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(That's Rotarian Spelled Backwards)



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Happy New Year



Rotary Foundation

We finished the first half of this year's campaign with 42 members (60%), for \$3,923.90 (56%) of our goal, (including lunch tips). Remember, you may include all or part of the \$50 with your quarterly dues, or pay it all at once, which ever is better for you.

Nairator

This is our third month of sending the Nairator via our club website. The new procedure has been well received. We will continue to print a small number of "hard copies". If you want one, Charlie has them.

Rotary International Theme

Upcoming Meetings & Events

January 1– New Years Day- No meeting
January 8– Kay Schreiber– MCCA/ Food Donation Day
January 15– John McClaren– Pratt Center/ Business meeting
January 22– TBA
January 29– TBA

January – Rotary Awareness Month

What are you doing to make the public more aware of our great organization? Do you wear your pin other than at our lunch meetings? Do you have your "Declarations of Rotarians" proudly displayed at your place of business? Do you have copies of the "Rotarian" in your place of business, for customers to read and see what we are all about?

Election of Officers

The new slate of officers, below, was elected at our December 18 meeting, for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

2007-2008 Officers

President– Shari Barron
President Elect– Oscar Rasmussen
Vice President– Roger Arguello
Secretary– Nancy Sienkiewicz
Treasurer– Charlie Junz
Sgt. at Arms– Peter Daubner

Board

Sharon Ward
George Petermann
Terry Profita
Katy Francis

Remember
We will be meeting at
the **MAXX Tuesday**
January 15.

Rotary Foundation Bus Persons

January 8– Dana Buffin/ Ivan Shiffman
January 15– Cathy Setterlin
January 22– Andrea Wilson
January 29– Ann Fisher/ Eric Kennedy



Community Service Awards

We will be presenting our annual Community Service Awards in February, to two worthy volunteers. We always try to recognize those hard working warriors who receive little recognition for their efforts. We all know someone deserving, so please give us your input. Give President Peter or any Board member your suggestion. The honorees will be invited to lunch, and receive their well deserved awards.

January Birthdays

January 8– Chuck Horgen
January 13– Jeanne Garvey Stax
January 16– Carl DeMilia
January 19– Ann Fisher
January 21– Bob Rosen
January 30– Kurt Steiger

January Anniversaries

January 11– Chuck and Judy Horgen
January 14– Jim and Jeanne Faure

Club Web Site

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Students of the Month– December



Rob and World Language Teacher, Michael Crotta (right), welcomed Alex Gratten, Student of the month for December. Her mother, Terri, joined in the introduction. Alex has received awards of achievement in all major subjects, is a member of the National Honor and the German Honor Societies, NAMES facilitator, and Editor for the school literary magazine. She is a member of the marching band, and plans a career as a High School Teacher.



History Teacher, Frank Gillespie and Rob introduced Jessica Granger, December Student of the Month from the History Department. Jessica's parents, Irit (left), and John (next to Rob), were also our guests. Jessica is a member of the National Honor Society, Kodak Young Leaders, United Way Leadership Group, Peer Connections, and has received Achievements in American Literature, English, and History Through Film. She is the Student Council Vice President, and plans a career as a Broadcast Journalist.

Programs



Our own Frank Wargo was our speaker December 11, to bring us up to date on the Rotary Foundation, specifically the Polio Plus Program. As usual, his information was interesting and well received.



December 18, Sharon's daughter, Dawn Riebling was our guest. Dawn is a Fulbright Scholar, and told us of "the Fulbright Experience", and her travels throughout the world in her Scholar capacity.

Raffle Prizes

Did you receive any duplicate Christmas or Chanukah gifts, or something nice, that you just can't use? We would still welcome any more donations of raffle prizes for our lunch meetings. If you have anything to donate, please let President Peter or Charlie know.

