

The Critique

Rotary Club of Waterbury, CT



January-February 2006

President's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

The days are finally getting longer and brighter, and spring is only a few weeks away. Before we know it, the "snowbirds" will be heading back up north to join us again! It was nice to see Al Lussier in our midst a few weeks ago, although he was headed off to Florida shortly afterward.

I would like to extend a public welcome to our new Rotarians, D. Scott Griffith and Ralph Richard. It's great to have you in our Club, and we look forward to having you share your skills and talents in helping the Club grow even more. How many other energetic, dedicated individuals are out there who would love to belong to Rotary, but just don't know it yet?

I wanted to talk briefly about an aspect of Rotary that sometimes is forgotten among all the pressures of our daily lives, and that's the Rotary Foundation. We hear about the Foundation on occasion, but do we really realize and appreciate the impact of the Foundation on the world? Part of our dues is designated for the Foundation, but it is the hope of the Rotary organization that each and every Rotarian will make a personal contribution of at least \$100 every year. One hundred dollars a year translates to less than 28 cents per day. How many of us spend \$1 or more for a cup of coffee every day, or 50 cents for a newspaper? If you set aside just \$2 per week, there is your sustaining donation, an amount that can contribute to eradicating polio, or providing potable water for hundreds or people, or come back to the District, and the Club, in the form of a matching grant.

Rotary International has this to say about the Foundation:

"The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs."

This really puts things into perspective, and helps us realize that, as Rotarians, we really do make a difference in the world.

Look inside for our new feature "Spotlight", a way for you to get to know a little about individual members.

Peace to all, and see you in our next issue!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ingrid McGowan".

Ingrid McGowan

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Member Spotlight

This month's Member Spotlight is on our two newest members. **Scott Griffith** is a returning Rotary member and **Ralph Richard** joined Rotary for the first time. Both were installed on January 24, 2006



December 13, 2005
Chad Russell
former Waterbury
Rotarian



Scott Griffith

Scott, who resides in Watertown, is the Funeral Director for several of the Bergin Funeral Homes in the Waterbury area.

Ralph, who resides in Waterbury, is Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer for the Savings Bank of Danbury in Waterbury.



Ralph Richard

We would like to welcome both Scott and Ralph!



December 20, 2005
Linda Riddick-Barron
Supervisor of Grants,
Waterbury Public
Schools

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 23, 2006

We are planning a Pancake Breakfast as our Spring Fundraiser. We are currently looking at several locations and will announce details to all members as soon as we have everything firmed up. We are asking ALL members for their participation in this event to insure that we have a great success. The proceeds will help to fund the dictionaries for next September, as well as our scholarship fund for this year.



January 24, 2006
Congresswoman
Nancy Johnson

Meeting Location

Be sure to respond to Ingrid's recent notice on the possibility of a new meeting location. It has been suggested that we move our location to the Mattatuck Museum and we would like all members to give their input to this proposal.

The museum has a minimum requirement of 15 people per meeting. Because we occasionally have less than 15 members in attendance at the weekly meetings, the second part of the proposal is a way to help defray the cost to the club in covering the minimum. This method is already being used by several of the clubs in our District.



January 31, 2006
Judge Salvatore Agati,
Presiding Judge in
Waterbury

Rotary Foundation Annual Donation

For those of you that haven't already made your annual donation to the Rotary Foundation, do you know that you can make it quickly and securely online on the Rotary International web site?

By going to <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/> you can set up a member access and securely make your donation online using a credit card. You can also view your contribution history and sign up for email subscriptions on several topics.

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Please let Teri know about any corrections to the above information

Member's News: If there is any news that you would like to share with all our members please submit it to Teri by the end of each month to be included in the next newsletter. Contact Teri at teri@tristellar.com, 203-264-9585 or at our weekly meetings.



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Weekly Meetings

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**January is
Rotary Awareness Month**

**February is
World Understanding Month**

Rotary is an organization that works for peace and better understanding between people.

Through *Service Above Self* we can all create awareness both internally and externally, thus showing the world the great leadership of Rotary International.

*Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
President, Rotary International*

February Calendar

- 7 Board Meeting; Meeting
- 14 Meeting; **Speaker: Chuck Lacerenza**
- 21 Meeting; **Speaker: Natalie Lawlor, Palace Theatre**
- 31 Meeting; **Speaker: Rev. Green, Grace Baptist Church**

March Calendar

- 7 Board Meeting; Meeting
- 14 Meeting
- 21 Meeting
- 28 Meeting