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District 7980

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The eCritique

August 14, 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 28, 2007 12:15pm

**Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour:
Wednesday August 29, 5:30pm, Waterbury Club
Hosted by Naugatuck Rotary**

From Our President...

Our First Board meeting which was held August 14th was well attended and very productive. Clif remains our stabilizer and was indispensable in assisting Susan navigate through the nuisances of being in charge. - It will go much better with a printed agenda next month



- We skipped the treasurers report as Dan was sunning himself on the coast...not on our tab...right Dan?

Although there was limited correspondence, we did get some requests from those wishing to address our club as speakers...imagine...we are in demand! Those names will be forwarded to the general membership to allow you all to fit them into your assignments. Please advise me if you secure one of these speakers so I can pass the word to the rest of the membership - no double features...unless they bring giveaways.

Rose passed out the information that she had on various projects to the new committee chairpeople...we expect great things from all of you, and of course we're all here to help!

Ernie Luise made some very good suggestions for a second pancake breakfast - make it a breakfast with Santa...to make it something special...Scott - our own Pancake man is looking into available dates at the Elks, while Bob Smith is already working on a date for the WINE TRAIN...no, no, no he has a steady date - Linda...he's securing a SCHEDULE for the event.

Don Cipriano gave us some food for thought about fundraising via packages...we will be trying to make this work by possibly combining a couple of projects and offering a one time sponsorship.

On to the meeting - if all this wasn't exciting enough -

The best part was Ernie Luise's presentation. It was informative and inspirational, a rare combination even for us Rotarians. She very cleverly delivered her message in a poem that she authored herself...although not the Muhammad Ali type- it did pack quite a punch. We were all reminded of how important everything we do is and how there is an international organization behind us to help make our contributions go further than we could imagine. Ernie reminded us that we are stronger together and that we must ask others to join in and share that feeling of satisfaction of a job well done ...so invite a friend, a neighbor, a business associate to join and share those good feelings of having made a difference!!



Our little pink sand filter has already raised enough money to provide three families with pure drinking water for 25 to 30 years...(and we think its hard to get our kids to go out on their own...how do you convince a twenty year old to leave a home with fresh water??) we are well on our way to providing clean water to a SCHOOL...and even a VILLAGE!

Rotary Foundation Seminars are scheduled for **September 8th in Westport** - Don will be there... and **September 15th in Deep River** (without a paddle?) - Sue can make that one!! \$35/person inc. morning coffee & lunch (and no time-share sales pitch...really)

If you are interested please register... the club can subsidize a member or two attending - Forms available on the District website (www.Rotary7980.org)...or ask Sue!

If you can't make one of these... **Lunch with Wilf Wilkinson** is a meeting not to be missed! Wilf is our Rotary International President and will be speaking on Rotary Foundation Day... **Saturday October 6th at the Mystic Marriott** (you'll have time to visit the penguins). Come and be informed...and stay for lunch! Make some new rotary connections. \$35/with lunch; \$15/session only.

These are excellent opportunities to see how our rotary efforts can multiply with support from the Foundation.

Don't forget to register early for the **Thayer Hotel District Conference...May 16-18th** - Its a very scenic drive and a beautiful facility...I know they have survived many a cadet...but the Rotary crowd can be a handful. Don has signed up ...and so has Sue...it promises to be a fun filled weekend.

Sign up for these wonderful events - you'll be glad that you did!

The Final wrap-up was our annual pilgrimage on Wed. August 15th, to lunch with the **Boy Scouts at Camp Mattatuck**. Chris Moon greeted us all (where does that man get his energy)...Harry Bartlett - our resident Olympic swimmer and retired Rotarian (yes they do retire) was there challenging everyone to a race (Harry,... we just weren't dressed for a dip); John & Pat Goggin also joined us (yep - another escapee from the club roster - but we'll get him back - look for them at the Wed. social hour on the 29th). Clif Cotter stood lookout in case Bill Conda made an appearance...although Clif did arrive in a souped-up hot-rod...maybe he's giving Bill a run for his money. Bob graciously shared his memories of his days in scouting and how all that training helped him survive his vacation spent back-packing & hiking on Mount Washington, etc. (hiking & back-packing on a vacation?)

REMINDER: Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour on the 29th

John Ford of the Naugatuck Club announced that they will be hosting this month's cocktail hour at the Waterbury Club, 30 Holmes Ave., Waterbury, CT. It will take place on August 29th from 5:30 -7:30. The price of a ticket is \$14.00 and includes one drink and hors d'oeuvres.

Chuck Bebee 's latest update was **16 signed up, many with spouses**...let's see if we can beat last month's tremendous turnout... They can't out-number us...not in our back yard...Don will bring Maryann...I'll bring Dan... We're a shoe-in if Bill will bring his bevy of beauties! **Please let Sue or Teri know who you are bringing on the 29th -**

Inspiration:

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart." *Eleanor Roosevelt*

*Thanks for leaving yours with me,
Susan*

2007 Bob Veillette 5K Road Race

This year's Bob Veillette 5K Road Race will be held on Sunday, September 16, at 1:30 p.m. in Waterbury, Connecticut. The Republican-American has asked us to send some volunteers to help staff this event.

It has been more than a year since Bob, the former managing editor of the Republican-American newspaper in Waterbury, suffered a massive stroke that left him cognizant but completely paralyzed. With this rare condition, known as locked-in syndrome, he can still see, hear, smell, feel and think, but he cannot move. He can communicate only with great difficulty using eye movements.

If you are interested in helping out by volunteering for this event please contact Sue as soon as possible.

Club Assignments

Projects

Remember to keep Sue updated on the progress of your projects. As soon as you have an event scheduled be sure to let Sue and Teri know so that it can be added to the web site and newsletter calendars! You can email: info@WaterburyRotary.org. Download the list of [Project Assignments](#).

Speakers

We each must arrange for a speaker - let Teri & Sue know who you have lined up for your day **as soon as possible** so the information can be added to the calendar... there will be fines for duplicate topics... so be creative!! You can email: info@WaterburyRotary.org. Download the list of [Speaker Assignments](#).

Prayer Assignments

Please share some words of inspiration with us...and yes even a prayer... If you are not going to make a meeting please be sure that you switch with someone! Download the list of [Prayer Assignments](#).

Full list of all assignments is also available for [download](#).

Upcoming Meetings

August 28	Meeting, Waterbury Club 12:15pm
August 29	Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour with Naugatuck & Tribury Rotary Clubs ; Hosted by Naugatuck Rotary; Waterbury Club 5:30pm
September 11	Board Meeting, 11:15am Meeting, Waterbury Club 12:15pm
September 25	Meeting, Waterbury Club 12:15pm
September 26	Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour with Naugatuck & Tribury Rotary Clubs ; Location/Time TBD
October 9	Board Meeting, 11:15am Meeting, Waterbury Club 12:15pm

[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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