



Rotary Club of Waterbury, Connecticut

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District 7980

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Welcome to the new Critique!
The eCritique will be delivered to your email after each meeting!

July 17, 2007



2007-2008 Officers

Susan Sprano, President
Scott Griffith, President Elect
Bernie Dzinski, Vice President

Ralph Richard, Sergeant-At-Arms
Clif Cotter, Secretary
Dan Donato, Treasurer

Message from our President...

Thank you all for your confidence by selecting me to lead our club into this new Rotary year and for this wonderful opportunity for me to navigate us through the impending changes that we are facing.



I would especially like to thank Rose Marie and all of the officers from last year for all their hard work.

This is already starting as a very exciting time for us as Waterbury Rotarians. This year we have the honor of being selected to participate in a new and innovative pilot program - designed to maximize our talents and encourage the development of new members. As many of you already know, **effective immediately we will be meeting every other week.** ([Download 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule](#)) This change will allow us more opportunity to recruit from a whole new pool of very busy prospective members who were previously unable to commit to the weekly attendance requirement. As seasoned members of Rotary, we can all appreciate the extra time that this change will afford us to work on our projects, ensuring that they continue to be more successful every year.

To best facilitate this change, we will all need to individually take charge of our initiatives. In keeping with that heightened responsibility, please review the [list of projects](#) that we need Chairpersons and volunteers to take on; email, mail or phone in your preference. Chair assignments will be made after the Wednesday Cocktail Hour to ensure that we all have plenty of time to undertake each goal.

*Your President,
Susan Sprano*

Inspiration: May we always see the opportunities that are around us to do good.

From Rose Marie

Dear Fellow Rotarians

I want to express how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to serve you and the club as president for the 2006-2007 year.

The year flew by and as I reflect on the time, I'm proud of our accomplishments both locally and internationally. Most especially, our continued commitment to the dictionary project, the scholarship program and in regards to international efforts, our support to the Denan Water Project. And these are just a few examples

Each one of you contributed in different ways with your time and talents and for that I am deeply grateful.

Thank you for your support and commitment over the past year to Rotary and to the belief of Service Above Self!

*Yours in Rotary
Rose Marie*

Today's Meeting

The meeting opened with the Pledge and the invocation was offered by the very reverend Bob Smith.

Our Sergeant at Arms, Ralph Richard was suspiciously missing in action, so Bernie Dzinski agreed to levy the fines - someone remember to fine Ralph...

Bill Conda held court surrounded by three of our Rotarians of the feminine persuasion who were fined for not spreading their charms to the second member table.

At this first meeting of the new Rotary year our new President, Sue Sprano, welcomed every one and announced that we have been chosen to participate in the Rotary International pilot program to reduce the number of meetings per year (see details above).

Sue also asked every one to take a committee sign-up sheet and return them to her as soon as possible with the committees they would like to serve on indicated. Because of the reduction in weekly meetings it is important that we form good, active committees for all the projects and events for the year. All members are expected to participate in at least 1 committee. If you were not in attendance you can download a [sign up sheet](#).

Sue also distributed sign up forms for anyone interested in attending a lunch with the new Rotary International President, Wilfrid J. Wilkinson. The lunch is in August in Mystic, CT. Anyone interested in more details or signing up for this should contact Sue.

Announcements & Information

A special "thank you" to Teri Smith for her outstanding efforts in coordinating our participation in the Greater Naugatuck Valley Chamber Duck Race Ticket sales to a roaring success, where we actually were recipients of a \$100. BOUNS - a special kudos went out to Dan Donato for his outstanding sales effort -(we're always looking for talented sales people at the Republican...ready for a career change, Dan?).

Dan read the thank you notes received from our scholarship recipients - we expect great things from them and the Scholarship Committee's selections never disappoint us.

NOTE: Last Wednesday evening was the "Passing of the Gavel" which was the District installation of all District 7980 club officers as well as the installation of our Area Governor, Ernie Luise. Susan Sprano with husband Dan Oris, Don and MaryAnn Cipriano and Rose Marie Belo were all in attendance - thanks to all for representing the club. It was a great evening of fellowship - put it on your calendars for next year!

Please remember to make your contribution to the Rotary Foundation. The website below will give information regarding the foundation and it's mission.

<http://www.ourfoundation.info/>

The Tribury, Waterbury & Naugatuck Rotary Clubs are hosting Monthly Cocktail Hours on the last Wednesday of each month. On Wednesday, July 25th, the first cocktail hour will be at the Waterbury Club, 30 Holmes Avenue, Waterbury, CT from 5:30 - 7:30 The cost is \$14.00 a ticket which covers 1 cocktail and hors d'oeuvres. There are already 15 from Naugatuck & Tribury signed up!!! This should not be missed - bring a prospective member!!

The New Critique

The Critique is changing! Starting with this edition it will now be the *eCritique* and will be delivered to your email after each meeting. *Please be sure that we have your current email address* so that you are sure to receive all the latest news and happenings. Send email changes to info@waterburyrotary.org.

With the change in meeting schedule we will be depending more on the eCritique to keep our members informed so please be sure to forward us any committee news, events or other information that you would like shared so that we can include it in our next edition or we can send out a special edition if necessary.

The eCritique will also be available online on the club's web site and will be mailed

to those who do not have access to email. If you know of someone without email who is not receiving the newsletter please be sure to let us know!

Upcoming Meetings

July 25	Evening Tri-Club Social with Naugatuck & Tribury Rotary Clubs; Waterbury Club 5:30pm
July 31	Meeting; Waterbury Club 12:15pm
August 14	Board Meeting 11:15am Meeting; Waterbury Club 12:15pm
August 28	Meeting; Waterbury Club 12:15pm
August 29	Evening Tri-Club Social with Naugatuck & Tribury Rotary Clubs; Location/Time TBD

[Download the full year Meeting Schedule](#)

This is your newsletter - please contribute news, events, photos and other articles that would be of interest to our members. Send your submissions to info@waterburyrotary.org by the Monday before each meeting to make that week's edition.

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