

Milford Rotary Chat February 8, 2024



Meeting Minutes: 2/1/23
Kimberly



CREATE HOPE
in the **WORLD**

Welcome:

The Pledge of Allegiance was done by Dave.
Don did a reverent job with the Prayer.
Jackie did The 4-Way-Test for her first time.

Guests:

Guests were Rev. Evelyn Wacusama, Wendy Wacussama, John Gel and Jamie Rudd. . Rev Evelyn was the founder of the Nambale Magnet School and is currently the President of the Nambale Rotary club which is only 3 years old. Wendy is Evelyn's daughter. John is from WIKSUSA which is a supporter of the school. Jamie is from Cornerstone Project which helped fund the school and is a platinum sponsor. They acknowledged Rotary's support in the project. A picture was taken of the group with president Tad.

Do Good:

Don got us started and told us he was on the assistant governor's tour. They had a meeting last night where he spoke for 1 hour. Someone asked him if he was having a good work/life balance.

Cheri took her nieces and nephews axe throwing and had a great time. Her son had a shirt on that said ask my wife about her pregnancy. That is how she found out she was going to be a grandma.

Ray had a sad fine. His wife put down their 18 year old dog. On the happy side his new grandson was born on Saturday.

Carrie said she has another grandson coming.

Phil was with the Boy Scouts at a Bridgeport Islanders game. It was a good event.

Win said he had to pay for last weeks lunch, he forgot to pay. He is frustrated with the lack of activity the Red Sox have shown this off season, especially since the last 3-4 seasons have been bad. He said new data in is showing demographic collapse in some areas and more to come.

Dave said it has been a dry January and he has been doing the Keto diet. So far down 15 lbs.

Speakers:

The presenters brought a high quality video about the Nambale Magnet School (NMS). They bought the land in 2005. Broke ground in 2007 and had their first classes in 2009. Vision of the school is to serve as a beacon of hope and eliminate barriers, whether economic, social or health related, which inhibit NMS students from harnessing their full potential. Their mission is to provide a quality, innovative and lifelong educational foundation to all students attending NMS. They have a special focus on OVC's(Orphaned and Vulnerable

Children). The school started with 35 students aged 4-6 in 2009. Today enrollment approaches 450 ranging from pre-K to 8th grade. 9th grade will be opened 2025. The school uses many sustainable activities that benefit the students and staff but also the community. They have a farm that helps feed the children and brings revenue to the school. They are the second largest employer in the area. The brochure they had said it costs about \$1000/ year to support each student. NMS provides a nurturing environment in which the most destitute children can access a quality education, breaking the cycle of poverty and hopelessness.

Announcements:

- 2/8 is next board meeting at Mike Granata's office (pink building on the green, company is Go Environmental). Food at 5:30 and Meeting at 6:00.
 - 2/20 Next Lobster Bake Meeting at United Way Office at 6:00. The bake is July 27th
 - 2/21 next 100 year anniversary meeting at Win's office at 6:00. Will have pizza. Last week they had a meeting and got a lot done. Mark your calendars, the event is 4/27 at Grassy Hill. The event will be \$110/ ticket and the meal will be surf and turf. There will be entertainment. See Carrie for tickets.
 - 2/29 is the fifth Thursday. Event to be determined.
 - 3/7 our lunch will be at Platt Tech on Orange Ave at noon (Not at the Kimberly) Meal is still \$20.
 - 4/21 Next Shred Event from 9-12 (setup at 8:15) at Spectrum.
 - 4/27 - 100th Anniversary Gala – Grassy Hill Country Club – 6-10PM. There will be a program with business card ads for \$75.
 - 6/9 – 5K Run in the Park at Eisenhower Park
 - 7/27 – 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

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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Happy is the person who knows what to remember of the past, what to enjoy in the present, and what to plan for in the future.

-Arnold H. Glasow