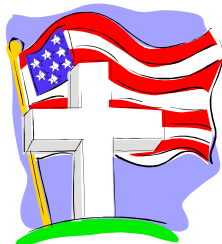




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**Memorial Day  
May 25  
Never Forget!**

### **Rotary Founda- tion Bus Persons**

May 5– Bill Quinnell  
May 12– Ivan  
May 26– Oscar  
June 2– Oscar



### **Rotary Paper Shredding Day**

Don't forget Saturday May 2 (rain date– Sunday May 3), our 3rd Annual Shred Day, at Lore's Plaza. 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Secure Eco Shred, Inc. will be donating its time and trucks to help us in our annual fund raiser, and helping us in conserving our natural resources! Cost is \$5.00 per standard copy paper size box. Spread the word, and help your friends in disposing of many years' clutter, safely and quickly!  
Contact President Shari or Art Klein for any last minute questions.

**Club Web Site**  
**www.NMRotary.org**

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**Rotary International Theme 2008-2009**

**We will be meeting at  
the **MAXX**  
May 19**

### **Community Service**

We presented our annual Community Service Awards at our lunch meeting, April 7th. The worthy recipients were Peter Orenski and Steve Kolitz. Peter "The Flag Man" Orenski created the official flag for New Milford, helped establish the 9/11 Committee and annual ceremony at the town's monument, located on Patriot's Way, co-designed the New Milford Veterans medal, and began a campaign to distribute the medals to every military veteran, as well as many other community activities.

Steve is deeply involved at New Milford Methodist Church, as youth group leader and mentor, concert coordinator, tag sale chair, mission trip to Africa, is a coordinator of umpires and officiates and leads clinics in softball, baseball and basketball, and is very active with Loaves and Fishes, bowl-a-thons, Special Olympics, Social Services Food Bank, and many other community services.  
(See pg.5 for pictures and past recipients.)



**May 10**

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

May 2 (Saturday/ Rain date– Sunday May 3)- 3rd Annual paper Shredding Day at Lore's Plaza  
May 5– Robotics and Beyond / Food Donation Day  
May 12– Gretchen O'Shea Reynolds – Rotary Foundation  
May 19, Job Shadow Program/ Student of the Month  
May 25 (Monday– Memorial Day)- 15th Annual River Duck Race  
May 26– Literacy Volunteers on the Green  
June 2– NMHS Team Waramaug– Annual Challenge.  
June 21-24– Rotary International Convention– Birmingham, England  
July 24, 25 (Friday & Saturday) – Village Fair Days .



**Armed Forces Day  
May 16**

### **May Birthdays**

May 4– Arthur Klein  
May 19– Rob Belden  
May 29– Ivan Shiffman

### **May Anniversaries**

May 8– Peter and Pauline Lang  
May 20– Peter and Elaine Daubner  
May 25– Ralph and Priscilla Williams  
May 27– Oscar and Judi Rasmussen  
May 27– Andrea and James Wilson  
May 28– Dana and John Buffin  
May 31– Luis and Kay Abella

## April Student of the Month



English teacher Kelly Duncan (left), joins Rob in welcoming and introducing our April Student of the Month, Emily Holland. Emily's parents, Susan and Matthew also joined us, April 21. Emily is a member of the national Honor Society, ranks in the top 10% of her class, has received Outstanding Academic Achievement, and was host for the Alumni Art Show. She participated in four years Junior Counselor Training Program at Cape Cod Sea Camps. She provides production assistance for Educational Channel 17, and films the NMHS Board of Education meetings! She also likes to kayak and climb trees!



Our own Francis Okelo former Ambassador and Special Envoy to the United Nations, spoke to us about his service to the organization, and gave us an interesting insight to his lengthy service.



## Programs



April 14, Laurene Beattie, Executive Director of Keep America Beautiful/ Keep New Milford Beautiful spoke to us about the organization's efforts of cleaning up our community. May 3, the Girl Scouts are cleaning up at Gallows Hill Cemetery, and Sunday May 17, there will be a clean up along side of Big Y, on Peagler Hill Road. Our Board voted to "adopt" Lovers' Leap State Park, as our clean up site.



April 28, Mike Crespan, NM Health Department Director, and Geri Rodda, from NM VNA, spoke to us about Lyme disease, its consequences, ongoing programs, and what we should do to prevent becoming a victim of this potentially debilitating disease.

## Raffle Prizes

**We would still welcome any more donations of raffle prizes for our lunch meetings. Thanks to all for the great prize donations, so far. 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!**

## Grandparents' Brag Page



Does this little sweetheart look like one of our members? Wink introduced us to his newest granddaughter, Ellorie Ann Lampe. Good job, Wink!

Congratulations to Nancy and Jeffrey Sienkiewicz, on the arrival of granddaughters Jane Emily Elliot, born January 14, and Charlotte Meta Bradford, born February 17!

