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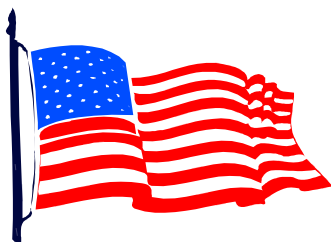
Bus Persons

June 2- Oscar
June 9- Katy
June 23 Tom McSherry
June 20- Charlie Reppenhagen
July 7- Bonnie



Rotary Paper Shredding Day

We held our 3rd Annual Shred Day Saturday May 2. Thanks to Art Klein, it was a great success! We raised \$1,655, and had a good number of volunteers. Ann Fisher had the highest number of boxes shredded, with 124 (see picture page 7)!



Flag Day- June 14

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(That's Rotarian Spelled Backwards)



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Rotary International Theme 2008-2009

June- Rotary Fellowship Month

We will not be meeting
at the **MAXX**
June 16

Health- Good Wishes

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Burcaw, who underwent serious surgery, and Jeff. Mary is in New Milford Hospital. Calls and visits should wait, but cards would be nice to show her that we miss her. Hamida Haidary underwent brain surgery this week, and our thoughts and prayers are with her and Mansoor. We also send our thoughts and prayers to Art Robles, and his family, while he undergoes treatment.

New Member



Nancy and Lori indoctrinated Tinker (Eileen) Hickey, as a new member May 5. Tinker is the owner of Cruise Holidays. In New Milford.

Welcome, Tinker!

Club Web Site
www.NMRotary.org

Upcoming Meetings & Events

June 2- NMHS Team Waramaug- Annual Challenge.
June 9- Christiana Dittman- Photojournalist- Images of her world travels.
June 16-, Installation Dinner- Holiday- 6:00 cash bar/ 7:00 dinner
June 21-24- Rotary International Convention- Birmingham, England
June 23- Muriel Stockdale- E Pluribus American Flag collection.
June 30- Lou Abella- Financial Planner
July 7- Saun Ellis- Video of conjoined twins Carmen and Lupita Andrade
July 24, 25 (Friday & Saturday) - Village Fair Days .
August 26 (Wednesday)- Golf Tournament

June Birthdays

June 24- Andrea Wilson
June 25- Richard Scaldini
June 25- Katherine Webster O'Keefe
June 26- Darren piper
June 26- Bill Stax
June 28- Lori Gordon
June 30- Ted Ristau

June Anniversaries

June 9- Lori and Fred Gordon
June 12- Richard and Arlene Scaldini
June 12- Bob and Barbara Mullen
June 15- Danny and Sarah Straub
June 16- Shari and Ken Barron
June 21- Dave and Kathy Elmore
June 27- Walter and Kathleen Whitney
June 28- Bill and Barbara Quinnell
June 30- Dennis and Kathleen Carter



Begins- June 21

May Student of the Month



Rob and Music Teacher, Jonathan Grauer, congratulate and welcome Rebecca Lastra, our May Student of the Month, from the Music Department. Her mother, Leslie, was also our guest, May 26.

Rebecca has been an Honor Roll Student all four years, and is a member of the Society of High School Scholars. She received the U.S. History Award in her Junior year, is events coordinator for the Student Council, flute section leader, and Senior Fellowship Leader at First Congregational Church. She volunteers at New Milford Social Services Department, and is a mission trip member with her church. She plans a career as a high school teacher/ principal, or college admissions.



Anne Maitland, Executive Director of Literacy on the Green, told us about the programs of the association. The organization is dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals through basic language instruction and basic reading skills. We have supported Literacy on the Green in the past. For more info, go to www.lvg-ct.org.

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!

Programs



May 5, Michael Morrisey of Robotics and Beyond, founder of the Jr. Robotics Science Fair at New Milford Public Library, spoke to us about robotic programs, and the training programs available. For more info, go to RoboticsandBeyond.com.



May 7, our own Gretchen O'Shea Reynolds spoke to us about the Rotary Foundation. She explained the programs available, procedures for obtaining grants, and how the Foundation relates to us as a club, and as individuals.



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, especially Katie, for the window bird feeder, and the wine. 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.

Parents and Grandparents' Brag Page



This beautiful little cutie generated lots of happy dollars at our May 5 meeting! Emma Lauren Williams, daughter of Ralph and Priscilla, joined our Rotary family May 4.



Tom McSherry's grandson, Ethan offers his advise and assistance at our Duck Race, Monday, May 25. It looks as if doting Tom will accept anything that Ethan says!

Terry's 4th grandson, Colin Profita, joined our extended family May 14. What an original name!

Charlie Reppenhagen proudly announced (with a happy \$) that Miss Lilly celebrated her 6th birthday on Cinco de Mayo!

Programs



Dale Elsesser was with us May 19, to bring us up to date on our joint, ongoing program to send books and school supplies to Africa, St. Lucia, and the Philippines. She has recently shipped two boxes of books to the Philippines and one box to Kenya. We have assisted her in sending thousands of books to school libraries in many locations throughout the world.



