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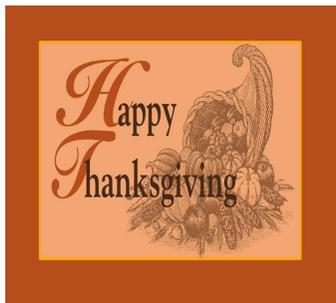
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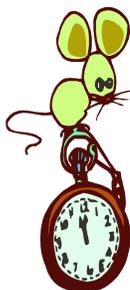
Our goal, again, is "Every Member Every Year" Every member who helps us meet our goal of \$50 per member, plus lunch tips, will have a sticker proudly displayed on his or her lunch badge. So far, we have only 18 members with their badge stickers. Remember, you can divide the \$50 and include it with your quarterly dues.



Veterans Day
November 11

November - Rotary Foundation Month

What a perfect time to make your contribution to the Rotary Foundation, and get your lunch badge sticker. When you eat lunch, you can say, with pride "I did my part- I'm one of the "Every Member-Every Year!" team, and I helped the Rotary Foundation's projects!



Don't forget Daylight savings time ends Sunday November 6. (Set your clock **back** one hour.)

Health- Good Wishes

Roger Arguello's mother, Marie Luizzi, had heart surgery, and is slowly recuperating at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. Our good wishes and thoughts go to her and Roger.

Mary Burcaw is still undergoing chemotherapy, and we want her to know how much we miss her. We wish her a speedy recovery, and hope to see her smiling face, soon! She appreciates the many good wishes that the club members have sent to her.

Rotary Foundation Bus Persons

November 1- TBA
November 8- Peter Daubner/
Tinker
November 15- Diane / Lori
November 22- TBA
November 29- TBA

Upcoming Meetings & Events

November 1- "Digital" Dave Elmore- Staying Safe With Technology- Part 3/ Food Donation Day
November 3- District Foundation Dinner at Chez Joseph, Agawam, Mass.
November 8- Barbara Reynolds- Elder Law
November 15- New Milford Thrift Shop/ Student of the Month
November 22- Rabbi Norman Koch- Reflections for Thanksgiving
November 29- TBA
December 20 (Tuesday)- Holiday Party at the Holiday. Cash bar at 6:00, dinner at 7:00. See President Terry for reservations, and details.
May 6-9, 2012- Rotary International Convention- Bangkok, Thailand

November Birthdays

November 9- Dennis Carter
November 12- Mansoor Haidary
November 30- Keith Wilson

November Anniversaries

November 2- Carl and Sue DeMilia
November 6- Ivan and Dawn Shiffman
November 6- Jack and Barbara Straub
November 11- Bonnie and David Blackman

Election Day
November 8
Be sure to
vote!



September Student of the Month



Business Teacher, Debbie Knippel (left), and Rob introduce and congratulate Shannon Fitzgerald, our September Student of the Month, from the Business Department. Her mother, Deb, was also our guest. Shannon is a multi-Honor Roll Student, President of DECA (Sr. Year), was the Vice President of the Executive Club 2012, her Freshman and Sophomore years, and is a Cross Country runner. She volunteers at the Pratt center, Loaves and Fishes, and at the Youth Agency (working with children). She plans a career in Pre-Veterinarian Animal Physical Therapy.

Lots of Happy \$!



Ann is in Heaven! Eight pieces of chocolate cake equals eight happy dollars, thanks to the kindness of 7 members, who donated their cake to her!

October Student of the Month



Tech Ed. Teacher, Jeff Teravainen, helps Rob introduce and welcome Kevin McSherry, our October Student of the Month, from the Tech Ed. Department. Kevin is a three year Honor Roll student, is a member of the All-SWC team, who plans a career in Engineering. He is the Captain of the Varsity Soccer team, has volunteered at the Danbury Soup Kitchen, and has worked at soccer camp, as an instructor, helping children with special needs improve their soccer skills.

Club Web Site
www.NMRotary.org

Raffle Prizes

Thanks to the generosity of some of our golf tournament sponsors, we still have some gift certificates left over, and we have been using these for our weekly raffle drawings. Thanks, to Bob Mullen for the Rotary shirt, and to all of the past contributors! We still welcome any more donations of raffle prizes for our lunch meetings. 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 Terry or Charlie know.

