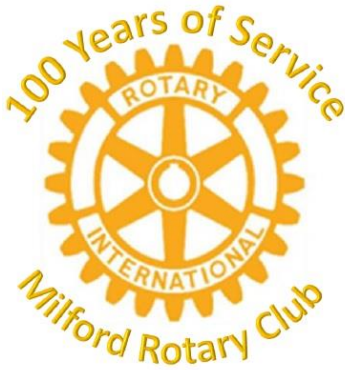


Milford Rotary Chat Febuary 21, 2024



Meeting Minutes: 2/15/23
Kimberly



Welcome:

Matt eventually got us started with the Pledge of Allegiance. He kept starting to read the 4-Way-Test where we had to stop him and tell him the Pledge first. He started the 4-Way-Test 4 times before he actually did the Pledge.

Ray did the 4-Way-Test.

Evelyn did the Prayer, which she said was the “first time” she led a Prayer. She had kind words for us.

Guests:

Visiting Rotarian and speaker was Jim Donagan who is the Harbor Operations Director.

Dick Popolowski is back and has transferred back to our Club.

Do Good:

Don said (tongue in cheek) that it was sad to see Matt in his declining years :-). Sunday is the actual day of the 100 Year anniversary of our Club.

Dave said his youngest grandson will be 2 on Saturday in Florida, a Valentines baby.

Phil U acknowledged there were no Smiths at the meeting and he wondered where is Tad on the over/under on his attendance. Also, he gave a welcome back to Dick.

Dick thanked all for the greetings.

Buddy acknowledged that Curran got an award from the Downtown Business Association

Ray is going to Texas to see his grandkids.

Carrie said she has 3 bonus grandkids and they were somewhere where they were snuggling with goats? It was fun.

Matt said his 8 year old grandson just started skiing and he is already paralleling.

Evelyn said her daughter is going to Drexel Law School.

Speaker:

Jim Donagan is the Harbor Operations Director (The Harbor Master).

There are 130 moorings in the harbor, more in the Housatonic River and there are kayak rental spaces on racks. In the summertime there are 5 slips for commercial fisherman. They try to have the others for transient boaters as they try to bring in people from other areas. In the last 4 years the traffic in the harbor has doubled. They try to come up with new events to draw

people in like Pirate Day etc. In the last 4 years there have been a lot of improvements. They have made the area more walkable, increased the size of the patio, made boat ramp improvements, increased storage area, improved lighting, replaced the kayak racks and now there are 130 slots to rent, 2 years ago they completed the Pavilion, remodeled their building and increased the bathroom area. Last fall they started dredging the harbor and removed 65,000 cubic yards of material. It had not been done in 30 years. The material got deposited off of Bayview Beach which helps to get sand back on the beach. They have inspected the mooring field and made repairs and improvements as needed. The dredging got funded by federal grants.

Announcements:

- 2/21 is the 100 year Anniversary meeting at Win's office at 6:00PM
- 2/29 is the fifth Thursday at Orange Alehouse at 6:00. Pool tables, darts etc.
- 3/7 our lunch will be at Platt Tech on Orange Ave at noon (Not at the Kimberly) Meal is still \$20. Does anyone have any dietary restrictions?
- 4/21 Next Shred Event from 9-12 (setup at 8:15) at Spectrum. We need sponsors. Business card ads are \$75 and full sponsor is \$250.
- 4/27 - 100th Anniversary Gala – Grassy Hill Country Club – 6-10PM. There will be a program with business card ads for \$75. The event will be \$110/ ticket and the meal will be surf and turf. Carrie is taking reservations.
- 6/9 – 5K Run in the Park at Eisenhower Park
- 6/27 is the installation of Officers at Grassy Hill
- 7/27 – Milford Rotary’s Annual Lobster Bake – all hands on deck for Wed through Sunday
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:
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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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*If you really want to do something, you’ll find a way.
If you don’t, you’ll find an excuse.*

-Jim Rohn