Local Rotary Clubs for make-up meetings

Litchfield-Morris-Thursday 12:00 Noon at the Litchfield Inn
Danbury– Wednesday 12:15 P.M. at the Ethan Allen Inn
Newtown– Monday 6:15 P.M. at the Fireside Inn
Washington– Tuesday 12:15 at St. John's Episcopal Church

Brookfield– Monday 7:15 A.M. at Brookfield Commons
Danbury Sunrise- Fri. 7:30 A.M. at the WCSU– Westside
Campus Student Center
E-Club– www.rotary7890.org

Holiday Party



Our Annual Christmas/ Holiday Party was held at the Palma Restaurant, December 4. Sixty members, spouses, significant others, relatives, and friends enjoyed a fun evening of food, and camaraderie. President Peter was still hobbled by his recent hip surgery, so President Elect Shari officiated the evening. As usual, she did a great job! It is always nice to get together at these social events. The next one will be our installation dinner, in June.



Shari and Kurt played Santa Claus, as we exchanged gifts!



Once again, Veralyn created and donated a beautiful quilt, for our raffle prize. The raffle raised \$385, part of which was sent to the Rotary Foundation, in Veralyn's name, as a "thank you"! Jeanne was the happy winner of the quilt!



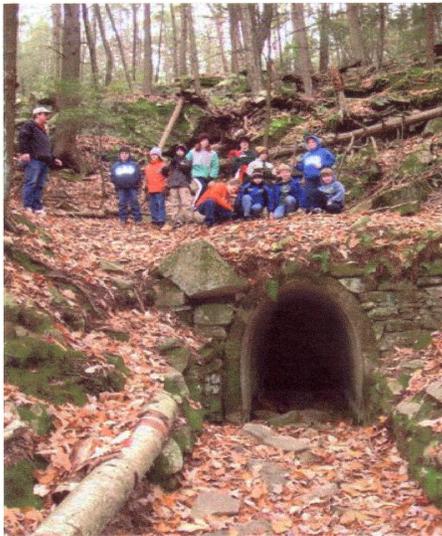
Tony led us with music, for our Christmas caroling, as he has done for so many years! Shari helped us get the words right! We closed with our traditional "God Bless America".

Special Guest



We were happy to welcome Nathan Kennedy, as our Dad Eric's special guest.

Scout Pack 58



Recently, Scout Pack 58, which we sponsor, made a trip to the Roxbury Mines. Pack 58 is now up to 100 boys!

New Year's Resolution

By now, your New Year's resolutions have been made. For a small number of our members, we'd like to have you add one more. Ask yourself: "Have I attended at least 50% of our lunch meetings (as required), and have I participated in our fund raising and social activities?" If the answer is "Yes", keep up the good work.....it is essential to the health and success of our club! If the answer is "no", please make the resolution to be a **better participant and a better Rotarian. We need you, and want you!**

Recognition Dinner

We will be honoring two of our Past Presidents, in April or May . Bob Mullen and Judy Horgen have been selected to be honored by you, for all of their hard work and dedication to the New Milford Rotary Club. We will keep you posted as soon as we can firm up the date.

Donations

We have been busy helping others, in November and December. We have made the following donations: Our annual gift of \$100 each to 5 houses of worship, to be given to a specific family who would not have otherwise have had a Happy Thanksgiving, and 5 more for a Merry Christmas or Happy Chanukah-\$1,000.

Annual Sr. Citizens Holiday postage stamps- \$500. Purchase of telephone cards for military service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan and their dependants- \$500.

HomeTownSoldiers- we paid \$198.75 to ship 25 boxes of snacks, toiletries, and other much needed items to our local service people overseas, and another \$70 to continue the shipping, plus we collected over \$135 of items at our 12/11 meeting.

We sent the cash you donated on the first Tuesday of each month, totaling \$541, to Social Services Good Samaritan Fund, and Mike, Roger and Oscar collected \$491 in cash at our 12/11 meeting to also be given to Social Services.

In addition, we will be making our annual donation of \$1,500 to the New Milford Police Department DARE program; committed \$1,000 to the Shelter Box Program; and \$1,000 to the Dominican Literacy Program.

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