



# Rotary Club of Waterbury, Connecticut

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District 7980

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## The eCritique

July 31, 2007 Meeting



### 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

**NEXT MEETING: August 14, 2007 12:15pm**  
**District Governor Ernie's Club Visit**

Board Meeting 11:15am

### From Our President...

Our first official meeting held July 31st, under the new Pilot program, was a success. Attendance was good - although we did miss Bill Conda.



Ralph started off his term at Sergeant-at-Arms with some inspired fines. Bring lots of ones - he's been practicing!

Don Cipriano gave us a Foundation minute; reminding us that even the smallest donation to the Foundation will go towards qualifying us for EREY...Every Rotarian Every Year. Don has given us some great suggestions to utilize some of those Foundation dollars by teaming up with an "international" club to fund a project right here in our local community. Put your thinking caps on...our portion of the funding can come from an outside group (church groups, civic organizations, ethnic community organizations, etc) who does a substantial part of raising money for the project!!

There are two Foundation Seminar Dates that we need volunteers to attend - Don will be going to Westport on September 8th and is looking for some company (I've ridden shot-gun in the past and quite frankly I think he's sick of my corny jokes). If that seems like too much excitement, there is another one scheduled for September 15th in Deep River, I'm offering to keep someone company on that trip, otherwise Don will be stuck with me again. Jump right in and attend- they really are interesting and a lot of fun.

This year we have committed to an average Foundation donation of \$125 per member. Thanks to the generosity of our sustaining Paul Harris members, and Rose's innovative Piggy Bank Drive...this should be an easily attainable goal. Don't know what a sustaining Paul Harris member is?...It's a Rotarian who has committed to contribute \$1,000 annually to the Rotary Foundation.

**Make A Note:** Beginning the first of September - Piggy Banks will be due in based on assigned weeks: start filling them now! The Rotarian with the "fattest Piggy Bank" will win a ride on the Wine Train!!

I reminded everyone of Ernie's Water Project and passed around a small pink replica of a bio sand filter (which we filled with donations) - no...the real ones are not pink...more on Ernie's filters in the coming weeks, with a special guest speaker on the topic.

Ingrid's sharp eye caught a major goof up on the calendar that was posted...I feel a fine coming on! Teri has graciously saved my hide and posted the corrected version ([Download 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule](#)). - Thanks. **District Governor Ernie's visit will be August 14th.** I'll be fined again if she shows up on a non-meeting day.

*Two more great opportunities are coming...*

Lunch with Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson is Sat. October 6th. at the Mystic Marriott in Groton (this sounds fishy...Groton doesn't name their Marriott the Groton Marriott?...no wonder we're confused). Register by Sept. 21st...This is a

great chance to meet a charismatic speaker.

The 2007-2008 District Conference is May 16th, but you have to register soon if you want to stay in the scenic Thayer Hotel...West Point...I'll be there if that's an incentive.

Due to overwhelming response to our Project sign up assignments have been made. **See the lists below for your assignment.** Feel free to swap with someone you like...

Can't wait to see you all Tuesday..  
*Rotarily Yours...Susan*



### **Our First Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour Was A Success!**

Attendance from all three clubs, Waterbury, Naugatuck and Tribury, was great!

As you can see in the pictures everyone enjoyed themselves - some maybe more than others? (Ralph - there might be a fine or two there...)

### **Watch the calendar for the next evening social!**



### **Club Project Assignments**

Please note all of the following assignments and contact Sue **immediately** if there are any conflicts in your schedules.

#### **Wine Train**

**You'll need to secure a date early October and early in the day!!!** I've almost got a complete set of wine glasses...don't stop now!!! Make sure they take the Thomas the Tank face off - it'll scare the adults. We'll need to plan one in spring too!

Bob Smith  
Ralph Richards  
Bill Conda - Ad Book

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

*Bi-Annual* - the first one's the hardest...by Spring you'll be pros! **You'll need to secure an October date!!!** I've got aprons & some supplies!!

Scott Griffith - Thanks  
Chuck Lacerenza  
Ted Martland

#### **Duck Race**

Teri Smith - Thanks  
Rocco Corso -(the invisible man, but his contributions make a huge impact!)

#### **Publicity**

Don Cipriano - Thank you, Don

#### **Dictionary Project**

These need to be ordered soon! You'll need to pick out a book for the libraries. It'll be hard to beat "The Barbers Cutting Edge" - Great pick Pat and thanks to Scott for getting them donated!

Pat Moran - Thank you  
Beth McGrath - Thanks to you, too  
Scott Griffith - Merci

### Scholarship Committee

No need to panic til the Spring of 2008!

Beth McGrath  
Cliff Cotter  
Dan Donato  
Pat Moran  
Susan Sprano

### Holiday Gathering

It's never too soon to plan - Tribury usually spearheads this one...visit them, but don't defect!

Ingrid McGowan  
Bernie Dzinski - You are also in charge of the **Bell Ringing Schedule**  
Dan Donato - our official Santa and Song Leader

### New Projects

Ingrid McGowan  
Teri Smith

### Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour

You only need to plan **four**, but you have to check with Naugatuck & Tribury for their schedules!

Ingrid McGowan  
Bill Conda

### Speakers

We each must arrange for a speaker - let Teri & Sue know who you have lined up for your day as soon as possible...there will be fines for duplicate topics...so be creative!!

August 14	Susan Sprano
August 28	Rose Maire Belo
September 11	Don Cipriano
September 25	Bill Conda
October 9	Ernie Luise
October 23	Rocco Corso
November 6	Cliff Cotter
November 20	Dan Donato
December 4	Bernie Dzinski
December 18	Ben Ebner
January 1st -	No Meeting - Happy New Year
January 15	Chuck Lacerenza
January 29	Ted Martland
February 12	Ingrid McGowan
February 26	Beth McGrath
March 11	Ralph Richards
March 25	Bob Smith
April 8	Teri Smith
April 22	Pat Moran
May 6	Fred Luedke
May 20	Scott Griffith
June 3	Susan Sprano
June 17	Rose Marie Belo
July 1	DonCipriano

### God Squad Assignments

Please share some words of inspiration with us...and yes even a prayer...

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**If you aren't going to make a meeting - find someone to switch with!!!!**

These assignments/schedules are also available to [download](#).

### Upcoming Meetings

August 14	Board Meeting, 11:15am Meeting, Waterbury Club 12:15pm <b>District Governor Ernie's Club Visit</b>
August 28	Meeting, Waterbury Club 12:15pm
August 29	<b>Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour with Naugatuck &amp; Tribury Rotary Clubs</b> ; Location/Time TBD
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[Download the full year Meeting Schedule](#)

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