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(That's Rotarian Spelled Backwards)

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Merry Christmas

Art Show

To thank us for our support of the Student of the Month Program, the NMHS Art Department is donating several pieces of art, created by students. We are planning on having an art show and auction, at our regular lunch meeting, December 30. We have seen some of the art, and it is quite impressive. Come out and show your support for our students and the club. Guests are welcome (lunch is \$14.00 per guest). We have been discussing how to include the students in some of the show's proceeds.



Winter Begins December 21



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Rotary International Theme 2008-2009

December - Rotary Family Month

A time to focus on our families, to involve them in our Rotary service, and to challenge ourselves to do even more for those in need.

We will not be meeting at the MAXX

in December

Upcoming Meetings & Events

December 2- United Way- June Renzulli December 9- Equine Angels- Frank Weller

December 16– Annual Holiday Party—Holiday Restaurant—Cash bar 6:30/ Dinner 7:30 See Shari for reservations. Makeup table will be at the Holiday—12:15.

December 23-TBA

December 30– Art show and auction (regular meeting time), with art donated by NMHS Art students/ NMHS Art Dept.– Christy Soucy.

December 7th





Remember Pearl Harbor!

December Birthdays

December 1- Peter Lang

December 3– Wink Lampe December 4– Danny Straub

December 11– Judy Horgen

December 17– Eileen Kessler

December 27- Veralyn Davee

December Anniversaries

December 20– Kurt and Jean Steiger December 30– Bob and Kathy Gambino

Rotary Foundation

We have 33 members who have donated \$50 or more to the Rotary Foundation, for a total of \$2,523 (including tips).. You will recognize them by the 2008-2009 Rotary Foundation stickers on their badges. If each member donates at least \$50, combined with the approximately \$50 per week that we collect in "tips", we will achieve our goal of \$100 per member. Remember, you can break up your contribution and include it with your quarterly dues.

Rotary Foundation Bus Persons

December 2– Peter Daubner/ Cathy December 9– Oscar/ Eileen December 23– Frank December 30– Andrea/ Ann

HAPPY



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November Student of the Month



Rob introduces and congratulates Sara Franco, our November Student of the Month. Sara has achieved Academic Excellence in English, French and U.S. History. She is President of the French Honor Society, Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Secretary of her church youth group, and a member of the Shining Light Club. She is in the church band and choir. She plans a career as a physician. Her mother, Maria, and Science Teacher, Eileen Reed (right), were also our guests, November 18.

Special Guest



Dave introduces our Exchange Student Scott Ney, who joined us November 11. Host parent Ann Hartman was also our guest. Exchange Student Councilor Francis also helped us welcome our guests.

<u>Club Web Site</u> www.NMRotary.org

Programs



Karen Alward, New Milford Fire Marshall, was our guest November 4. She talked about home security, fire prevention, business disaster preparation, and planning.



Brian Tilley, long term care insurance expert was our speaker November 18. He explained the need for long term care and planning for the unexpected.



Anabel Clark presented a very interesting slide program November 25. Anabel's mother is famous actress Lynn Redgrave. Her slides followed her mother's successful battle with cancer. She also showed slides from her trips to Sierra Leone, Brazil and Columbia, on behalf of Healing the Children.

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A special delivery from Rotary





Members of the Rotary Club of New Milford brought al deliveries dictionaries to third-grade students at the town's three elementa chool, this week Jennifer McStravick's third-grade class show their new dictionaries; left, Jayole Merrill takes a closer look at her own personal copy.

Oscar, Lori, and their committee have, once again, delivered personal copies of dictionaries to all third grade students in New Milford. A total of 432 dictionaries were delivered to their new owners, and an additional 24 Spanish to English copies were given to the teachers of the classes, to assist them in the teaching. This ongoing program continues to get rave reviews. Oscar has received hundreds of letters from the individual students and the teachers.

Special Thanks

We owe a special "Thank You" to Paula Walsh for her continued support of our Student of the Month Program. She has been responsible for having the student's picture taken at our meeting, having it printed and delivered to Peter Daubner, to be displayed at the high school. She has been doing this for an eternity! Thanks Paula!

Raffle Prizes

We would still welcome any more donations of raffle prizes for our lunch meetings. The Holiday season gives us an opportunity to pass along items which we may not have a use for, or "duplicates". Thanks for all of those many generous past donations, If you have anything to donate, a bottle of liquid refreshment, a nice item that you may have a duplicate of, and not need, please let President Shari or Charlie know. Thank you!

Homeless Coalition

Dave McGuire spoke to us November 11, on behalf of the Homeless Coalition Committee of New Milford. He brought us up to date on the homeless situation in our town, and appealed for continued support. Several of our members, in addition to Dave already participate.

Healing the Children/ Conjoined Twins

Almost 8 years ago, Healing the Children became a sponsor of Carmen and Lupita Andrade, conjoined twins from Mexico. Our club was involved, with various means of support. They are now 9 years old, attending Northville School, and want to give back to Healing the Children and the community. Their family has arranged a "fiesta" Saturday December 6, 6:30 to midnight. Music is by DJ Xtasis and Latin American food donated by Primo's Deli and friends of Healing the Children. Cost is \$15 (\$25 per couple). It should be fun. If you can't go please consider buying a couple of tickets, as a donation, to a great organization.

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 P.M. at St. John's Episcopal Church E-Club- www.rotary7890.org

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