

Milford Rotary Chat April 25, 2024



Meeting Minutes: 4/18/24
Kimberly Diner
12:15PM



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Welcome:

President Tad served as the Sargent-At-Arms and called the meeting to order (late, but what else is new)

Jamie led us a non-denominational prayer that was so ephemeral as to be almost pagan (but nicely delivered, we must say)(there was a motion to make Jamie Club Chaplin, which was tabled for lack of quorum)

Carrie led us off in the Pledge of Allegiance

Phil gave a rousing version of the 4-Way Test.

New member posting: Jorge Santiago

Visiting Rotarian: Jamie Stirling

Do Good:

Frosty gave a Happy fine to see Jamie and for the UConn men's basketball team doing the impossible (again)

Jamie gave a happy fine back a Frosty and for being Milford Rotary President 25 years ago (has it really been that long?)

Phil Caporusso gave a sad fine because he is going to miss the Gala, but a happy fine because he is going to be horseracing (is he a jockey?) and for the Mets who are still not out of it (which is pretty good for them in recent years)

Phil Ucci gave a happy fine for the Good Spirit Award he received from his company (Edward Jones) and for the Rotarian of the Year Award he got earlier, making it a banner year for him
Tad followed Phil to give a happy fine and emphasize that within their company, Phil's Good Spirit Award is really a major honor and, he gave a fine for his granddaughter (who really is a good looking baby; glad she doesn't take after Tad)

Dan German gave a happy fine for seeing Jamie (Jamie kept paying a dollar each time some gave a happy fine for seeing him), for our 100th Gala this weekend and for the Boys & Girls Club Gala which is this evening

Carrie gave a happy fine that our 100th Gala is finally almost here and that the shred event is this weekend

Dave Adams gave a fine for Phil's awards and achievements

Greg Schmitt gave a happy fine for his upcoming trip to London

Mark Sandillo announced that he was running for Congress again

Win Jr. gave a happy fine for Jamie being with us, for the Powerful Red Sox (who are tearing up baseball), and for the weekend spent with his granddaughter;

Program:

When Jamie learned that we had no speaker (again; what is up with that?), he suggested that we all recite some poetry that we know. The idea was so ludicrous that we decided to give it a try (with the caveat that no one could use any poetry that starting with “There once was a man from Nantucket”).

Jamie led off with a poem that he mostly knew but needed a little help from his cell phone. Our notes don’t have the name, but it was kind of dark, but well delivered in the Jamie Stirling style. Curren Bishop then stood up and gave a fully memorized rendition of a really long poem (no name again) that went on for 5 or so minutes and which he had fully committed to memory. It was really impressive. Carrie Reed used her cell phone to recite another dark poem about “Death Be Not Proud”. Tad used his cell phone to give a rendition about an Iranian, that was a little hard to follow, but then followed it with the “Legend of Sam McGee” which was pretty good. Win Jr. pulled up the Gettysburg Address on his cell phone and recited the same (which he claimed he used to know by heart)(it really is poetry, albeit political: “Four Score And Seven Years Ago…”), Evelyn got up and gave a poem in French (which language always sounds like poetry itself, but even more so when delivered by someone who can speak the language fluently), and, because none of us know what was said (although we loved hearing it), she translated it afterwards; Don Wetmore gave a rendition of some Winston Churchill poetry and Dick Popilowski gave us some Robert Frosty, which inspired Jamie Stirling to give us a closing poem by Robert Frost.

In all, one of the best impromptu programs we have ever had! Thank you Jamie!

Announcements:

4/27 The 100th Gala is this weekend coming up (April 27th), please let Carrie know if you are going to be attending. It is NEVER too late to decide to come. We have about 110 people now and the number is increasing almost hourly! [Purchase Tickets Here](#)

5/18 is the Rotary day of service at the Stop and Shop by the Mall. Event to benefit Food 2 Kids

6/9 is the 5K run in Eisenhower Park. Sign up on High Tech Racing.

6/20 is the Installation Dinner at Grassy Hill

7/27 is the Lobster Bake. Really starts on Wed with the wrap party and we need people right through the Sunday Clean Up.

Win Smith, Jr

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
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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)

Your Rotary Chat Team: Scribes: Greg Schmitt & Win Smith, Jr Setting/Editing/Circulation: Tom Margius

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An event is not over until everyone is tired of talking about it.

-Mason Cooley