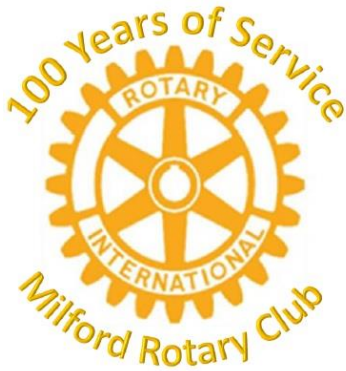


Milford Rotary Chat July 25, 2024



Meeting Minutes: 7/18/24
El Toro Restaurant
12:15PM



Welcome:

Gary O got us started with the Pledge.

Dand did a wonderful Prayer which covered everything, including the Yankees.

The 4-Way-Test was done as usual but I can't remember who said it – Sorry.

Visitors:

Fire Chief Anthony Fabrizi, Assistant Chief Rable and Assistant Chief Chris Wakesnorus were guests and speakers. Also, Phil's daughter Alexis joined us.

Do Good:

Win got us started with \$1 fine for all who did not have on their name badges. (I see a renewed tradition). Win gave his apologies to the Fire Fighters because he is the Alderman who keeps voting against increasing their budget.

Frosty gave a \$20 happy fine since he was happy to see the Fire Fighters, also he liked J.D. Vance's speech and his "HillBilly Elegy. He didn't mind that Joe has Covid.

Carrie said God bless for the other parties that bring us together. On Tues, while working on her second client of the day her back froze up. It was awful, but she is 95% better now. Stay Healthy!

Lona gathered with Devon Rotary on Tuesday for the kick off of "Trees for Charles" fund raiser.

Don was happy to see the Fire Fighters and reminded them that we are always looking for new members.

Dan liked having the Fire Fighters here. He said something about J.D. Vance and 19 loaded pistols. That is a lot of fire power.

Bob was excited about the upcoming Lobster Bake. He acknowledged the big banner Milford Bank put up. Thank you, Jorge.

Dan was asked where the lobster crackers came from and could we buy more. It was remembered they were made by Gary Brelsford.

Phil has had a busy 2 weeks. He was in a Corn hole tournament with Tad and they made it in to the semi finals (An Edward Jones event). He was on a trip and his car broke down on the G W Bridge. He was on a trip to Italy and his return flight got cancelled so they had to spend 2 days in London. Ran out of underwear and had to turn it inside out. Had to buy new spares at the airport (long 2 weeks).

Speakers:

Chief Anthony Fabrizi told us that Milford is a class 1 fire department of which there are only 475 in the entire USA. Only 1% of the fire departments are class 1 and Milford is one of them. They get recertified every 5 years. There are 112 fire fighters and the tests to become one are rigorous. The

annual budget is 14.74 million most of which is wages and only about 1 million is discretionary expense. There are 4 locations they are based from and 1 training location. there are 25 fire fighters per shift and all of them are EMT's.

Chief Rable heads the inspectors department. Buildings get inspected every year. They also investigate all fires. They maintain a smoke detector program and a fire extinguisher program. They review building plans to make sure they are being built to code. They head public education and have a propane collection program.

Chief Chris Wakesnorous heads the EMS division. Milford has one of the best EMS programs in the state. Para medics started in 1972 and they can do almost anything a physician can do. They strive to improve their response time. They have been recognized by Yale to have one of the best cardiac response results. They have had no increase in manpower since the 1960's. This division has billable services and this year they produced 2.5 million dollars.

Announcements:

7/18 was a Lobster Bake/board meeting at Phil's house. 5-6 Lobster meeting and food and 6-7 board meeting.

Lobster Week

Wednesday wrap party at the Yacht club behind Dockside in Devon 5- drinks are done

Thursday get the tanks, clean them and get them to the site. See Bob

Friday is the big set up day. If anyone has pop up tents we could use more. Put your name on them

Saturday the event

Sunday is clean up. We need many hands.

Gary J has T-Shirts \$20 each but free to volunteers.

Get your money in. We need to start writing checks

Also more volunteers are needed for Fri, Sat and/or Sun.

Check your job list to be sure where you are working.

8/1 will be the Scholarship luncheon. It will be at Gusto's 12:00-1:15PM Let's have a nice showing for the 10 recipients.

Charles Island for Trees raffle. It is \$10 per ticket. There is only 1 prize but it is \$10,000. Limited number of tickets will be sold.

At the Oysterfest our buddy Ray needs help in the beer tent. Even an hour or 2 would help.

The Nambale School is now up to 9th grade. They are reaching out for help with supplies, Books,pencils etc would be appreciated.

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, 2024- June 30, 2025 Rotary Year

Officers:	Sergeant-At-Arms: Win Smith, Jr	1 st Year Board of Dir:	2nd Year Board of Dir:
President – Phil Ucci III	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Dan German	Don Wetmore	Tracy O'Brien
President-Elect – Lorna Sura	Treasurer: Adam Kasowitz	Chris Durkin	Jill McGoldrick
Vice President – Bill Parry	Asst Treasurer: Tracy O'Brien	Cherie Malona	Tad Smith (IPP)
Secretary – Lise Robinson	Tad Smith (Immediate Past President)	Bob Bogert	
Membership Chairman – Dan German	Beth-El meal leaders- Ray Guido		

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

Milford Rotary, PO Box 381, Milford, CT www.milfordrotary.org