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Rotary International Theme

Presidents' Day

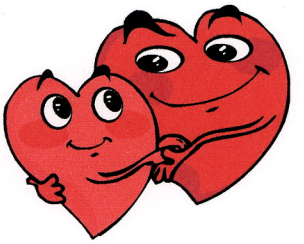
Upcoming Meetings & Events

February 7– Ed Mattson– Rotary on an International Level- "Hands Across the Sea" project.
February 14– Kurt Thoenneson– Paychex– Payroll
February 21– Business meeting/ Student of the Month
February 28– Rick Pomerantz– Wild Horses Photography.

Dues

Unfortunately, we are forced to raise our dues slightly, effective July 1, 2006, from $110 to $125 per quarter. The last increase we had was in 1993, when our lunches cost $7.50, and our lunches are now $12.00. This is still a bargain, if you figure 12 weeks in a quarter x $12 = $144. Your continued support with Happy $ will insure this continued bargain!

Happy Valentines Day



February Birthdays

February 1– Frank Wargo
February 5– Jim Faure
February 8– Terry Profita
February 19– George Doring
February 21– Angie Glick
February 28– Lou Abella

February Anniversaries

February 12– Mansoor and Hamida Haidary
February 21– Ted and Linda Ristau
February 23– Lennie and Norb Lillis

Rotary Foundation

We have reached the middle of our fiscal year, and 43 members (63% of our membership) have contributed $5,179.30 (74% of our annual goal). This does not include those donations sent directly to The Rotary Foundation, and Sustaining members. Our total giving, so far is to Regular Foundation giving, Polio Plus, Tsunami, Pakistan and Katrina relief . Remember, you can add it to your dues each quarter, if you prefer. Please make sure that you have your lunch badge sticker, by donating $50 or more.

Our tips on the 4th Tuesday are now designated to Pakistan relief and assistance. With all of the catastrophes throughout the country and the world, we need every member to be a part of the team!

Club Web Site
www.NMRotary.org

February 21St Meeting

Remember…..we are meeting at the Maxx on Railroad Street!

In Memory

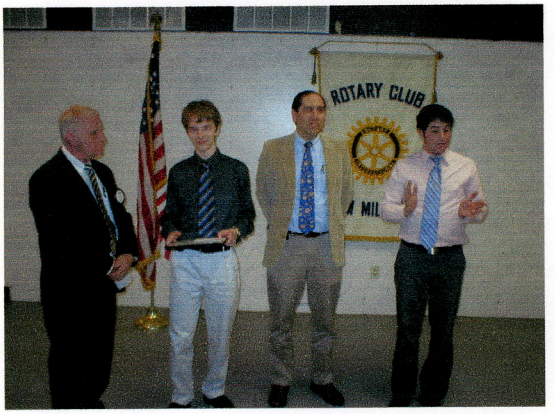
Mike Washkowich, father of Barbara Voutas. Our thoughts and prayers are with Barbara, Bruce and the Voutas family.

Community Service Awards

We have the final slate of candidates for our Community Service Award. The two recipients will be selected in February and announced by March 1. The honorees will be invited to lunch, to receive their well deserved awards, in March.

February 2

January Student of the Month



George introduced and congratulated our Student of the Month for January, John Sotherland. His father, Dale (center) and his English teacher, Justin Ongley (right) also joined us. John plans a future in computer systems engineering, as a Web site designer. In addition to his many scholastic achievements, he is Senior Editor of the school newsletter, The Chanticleer, and a member of the Varsity debate team. He volunteers at New Milford Public Library and Loaves and Fishes.

DARE

President Cathy attended the DARE Program graduation ceremony Tuesday January 24. She presented our check for $1,500 to Police Officer Kevin O'Neill, representing our continued annual support to this very worthwhile program.

Programs

Karin Benedict from Western Ct. Area Agency on Aging, was our guest speaker, January 24. She spoke about care giving for the aged, Medicare and Medicaid. For more information, she can be reached at: www.WCAAA.org.

Jean Murray joined us January 10. She spoke about Long Term Care Insurance.

The Four-Way Test

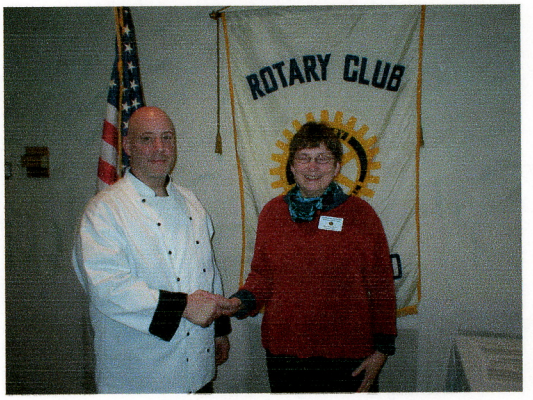
Of the things we think, say or do:

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?

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
Brookfield– Monday 7:15 A.M. at Brookfield Commons
Danbury Sunrise– Fri. 7:30 A.M. at the Courtyard Marriott
E-Club– www.rotaryeclub7890.org/

Congratulations!



January 24, President Cathy congratulated Mike Mosera, the Executive Chef at the Holiday Restaurant for placing second in the "Ready, Set, Cook" program on the Food Network competition at the Mohegan Sun Resort. The competition finals were held the weekend of January 21. The large group of celebrity chefs was narrowed down to two, who received a "mystery basket: of ingredients, which they had to use to prepare the final recipe Sunday. We hope he tries out his recipes on us!

Donations

During January, we made the following donations:
DARE $1,500
Brookfield Rotary Club M.A.D.D annual Bowlathon program $100
St. Mary School in Nairobi (through Dale Elsesser) $600.

Public Relations

How often do you sit in a waiting room of a professional or retail service, and have to read miscellaneous old boring magazines? While waiting for a physical examination, a tooth filling, car service, bank services, etc, wouldn't be great to read through a "Rotarian" magazine, and learn of the great works done all over the world? When you finish with your "Rotarian", please consider putting it in your waiting room, if you have one.
It's interesting to hear what people know and think about Rotary. If you haven't already, read "What the heck is Rotary" on pages 49, 50 and 51 in the January 2006 issue of the Rotarian magazine please take a minute to do so. It is enlightening!

Rotary Foundation Bus Person

February 7– Andrea Wilson and Frank Wargo
February 14– Jim Clark and John Phelan
February 21– Terry Profita and Carl DeMelia
February 28– George Petermann and Carl DeMilia

Your continued support is helping us to achieve our $100 per member pledge to The Foundation, as well as to Tsunami, Pakistan and Katrina relief efforts. Keep up the good "tipping"!

New Arrival!

We welcome a new member of our family! Diane and Tony are proud to show their newest grandchild, Kyle Christopher Martin, born January 19 (9 lbs, 20 3/4 inches). Good work, Grandma and Grandpa!

Attendance

Just a reminder that all members are required to make at least 60% of regular meetings, or make up at another club or at the E-club. Our attendance has fallen off lately, so please make an effort to be with us, despite the traffic and road blocks.