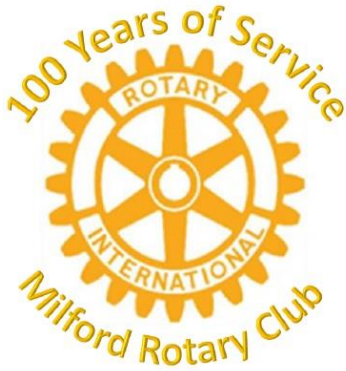


# Milford Rotary Chat January 30, 2025



Meeting Minutes: 1/23/25  
SBC Restaurant  
12:15PM



## **Welcome:**

Frost got us started with The Pledge.  
Lorna gave us the 4-Way-Test.  
Dave Adams added a Prayer.

## **Guests:**

Deb Ryan- She just moved to Milford 7 months ago. She is a corporate event producer and she has 2 kids in college.  
Beth Stoller from the Trumbull Rotary to speak about her Book Project.

## **Do Good:**

Don had a Happy Fine on going to the recent District Assembly.  
Frosty was Happy that Lorna is wearing normal shoes with her One and a Half Feet!  
Gary was Happy about the Yale Hockey game with Frosty even though Yales lost.  
Phil noted that he's Happy and surprised that Milford Rotary is hosting the Norman Parcells Luncheon in the spring.  
Dave was in Philly at a wedding of the son of the Best Man in his wedding.  
Tom went to New York City and saw the Michael Jackson show on Broadway. It was fastastic! Carrie noted that she had seen the show a few weeks ago and her sister did one of the sets in the production. Also, Tom noted his daughter, Deanna is pregnant.  
Tad said his daughter is not pregnant but he went skiing with her and had a great time. At work they hired a second assistant for him. They have been running short for 7 months  
Beth Stoller, from the Trumbull Rotary Club was happy to be in Milford.  
Carrie was happy she was not last in today. She told us her sister created the Rainforest set, very talented.

## **Speaker:**

### **We had 2 speakers today.**

Our First Speaker was Beth Stoller from the Trumbull Rotary Club. She is their President and Membership chair. They have 75-80 members in their club. Beth explained their Kindness is Caring Rotary Children's Book Project. They are working with Tish Rabe who is a well known children's book author. Their goal is to raise \$50,000 to fund the production, marketing and printing of this delightful book, spreading Rotary's values of kindness and friendship to children and families worldwide. The back of the book gives a message to readers and parents about groups that help others like Rotary or the pajama project. Email: [beth@rotarykidsbooks.org](mailto:beth@rotarykidsbooks.org) Website: [www.rotarykidsbooks.org](http://www.rotarykidsbooks.org)

Our second speaker was Jamie Rudd who is involved with All In for Milford and also involved with the Nambale School. All In for Milford is a non-partisan organization that makes sure all have food to eat and a place to live in Milford. Jamie is also a part time director of the Nambale School Cornerstone Project. The Nambale School in Western Kenya was opened in 2009 and had students from Pre-K to 8th grade. It has grown and expanded over time and it now has a sustainable farm that feeds the school and the community. It is now the largest employer in the area. There is a big demand for children to go to school there since their students do so well and get ahead. Now about half of the students are paying students but when first opened it was built to serve AIDS orphans. The school is supported by a number of Non-Profits. Rotary has helped to process gray water to clean water. On Tues 1/28 there was a dinner to honor Rev. Evelyn at Chimichurri where you could come to listen to her speak about the Nambale School

**Announcements:**

1/30 is a Fifth Thursday event. We want to acknowledge new members (been in the club 2 years and less) and want to invite people that may be interested in what we do and possibly have them join our club. Apps will be served and there is a cash bar. It is free to the newer members and those interested in joining us and \$10 for other attendees. So far 5 non-Rotarians are planning on joining us. Let's have a good turnout.

2/13 is the next Board Meeting. It is at Joe Barnes house. Food at 5:30 and meeting starts at 6:00.

2/15 is the next Beth El service is Saturday and goes from 9-1. Dave has volunteered to take over heading the Beth El service program for our club. Thanks Dave. Please bring a hat.

2/22 is Devon Rotary's comedy night at the Yacht Club. Dinner starts at 6 and the show starts at 7:00. It is \$85/ person.

3/22 - In mid March, possibly 3/22 we are planning a karaoke night at the Elks club (upstairs). It will be \$35 for participants and \$45 for non-participants.

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

A karaoke event is in the works. Also, look for cornhole tournament in the Spring.

March Hockey event to see the Wolfpack in Hartford. Details coming.

*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 <sup>st</sup> Year Board of Dir:	2nd Year Board of Dir:
President – Phil Ucci III	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Dan German	Bob Bogert	Dave Adams
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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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at the right time.*

*- Arnold H. Glasow*