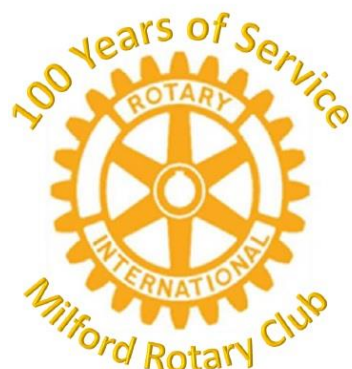


Milford Rotary Chat November 21, 2024



Meeting Minutes: 11/14/24
SBC Restaurant
12:15PM



Welcome:

Dan Smith led us in the Pledge!

Bob Bogert almost made The 4-Way-Test without looking but needed last minute help.

Frost gave a short and Reverent Prayer.

Guests:

Guest and speaker was Lyla Steenberger from the Westport Rotary Club.

Roger Pocock was a guest and was finally in line for induction today.

Do Good: (Dan German was our Sargeant-At-Arms)

Tad told of a recent Golf outing – he lost 11 balls on 9 holes.

Frosty was noting Yale's future success this Saturday at the Yale/Princeton Game.

Carrie went up to Tad's Place in Stowe and did some great hiking with Jim. She also let us know about the saying "Yes to the Dress" as per her recent decision.

Don welcomed our Guest Speaker Lyla from the Westport Club.

Win gave us some Political Updates on the Upcoming Cabinet.

Dan Smith let us know that he'll be gone out to California for 5 months and noted two of the Cabinet Nominees play at the Golf Club in Palm Desert.

Bob Bogert told of his grandson in the Milford Eagles 11-13 Football League who won their game.

Dan German asked (after the Jorge fancy socks a few weeks ago) who had fancy socks.

Installation: *Roger Pocock*

Past DG Paul Mangels went through the history of Rotary and elements of Milford Rotary. He noted there are 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide as well as 200,000 Interact Students. Rotary is in 200 countries (only 2 countries don't have Rotary Clubs). There are 46,000 clubs in 500 Districts. He proclaimed what a treasure it is both locally and internationally to be involved. After receiving his packet, Roger noted that he came to the US in 1980 and moved to Milford with his wife in 2001. He loves living and being involved in the community of Milford.

Speaker:

Lyla Steenberger, the 2021-2022 Past President of the Westport Club, was our speaker. She gave a great visual as well as verbal presentation of the projects Westport has been working on over the years. Westport had it's 14th year of it's Lobsterfest, thanking our Club for helping them get it started. The Westport Club has completed 14 service trips since 2014 using local and Global Grants in the projects.

Her presentation included the 7 areas of Focus in Rotary: 1) Promoting Peace – including providing needed help to Uganda with Schools and water projects and providing supplies to Ukraine; 2) Fighting Disease – then worked with Dengue Fever in Ghana and helped in Polio vaccinations; 3) Saving Mothers and Children; 4) Providing Clean Water and Sanitation; 5) Supporting Education; 6) Growing Local Economies; 7) Protecting the Environment

She noted the Westport Club’s project in Rwanda. They helped build a Bewindi Community Hospital providing services as well as employment for the community. It emphasized the importance of engaging Globally in Expanding our Outreach, Generating Opportunities, Building Friendships and providing a Deeper International Understanding.

Lyla ended her talk with the *Key to Happiness* that are great tenants of Rotary:

- Engaging with Others
- Giving Back to Others
- Belonging to something bigger than yourself

Announcements:

Phil welcomed our newest member Roger. He noted the board meeting for tonight (11/14) would include an updated budget. He brought a Frozen Turkey for Beth El as per they want to put together 50 Thanksgiving Baskets

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

12/14 Keeping Milford Warm Gala – let Gary Johnson know if you’re going to attend.

5/30/25-6/1/25 Rotary District 7980 Conference in Massachusetts

Cornhole is still in the works. The Centennial project is moving forward. Cherie proposed a Virtual or Live Wine Tasting in March to benefit Beth El.

Tom Margius

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	Bob Bogert	Dave Adams
President-Elect Lorna Sura	Treasurer: Adam Kasowitz	Chris Durkin	Joe Barns
Vice President – Bill Parry	Asst Treasurer: Tracy O’Brien	Cherie Malona	Tracy O’Brien
Secretary – Lise Robinson	Tad Smith (Immediate Past President)	Gary Johnson	BJ Frazier
Membership Chairman – Dan German	Beth-El meal leaders- Ray Guido		Tad Smith IPP

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Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for.

- Zig Ziglar