Sound. He presented a laptop slide show to supplement his presentation. The area The Save The Sound works in is all of the Sound plus the water shed areas, which go up the rivers. They monitor pollution and take

legal action where warranted. They monitor climate, help to preserve natural lands and waters (clean water act) and try to restore environments to a natural balance. One goal is ecological resilience that is durable and can handle unrest. With ecological restoration, our communities and the Sound need to exist together.

In the water they monitor Keystone species, endangered species and indicator species.

Keystone species are important because they are part of the food web for others. Indicator species tell them the status of the water e.g. brook trout presence would mean you have cold, clean water.

They have living shoreline projects that create a more resilient coast - such as, building oyster reef balls off shore that help to dissipate storm energy. They have green infra structure projects that help to get water into the ground and not into storm drains where it ends up in the sound. The sound is 10 times cleaner now than it was even in the 90's. There was a discussion of the effect of wind farms. Culvert work and it's effects were discussed. Dams in CT affect fish passage and where possible they build fish ladders. They try to separate water systems where sewer water goes one way and storm water goes the other way. He asked us to join Green Guardian which supports Save the Sound. The cost is \$5/month. Frosty's

Announcements:

2/20/24 Next Lobster Bake Meeting at United Way. The bake is 7/27/2024

3/7/24 Lunch Meeting will be held at Platt Tech (not at the Kimberly) where the kids plan the meal, prepare the meal, and serve the meal as a part of their educational experience. Lunch will still be \$20.

4/21/24 Next Shred Event from 9-12 (setup at 8:15) at Spectrum. Looking for Sponsors.

4/27/24 - 100th Anniversary Gala – Grassy Hill Country Club – 6-10PM. There will be a program with business card ads for \$75.

6/9/24 – 5K Run in the Park at Eisenhower Park

7/27/24 – Milford Rotary’s Annual Lobster Bake

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

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To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe.

-Anatole France