Local Rotary Clubs for make-up meetings

Litchfield-Morris-Thursday 12:00 Noon at the Forman School
Danbury- Wednesday 12:15 P.M. at the Ethan Allen Inn
Danbury Sunrise- Fri. 7:30 A.M. at the WCSU- Westside Campus Student Center
Washington- Tuesday 12:15 P.M. at First Congregational Church
Brookfield (Now Housatonic Rotary Club)- Monday 6:15 PM at Pasta Garden.
Newtown- Monday 6:15 P.M. at The Inn in Newtown
E-Club- www.rotary7890.org

Programs



Former member, Celia Pomerantz, and her husband Rich, are thanked by President Terry, for their very enlightening and informative program, October 4. Celia wrote a book about her mother's struggles with Alzheimer's disease and told us about her mother's journey with the disease. For info on the book or Alzheimer's, go to: celiapomerantz.wordpress.com or celia@richpomerantz.com



October 11, Li Shao, from the Connecticut Cultural Association, told us about the Renaissance of traditional Chinese culture. If you are interested in learning more about Shen Yun, the rich tradition of Chinese culture, go to www.ShenYun2012.com

Club Website

If you haven't been at our website lately, please take a minute to stop by. Even if you do go there for the Nairator, stay for a while, and see what else is new. Dave Elmore has put forth a lot of time and effort, to keep it up to date, with interesting photos and info about our club. NMRotary.org



October 25, President Terry thanks Dave Hawthorne, a New Milford teacher, and a representative of the Litchfield Hills Transition Center, for a very informative program. The LHTC is a public school for young adults with disabilities. They receive transportation, on-the-job coaching, and additional coaching outside of work,. The young adults need volunteer jobs. If you can give a student work experience, contact the center at 860-210-2222, or go to www.newmilfordps.org, or hawthorne@newmilfordps.org.

Senior Halloween Party

Unfortunately, due to the storm, the Senior Halloween Party at the Richmond Center, Sunday, October 30. was cancelled. If it is re-scheduled, we will let everyone know. Thanks, again, for all the time and effort that Roger spends on this great affair.



It's coming...
The Bistro Boutique
 November 14, 2011

Village Crest Center for Health and Rehabilitation

The Village Crest Health and Rehabilitation Center is having its annual fair for the residents. This is a fun event for the residents and visitors. For more info, speak to Peter Evangelisti.

We have been partnering with Haiti Mary Care for many years. This very worthwhile organization is headed by Mary and Tom Larkin. Now that Tom is a member of our club, we thought that you might like to read more about where our contribution goes. This article is continued on the next page, and if you want the full newsletter, you may go to the website listed on the top of the page.

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Haiti Marycare News

Fall 2011

Clean Water for the Families of Jacquesyl

Here on the east coast, the results of Hurricane Irene are still being felt. Basements that were flooded still smell musty, and every threat of new rain causes a higher level of anxiety. Many people lost electricity and with that the access to water that so many of us take for granted.

Imagine if water was not delivered to your kitchen faucet and you had to go outside your home to get water to drink, cook, wash, etc. How far would you have to travel to find an adequate supply of water? Would you need to change where you lived to be closer to water? Once you found a plentiful source of water, how would you know if it was safe to drink? And if it made your children sick, how would you deal with it knowing there was really no other option available to you?

In America, we know that bottled water is on all the store shelves, even during the recent hurricane. In Haiti and most developing countries, it might be available in major cities, but it is not easy to afford when most of your income goes for food so your family does not go hungry.

Haiti is the most water poor country in the world.

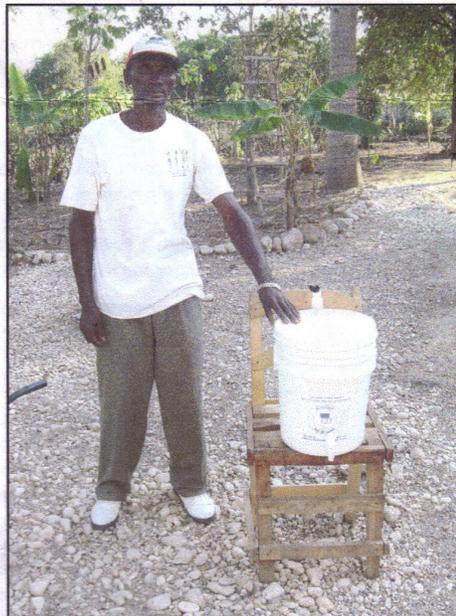
Not only is water not plentiful, even if you find a source, it is often not safe to drink. Since

the outbreak of cholera everyone is afraid.

