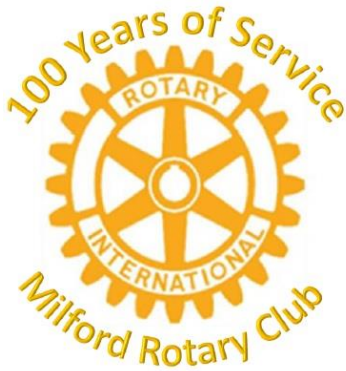


# Milford Rotary Chat August 22, 2024



Meeting Minutes: 8/15/24  
El Toro Restaurant  
12:15PM



## Speaker:

Our speaker Bill Okwuosa, the CEO of Good Child Development Center in Milford had to leave early so we changed the order of the meeting and he spoke first for about 10 minutes. He became the CEO in 2017. The Center provides care for Infants, Toddlers, and Pre-School Children up to the age of 6. They provide Infants with care with CT ELDS (Connecticut Early Learning & Developmental Standards). Care for children about 14-16 months to 3 years old and is geared towards individualized routines, including physical movement and motor skills, language and literacy development, and social and emotional learning. Preschool (ages 3 to 6) classrooms are designed to engage and foster healthy children through individualized routines, including physical movement and motor skills, language and literacy development, and social and emotional learning. He noted some fundraisers he is planning and gave out packets of information on the Center.

## Visitors/Guests:

Cyrus Settineri a former Milford Rotarian who moved down to Fort Myers FL a couple of years ago. He was back up for a visit.

Alexis Ucci joined us again to have lunch with her Dad.

## Do Good:

Phil got us started welcoming Cyrus back. On the sad note, the AC in his attic is leaking.

Matt was back from a trip out to Yosemite Park. Great hiking & cleanest streams you will ever see.

Tom said in 1 month his second granddaughter will be born. He said you could tell it was an election year in Milford, the new roads are so smooth as he is out biking. He was sorry he did not have his Accordion here today, he knows how much Cyrus missed his playing.

Tad was happy to see Cyrus. Also, he has plans to go up to Vermont.

Gary O was with Buddy at a Rosa DeLauro press conference where it was announced the Boys and Girls Club is to receive 1 million dollars.

Ray was golfing with Gary J who sank a crazy long putt. Gary brushed it off as nothing unusual.

Dan was happy to be here and happy to have Cyrus here. He offered to pay for Cyrus's lunch but Cyrus turned him down.

Carrie said when Cyrus was in the club she used to tell stories about her son. Now her son is 34 and the stories have changed to stories about her grand kids. Then she told a story about taking the grand kids to the Splash pad, her granddaughter got her pants wet and started crying. Carrie told her just wear your brother's pants. The granddaughter looked at her and said "I can't wear those, there is a hump in the front."

Cyrus responded, with Carrie stories, somethings never change. Cyrus said he lives in Fort Myers now and plays a fair amount of golf so his game is slightly better. His son is in California and his daughter is in New Zealand.

Dan asked Cyrus to tell the story of when he and Carrie were cracking lobsters. " It was really busy and the line was long. One guest complained about having to wait for her lobster. Carrie turns around and blasts her with "Shut the F--- up! We are doing the best we can". Stress does bad things to us all.

Marcie was with us and said she was going back to school next week.

Frosty recalled another Lobster Bake story where Dave Stevens acknowledged the "Great Ass" on a young lady to Frosty. It happened to be Frosty's niece. Frosty ,Dan and Cyrus went to the Yankee game and saw Judge become the youngest player to hit his 300th home run.

Dick told us there is an Australian BeeGees concert to support The Beth El Center at Parsons complex 9/15. Starts at 7:00.

Best new Rotarian for this year was given to Ray Guido for all he has taken on and accomplished this year.

**Announcements:**

Oysterfest was 8/17. Hope you enjoyed it and/or had a chance to help out.

8/22 is the board meeting. It is at Gary Opin's on Edgewater Dr. Food at 5:30 and meeting at 6:00

8/25 Tribus is having an event to support the Trees for Charles project. It is Sunday from 1-4

9/21 – 9/22 Devon Rotary's Octoberfest

9/26 - District Governor, Robert Friend, will be coming to speak to us 9/26. Let's have a good attendance for that meeting.

10/6 is the next Shred event.

We are working on a corn hole tournament that will be fun and allow us to raise some cash at the same time.

We are collecting school supplies for the Nambale School. We are collecting until 10/1. We could use pens,pencils,pads etc.

**Proposed Member:**

Terra Reed – Registered Nurse from Milford (Second Posting)

*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**

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*To say it was a beautiful day would not begin to explain it. It was that day when the end of summer intersects perfectly with the start of fall.*

*-Ann Patchett*