

Milford Rotary Chat May 9, 2024



Meeting Minutes: 5/2/24
Kimberly Diner
12:15PM



Welcome:

Pres. Jacquelyn got us started by leading The Pledge.

Joe was very efficient with The Prayer.

Don charged through The 4-Way-Test – What do you expect from the Assistant District Governor?

Visitors:

Our 2 visitors and speakers for the day were Michelle and Ashley from Food 2 Kids.

Do Good:

Win welcomed Jorge to our club and this was the first lunch meeting he attended. He gave congrats to all for the attendance at the Gala. It was very successful and a good time was had by all. Even he danced (Like no one was watching).

Don thanked everyone for all the help getting the event to come together. Devon Rotary was a big supporter and filled 3 tables.

Gary said he had a great time.

Lorna thanked everyone for all the support and it was good to be back.

Dan echoed that he too had a great time.

Phil had a great time and thought Brian Smith was wonderful as the MC. He acknowledged that so many did so much.

Phil C thought it was a great event and especially liked the pictures in the pamphlet, particularly the hair lines.

Jorge was happy to be here and be part of the club. He can't wait to get to work.

Carrie hoped everyone got copies of the pictures. If not, she has more. She thought it was ironic that Win's brother in-law won the air fryer but he lives in Washington State. (long way to carry it). She had a good time putting the booklet together. Apparently there was a mess up with the signature cocktail tickets, some ended up with a lot of tickets.

Tad said it was the best non fund raiser event he was ever at (and on top of that we made a couple of bucks)!

Frosty let the club know Jorge is soon to be come the next president of Milford Bank. Congrats!!!

Speakers:

Michelle and Ashley have been with Food 2 Kids for 10 years. As some may be surprised to hear there is a need to feed kids on the weekends (some get meals during the week at the schools). 18 schools are involved and the number is a little fluid but around 220 backpacks are filled with food to be taken home for the weekend meals. They also have snack stashes for extra need.

They are proud of the model they have developed over the years and they are happy and proud to share it with other communities to help them serve their communities. They have shared with Stratford, Orange, Ansonia, Seymour and Goshen to name a few and they are happy to cultivate relationships with others. They also like to teach kids how to help others. Through a kids helping kids, they packed 500 bags. All people in the program that need help are done so anonymously. Community support for the program has been great and Milford Bank has been a major supporter. In October they were able to get some warm hoodies for those in need. They were able to establish a scholarship program for someone going into the medical field. They are not just helping others but they are teaching life skills also. As they approach the summer months, they send home info to where the nearest resources are to help with food insufficiencies. They have set up 10 summer camp scholarships and they are using 4 so far. The cost to feed a child for the weekends for 1 year is about \$300 (\$7.50/weekend). Social workers help get clothing for the kids from Walmart so they can have some new clothing and not just hand me downs.

Announcements:

- 5/9 Devon Rotary is having a blood drive from 12-7 at Woodmont Borough Hall. Please donate if available.
- 5/9 is the next board meeting. It will be held at Chris Cody's house on Seaside Ave. Food at 5:30 and meeting at 6:00
- 5/12 is the next Beth El lunch (Mother's Day). Ray said he needs 1 volunteer at 9:00 and the others to show up at 10:00
- 5/14 is the next lobster bake meeting at Win's office at 5:00.
- 5/18 is the Rotary Day of service. We will be at the Stop and Shop by the mall. There will be 2 groups: one 9-11 and the other 11-1. Food 2 Kids is the beneficiary
- 6/9 is the 5K run in Eisenhower Park. Still need sponsors: major sponsor \$1000 and minor sponsors 250. Sign up on High Tech Racing. [Sign Up Here!](#)
- 6/13 Devon Rotary Installation – Location to be determined
- 6/20 is the Installation Dinner at Grassy Hill at 6PM
- 7/27 is the Lobster Bake. Really starts on Wednesday at the wrap party and ends Sunday the 28th for clean up. All hands on deck please.

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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*If love is as sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love.
-Stevie Wonder*