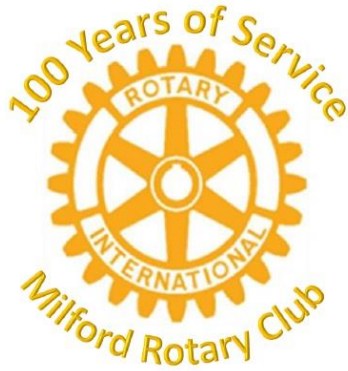


Milford Rotary Chat December 12, 2024



Meeting Minutes: 12/5/24
SBC Restaurant
12:15PM



Welcome:

Tom serenaded with a few Accordion Holiday Tunes before the start of the meeting.

The Garys (Johnson & Opin) gave the Pledge.

Curran Bishop as usual presented a Reverent Prayer.

Don did a good job on The 4-Way Test

Guests:

Christine Early is a recent member but Win (today's Sargeant-At-Arms) presented her as such. She noted she is a member and told us she is happy to join us in our current and upcoming events.

Ellie Bishop, Curran's daughter was a guest.

Do Good:

Bill Parry gave a happy fine for his recent visit to The Villages in Florida. His parents live near Bob Malone and he was able to have dinner with him. Bob is 79 and Bill noted that he told some of the same jokes in his old days in Milford Rotary.

Don was just giving a fine for being happy.

Lorna was ecstatic with her Doctor telling her she is 'healed'. She gave a few comments that her shoes could feel more comfortable but otherwise she is happy with her health.

Ellie Bishop noted she brought the Wreaths from the Scouting Orders.

Frosty was Happy about Yale Football winning their last game against Harvard and the previous week the win against Princeton. He also said he was happy about the Presidential Election.

Carrie gave a Thanksgiving Day update. She watched two Parades and the Dog Show. She had dinner with her Mom late with No Turkey and No Mess!

Dick thanked everyone for help with the Beth El Thanksgiving Baskets. The Baskets went over well.

Tom gave a happy fine about his Accordion and had everyone sing Silver Bells and he gave a short polka. He also noted about his family's Thanksgiving.

Phil was happy about the Scouts giving out wreaths. He said if anyone needs one, he still has wreaths.

Win was happy about his Family's Thanksgiving in Tulsa. He said there's much to do in Tulsa. He also was happy to again have the Rotary Bell at the meeting.

Win commented that Curran had come to the last alderman meeting and it was an eye opener. There was a vote on spending 61 Million dollars but they didn't know what the money was going to be spent on. It passed 14-1 with Win being the only no vote.

Win fined Don for an article he wrote for the local paper that had his name and picture across the top. Turns out this is a monthly column for Don and a steady source of money for do good. Thanks Don. Phil said he was also in that issue, but Win didn't see it – so Phil wasn't fined.

Speaker:

Our designated speaker didn't show, so Joe Barnes gave us an update on the Centennial Project and his new insights on Cryptocurrency. He had spoken to the club about 6 months ago on Cryptocurrency. Most of it I didn't understand but he made the point they are making trillionaires form the pockets of the little people. Be forewarned.

Announcements:

Don discussed the Purple Pantry in Milford and made a motion that we consider them as an organization that we may support.

Phil said there are flags available for \$50 from the boy scouts.

2 weeks ago the past 4 presidents of the club and Phil got together to discuss the club's trust fund. They could use 5% of the 130K in the account or let it continue to grow. They will meet again in another 3 months to make a decision on the direction to take. Always looking for people to donate to the trust fund. The more we have, the more people we can help.

Dick Popolowski has agreed to be our next club secretary. Thanks Dick.

The Centennial Clock project by Stone Bridge has run into a snag with the city. Considering other options and ideas.

12/12 There will be a lunch meeting and the Board meeting/ Christmas party will be at Mark Sandillo's house on Race Brook Rd at 5:30 -?????. Let Lorna know if you are coming, she needs a head count.

12/14 is the Keep Milford Warm Gala. We are giving a \$3000. check. So far 4 people have signed up ,but we are looking for more.

12/19 is our Toys for Tots meeting. Please bring an unwrapped toy to the lunch meeting. Cash works too!

12/15 Carrie's sister is having a Winter Solstice painting party at Carrie's office. \$35 each.

12/21 is our next Beth El lunch. It is a Saturday. Carrie will be passing out gifts. Looking for more volunteers, please let us know. It goes from 9-1 but if you can only do part time, that is ok. Also, Carrie is looking for help wrapping gifts that she will be passing out. They are wrapping gifts at her office on 12/16 at 7:00 PM.

1/23 Boys and Girls club is having their Wing Ding at Tribus Brewery. Go to Boys and Girls club website to buy tickets. It is almost sold out.

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

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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Membership Chairman – Dan German	Beth-El meal leaders- Ray Guido		Tad Smith IPP

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