Keep those future Rotarians coming!!

### Dues

Unfortunately, we are forced to raise our dues slightly, effective July 1, 2009, from \$125 to \$150 per quarter. We have only had one increase since 1993, when our lunches cost \$7.50, and that was in 2006. Our lunches are now \$14.00. This is still a bargain, if you figure 12 weeks in a quarter x \$14 = \$168. Your continued support with Happy \$ will insure this continued bargain!

Pat Clark, of the American Red Cross happily smiles, as President Shari presents a check for \$9,343, representing half of our golf tournament's proceeds.



Grandma Gretchen's son Jake, holds his and Margaret's little princess, Elizabeth. Andrea Wilson should be happy, since it is obvious that she has another avid Pittsburgh fan, rooting for the Steelers! Jake and Margaret are awaiting another roofer, when Elizabeth's brother arrives in June!



### 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 Inn in Newtown

**Washington**- Tuesday 12:15 P.M. at St. John's Episcopal Church

**Brookfield**- Monday 6:15 PM at Pasta Garden

**Danbury Sunrise**- Fri. 7:30 A.M. at the WCSU- Westside  
Campus Student Center

**E-Club**- [www.rotary7890.org](http://www.rotary7890.org)





## Duck Race



This will be our last reminder that we will hold our 15th Annual River Duck Race Monday, May 25. By now you should have placed a goodly number of ducks for "adoption". We expect each member to have 30 ducks adopted! We hope to raise \$10,000, to make our committed donations, so please don't miss any opportunity to help these Duckies get families! Top prize is a great 50" **Panasonic Plasma TV!** Second place is a "**pot of Gold (500 one dollar coins)**"!

We need every member to help, not only placing ducks for adoption, but in the actual running of the race. See Kurt for the sign up sheet for your assignment **Save the date!**

## Sickness and Distress

George Petermann is scheduled for angioplasty this week at Danbury Hospital. We'll keep you posted.

Lennie is recuperating from surgery, and is doing well.

Arthur Robles is scheduled for tests at Yale-New haven Hospital.

Eileen's husband Murray is progressing well.



## Rotary Foundation

Only one more member has joined us in the last month, to help eliminate Polio. We now have only 37 members who have donated \$50 or more to the Rotary Foundation. We hope that the remaining 25 members join us in this very important commitment, by June 30th. If you are not sure if you made your donation this year, look at your lunch badge. If you have a 2009 sticker congratulations! If not remember, you can break up your contribution and include it with your quarterly dues, or give it to Charlie.



Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week was created in 1961, signed into law by John F. Kennedy in 1962, and has been recognized on May 15 of every year since then, so it's been around for a while. It might sound new to you, though, because it's not a national or public holiday where offices, schools, or governments get time off. In 2002, President George W. Bush signed a proclamation that Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week pay tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication.

## Sad Tidings

### The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

We have lost two long time members, and we wish them well. Boober Janssen is now almost 100% in Florida, and is unlikely to return to our area for any substantial time. He has been a hard working, loyal member of our club since 1970. We continue to wish him and Peg the very best.

Lynn Mohlenhoff has taken a new position in Torrington, and is not able to continue membership. Lynn has been a hard working, fun member for 12 years. She introduced and proposed 11 new members to the club, most of whom are still active! We wish her the very best!

## Community Service Awards



Katy introduces and congratulates Peter Orenski, and Kurt does the honors with Steve Kolitz.



President Shari and Katy present Honorary plaques and a donation of \$100 to Peter's charity, Daughters of the American Revolution. Kurt assists President Shari with the presentation to Steve. Steve's donation choice was The United Methodist Church.

Mayor Pat Murphy (right) presents proclamations from the Town of New Milford, and The State of Connecticut (on behalf of State Representative Clark Chapin), to our worthy recipients.



Our annual honorees have been :

- 1995– Guy Samuelson, Mark Blanchette, Donald Woods Jr., and James Caldwell
- 1996– William Zehrunge II, Helen Marx
- 1997– George C. Fitch
- 1998– Sherrie McAuliffe, Biddie and John Roger, and Arthur Palmer
- 1999– Helen D. Strid, Merrill Golden
- 2000– David E. Bierce Jr., Roberta Buddle
- 2001– Glenn Miller, Libby Porter
- 2002– Donna Hesper, Norbert Lillis, and Lyn Miller
- 2003– W. Joseph Hine, Patricia and Laurence Tripp
- 2004– Jim Williams, Bonnie and Michael Shepherd
- 2005– Patty and Charles Bates, Donald and Nan Tutson
- 2006– Helen Lennstrom and Roland Miller
- 2007– Susan and Tom Fisher, and Monty Robson
- 2008– Joann Lillis and Herman Izzard
- 2009– Peter Orenski and Steve Kolitz