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



Duck Race



Rotary Foundation

We held our 15th Annual River Duck Race on Memorial Day. Thanks to Kurt, his committee, and our members and merchants, 2200 ducks were adopted, and raced to the finish line! We will net about \$8,000, which will be distributed to many organizations before June 30. Thanks to all of our members, friends and relatives who gave up their holiday to help make this major fundraiser a success, once again! Thanks, also, to the members who paid for our ad in the 2 local newspapers. Special thanks to Peter Daubner's friend, Bob Groeschner, who filled in for Ted, with his boat. (See pictures page 6). The winners were:

- 1)- Veralyn Davee's duck Costello
- 2) Charles Pomeroy's duck, Liberty
- 3) Nilda Piper's duck Princess
- 4) Wink Lampe's duck, Wink
- 5) Joanne Jannicky's duck (no name).

We now have 42 members who have donated \$50 or more to the Rotary Foundation. That means that the remaining 23 members only have a few weeks to 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.

Special Cleanup Day



Saturday May 16, several members of our club and eight members of our Interact Club participated in a special cleanup at Lovers Leap State Park. (Cathy Setterlin and Terry are missing from the photo.) Our club adopted The park, as our ongoing cleanup project. Many bags of garbage, a beach ball, a wading pool, and other interesting items were our trophies!

Special Presentation and Thanks



New Milford Police Chief, Colin McCormack thanks President Shari for the donation of \$2,000 to purchase the emergency defibrillator that he is displaying. This important life-saving equipment will be carried in police cars, for on-the-spot emergency use.



President Shari presents Duck Race 2nd prize "pot of gold" to winner, Charles Pomeroy, at our May 26 meeting.

Job Shadow Program



We held our annual Job Shadow Program May 19, at the MAXX. Thanks to another great job by Barbara Voutas and her committee, 32 students from Schaghticoke Middle school, and representatives from local businesses, joined us for lunch, after spending the morning exploring possible future careers. Thanks to our members who chauffeured the students to the businesses and to lunch.



15th Annual River Duck Race



Early birds sign up to adopt their ducks (above and below).



Victor, Norma and twins Carmen and Lupita Andrade adopt their ducks.



Kurt and Mr. Duck welcome the big crowd. This is Mr. Duck's 15th straight year as part of our race.



Our food crew (above and right), once again did a masterful job of satisfying the hunger of the crowd.



Emma Lauren Williams, our newest member of the Rotary family takes a snooze, as she awaits the results of the race.



Peter and Bob get ready to pluck the winners from the finish line, and Kurt announces the winners (see page 4).

3rd Annual Shredding Day- Saturday may 2



Shreddie CEO, and coordinator, Arthur gets things set up and ready to go.



Ann shows our patriotism, and tries to drum up business.



The truck gets ready to receive the early customers' boxes.



Ken Greiter (above), from our Interact Club gets ready to shred. Paper shredding is well underway (middle) , and Ralph has a hand cart full ready for the assembly line.

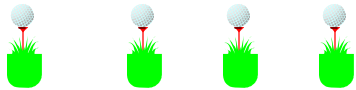


Matt Holland (in the truck) brought the truck. Approximately 375 boxes were shredded, which equals about 12,000 pounds, and we save approximately 125 trees! We mad money for our charitable works, and performed a great job for conservation!



Arthur and Oscar get ready to wrap it up. Oscar, Ralph and Bill congratulate each other on a job well done! Arthur presented Ann with her prize, a large chocolate cake, at our next meeting. Ann brought 124 boxes to be shredded!

Golf Tournament



Our 26th annual golf tournament, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, will be Wednesday, August 26 at Fairview Farm in Harwinton. It's not too early to line up your 4-some, and some sponsors. We really need at least 144 golfers, so line up your 4-some now! Please give Rob your 4-somes and Katy or Kathy Gold your sponsors. Talk to Rob, Katy, or Kathy Gold for more information.

2009-2010 Officers

July 1st, the new slate of officers will "take the helm":

President– Oscar Rasmussen
 Vice President– Nancy Sienkiewicz
 Secretary– Sharon Ward
 Treasurer– Charlie Junz
 Sgt. at Arms– Shari Barron

Board

Terry Profita
 Katy Francis
 Tom McSherry
 Ann Fisher
 George Petermann

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?

John Pettibone Elementary School

Playground Project

The committee to rebuild the playground at John Pettibone Elementary School has asked for our help in their fund raising project. One of the ways that they are raising money, is to ask people to fill a half liter water bottle with pennies, and donate the bottle to the committee. After discussion, the Board has decided to ask each member to do the same. We hope that each member will fill a bottle with pennies (or any other coin or currency), and bring it to a meeting. We will collect the bottles and turn all of the bottles in to the committee, on behalf of our club. What a great opportunity to get rid of those coins that you have been tossing into a box or other receptacle, wondering what to do with them, someday. What better project could there be?!

Installation Dinner

Our annual Installation of Officers dinner will be Tuesday June 16, at the Holiday restaurant. Cash bar at 6:00, dinner at 7:00. See President Shari for reservations. Come out and support your hard working officers. Remember, your check is your reservation!

There will be a make-up table at the Holiday, for those who are unable to attend..

There will be a special meeting of the Board at the Holiday at **11:00**. This is an important meeting. We will finalize our year-end donations, and approve a budget for the coming year, so please make every effort to attend.

"To wear the Rotary pin is an honor. What does the Rotary pin convey to the wearer?"

You can rely on me.

I am dependable.

I am reliable.

I give more than I take.

I am available.