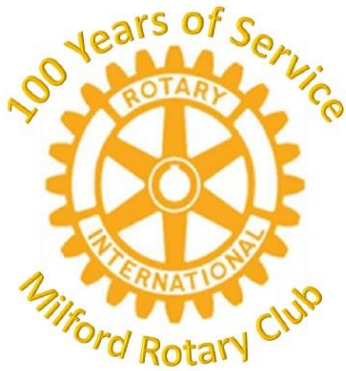


Milford Rotary Chat November 7, 2024



Meeting Minutes: 10/31/24
SBC Restaurant
12:15PM



Welcome:

Someone (in attendance) gave us The Pledge!
Phil Caparosso did a short but reverent Prayer.
Don, with some underlying coughs, gave us The 4-Way-Test.

Guests:

Guest and speaker was Gabriella Fry who is with Engineers without Borders.

Do Good:

Phil C was happy how the Mets performed in the second half of the season.
Jorge saw his kids down south but it was good to drive away from a hurricane.
Frosty was noticing Jorge's style with his matching tie, socks and pocket square. Also, Frosty was weeping for the Yankees.
Lise told us her company is doing well and they are expanding down into Westport.
Win noticed we had 6 Past Presidents in attendance. Good job for keeping connected. Each paid a dollar fine for their service.
Don showed off his fancy socks also. Jorge is not the only one with style.
Tom is happy with the fantastic weather we have been having. He went on a bike ride with his son. He even has his granddaughter on a strider. Tom starts them young.
Lorna is loving the weather where it is over 70 here but her brother in Tucson said it was only 46 there.
Phil U had a good time at the event at the Yacht club (Good Kids Gala). Happy Halloween to all.
Win was asked to go Trick or Treating by his granddaughter and of course he was thrilled. Win wanted to acknowledge that Aaron Judge's error in game 5 was his first error of the year. But one error does not a career make, ask Bill Buckner.

Speaker:

Gabriella Fry is the CT state representative for Engineers without Borders and she is a former Milford Rotarian. She said she would love to be on our mailing list. Their current project is in Tanzania. They are working with the people to help them increase their water supply and to help deliver this water in a clean and sanitary manor. Currently people spend their entire day getting enough water to survive. The engineers are digging bore holes to supply sufficient, clean, water so people have more time to do other things to improve their lives such as school, grow plants for better food, improve health care. Once they had water they had to learn how to keep the water safe and clean. They had to learn to test the bore holes to make sure the water continues to be fresh. They are taught about soap and cleaning. Now the babies there go to the doctor every month for the first 5

years of their lives. Now with these bore holes more people come to live close to the water. Now they find they may have to drill another bore hole to fill the need. But quality of life has improved. The Engineers without Borders is having a Gala fund raiser at Farmington Gardens on 11/15.

Third Posting: Christine Early – Retired School Administrator

Announcements:

Phil sent out an e-mail to the club acknowledging how proud he is of our club for how well we function and how much we get done even with a diverse group with many opinions.

It was pointed out what a great job Gary J did with the Good Child event and he was asked if he could spearhead the Keeping Milford Warm Gala scheduled for 12/14.

Dick told us of the big need for food and Beth El is planning to make 75 boxes of food . He asked if Rotary was willing to supply 15 of those boxes. Each box costs about \$50 to fill. Please bring food to the next lunch meeting.

Southbury library is looking for gently used books to replace books that were destroyed by the floods. They are not needed immediately, but hope to open back up by the Summer.

11/4-11/6 Win will be in Philadelphia to watch the election process and make sure everything is done properly.

11/9 Dick Pop will be looking for support for the Special Olympics at Yale Bowl before the Football Game

11/14 is the next board meeting at Gary J house at 96 Terrace Rd. 5:30 Food and meeting starts at 6:00.

11/15-11/17 The Boy Scouts will be at Wasson Field for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Each family will get food that could last about 1 week.

12/12 will be the Christmas Party at Mark Sandillo's home on Race Brook Road. They are looking for a head count.

5/30/25-6/1/25 Rotary Foundation Meeting in Massachusetts

Cornhole is still in the works. Also, the Centennial project is moving forward.

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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Being American is not a matter of birth. We must practice it every day, lest we become something else.

- Malcolm Wallop in *Imprimis*