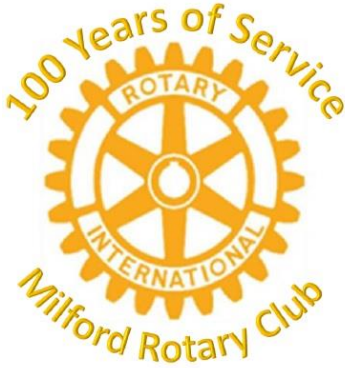


Milford Rotary Chat March 28, 2024



Meeting Minutes: 3/21/24
Kimberly Diner
12:15PM



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Welcome:

The Pledge, Prayer and 4-Way Test were done but I forgot to record who said them. No blood was drawn.

Guests:

Our visitor and speaker for the day was Milford Mayor Tony Giannattasio. (Joe Barnes also made a relatively rare appearance. Glad you could make it Joe)

Proposed New Member:

Jorge Santiago

Do Good:

Carrie got us started and said she was feeling better. She had a great trip to North Carolina to see her son and granddaughter, Zara.

Gary J was happy to see Mayor Tony. He got the Mayor to come to our Gala in April.

Win was happy to see the Mayor. The last time he was in this room with the Mayor it was election night and he remembers there being a lot of cigars.

Don was happy to meet the Mayor for the first time. Don recalled the Mayor pulled his ticket at the Gold Raffle but mistakenly called him Dan.

Dan G was glad to have the Mayor here.

Phil was glad the board meeting went well at his house last week.

Greg was happy to meet the Mayor for the first time. He went down to Florida last weekend to see his parents who were celebrating their 73rd anniversary.

Carrie gave a \$20 Do Good fine and asked any of the people who are her facebook friends to please share her commercial.

Dick Pop came in at the end of Do Good. Last in but better late than never.

Speaker:

Milford mayor Tony Giannattasio was our speaker. Before being Mayor he was an Alderman for 16 years. He confirmed he will be coming to our Gala on the 27th. He gave us a smattering of what is happening in Milford. There is a German distribution company coming to town that is building a new building in the old Subway site. It should bring 60-80 new jobs to town. He is hoping to increase the number of 55+ communities in Milford. It is a great town and he wants our seniors to be able to find appropriate housing as they get older. He is hoping to get a golf cart community in the north end by the golf course and splash pad. There was a Board of Finance meeting where they cut the education budget a little. There was a 1% increase in the budget due to contract wages. The town is getting the beaches and fields ready for the upcoming season. At the mall, there are plans for 250 apartments, a walking

trail and to make it a Park like setting. Financially he wants to build up our cash reserves. We are land rich but cash poor right now. The police station is a big ticket item and we can't do that right now. They are looking to repurpose the buildings on Wheelers Farms Road and get them back on the tax roles. Bulk pick-up will continue. Looking to work with Bob Scinto on more projects like the Subway one. He would like to make Milford more walkable and bikeable. The harbor area is all booked up and has been a great success. There will be a slight delay doing the new road behind the library and push it back to the fall or winter. The downtown project that Bob Smith is working on will provide 150-200 parking spaces, a local basic needs type grocery store and about 50 apartments.

Announcements:

- 4/3 is the next 100 Year Anniversary Gala meeting at Win's office at 6:00PM
 - 4/11 is the next board meeting but we still need a location.
 - 4/16 is the next lobster bake meeting. It is at Win's office at 6:00.
 - 4/18 is the Boys and Girls Gala. There are people in the club going and putting together a table. Not sure how many spaces are left.
 - 4/21 Next Shred Event at Spectrum setup at 8:15 Event is 9-12
 - 4/27 is our 100 Year Gala at Grassy Hill Country Club – 6-10PM Looking for gift baskets or bottles of booze for the silent auction. Devon Rotary said they will fill 3 tables.
- [Purchase Tickets Here](#)*
- 5/18 is the Rotary day of service. We will be manning the doors at Stop and Shop.
 - 6/9 – 5K Run in the Park at Eisenhower Park in the morning – start training!
 - 6/20 is the new date for the installation dinner at Grassy Hill (there were conflicts on the 27th).
 - 7/27 – Milford Rotary's Annual Lobster Bake plus the days around it. We could use volunteers, please start asking. This year we may offer Lobster Rolls. We need more sponsors and more guests. We need all hands on deck Wed -Sun. Ask for volunteers

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* Year Board of Dir:	2nd Year Board of Dir:
President – Tad Smith	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Mike Granata	BJ Frazier	Gary Johnson
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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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*The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another.
The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.
-Henry Van Dyke*