Before visiting Haiti 13 years ago, Mary Lou Larkin, Haiti Marycare's medical director knew that in developing countries, a major cause of death for children under 5 years of age was dehydration due to diarrhea. There are ways to treat dehydration, but they require clean water and a mixture of salt and electrolytes. Those re-hydration salts are valuable, but if there is no clean water to mix them with, they are worthless.

Understanding how clean water is essential for sustaining life, we made several attempts to provide clean water in our rural village of Jacquesyl. The first year we installed a small device using charcoal filters with an ultraviolet mechanism that killed bacteria. The only problem was that to function properly it was necessary that it operate 24 hours a day. Without a sustainable source of electricity this was not practical then, or currently.

We eventually purchased drilling equipment from a company in Alabama, shipped it to Haiti, and met with a two Canadian dowers. With their guidance we dug a community well behind the church. This well provided clean water, but as the



only natural source of quality water in town, it is not sufficient to service everyone in town, let alone those living on the outskirts. More wells are possible, but because of Jacquesyl's location near the sea, the water becomes salty by afternoon.

Large scale filtration systems were just too expensive and beyond our budget. Individual home filters were available but some had defects or limitations or high costs, all of which meant we could not afford expensive solutions, and we didn't want to choose a system which would not work effectively.

Last November, while attending a medical seminar Mary Lou was introduced to the Klorfasil system through another organization that had successfully implemented its use in an eastern area of Haiti called Thomassique. After additional research we became convinced that this could be the answer we had been seeking for Jacquesyl. It was affordable and highly effective against water born bacteria. For \$10.00 per kit, an entire family can have safe drinking water for one year. When the chlorine crystals have been used up, another year's supply can be replenished for less than \$1.00 so the ongoing

cost was manageable, even to those with next to nothing.

Klorfasil – In Creole, the Haitian word translates as 'chlorine easily'. The kit consists of a clean 5-gallon plastic pail with a lid, a spigot, a small capsule the size of a spice bottle with an ingenious cap that measures and dispenses the exact amount of chlorine crystals to purify 5 gallons of water. Since education is a core component in whatever project we are involved, several community members were trained to maintain and service the units. A Klorfasil team member visits each household in the program once a week for 3 weeks after the sale of the system to test,

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monitor and provide ongoing instruction. There is a small sign to affix to the door of each home, proudly displaying the household's use of Klorfasil and clean water.

The cost of the system is \$10.00 but even that is beyond what a typical household can afford. We decided on a sell price of \$4.00 US, requiring Haiti Marycare to subsidize the difference. In situations of extreme poverty, where even \$4.00 is impossible, we have arranged for those households to obtain a system by coordinating with our Haitian colleagues at the Jacquesyl Health Clinic.

One benefit of using this approach is it

places the responsibility for proper use within each household. While it is nice to do something for someone else, providing education and responsibility of ownership is far more valuable. The system is slowly catching on. In time we are hopeful that more and more house-

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holds in rural Haiti will have clean water systems. Since introducing Klorfasil in May of this year, around 170 units have been sold. With an average of 7 persons in each home, that's nearly 1,200 people who are less likely to succumb to the debilitating effects of contaminated water.

Christ said that if you give someone a glass of water in His name, it is the

same as giving that glass of water to Him. You have the opportunity to not only give a glass of water; you can provide a whole bucket of water. \$10.00 will keep 7 people from suffering the effects of water born disease every day for a year. \$100.00 will help 70 people. Life & health are possible, with a clean glass of water.

A special thanks to Rotary members of New Milford who have supported this and other water projects over the years.

Tom Larkin

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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?

The Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise, and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity to serve;
- Second: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.