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The eCritique

August 28, 2007 Meeting



2007-2008 Officers

Susan Sprano, President
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Bernie Dzinski, Vice President

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

NEXT MEETING: September 11, 2007 12:15pm

From Our President...

The meeting started without our President...but I made it in time to get lunch and that delicious chowder. Although we were small in numbers, Ralph managed to fine everyone heavily...especially me.



Our featured guest was Rupi Rupwani our Assistant District Governor - he reminded us of how important we are to Rotary, and encouraged us to try to surpass his hometown club - Naugatuck - It's always good to have Rupi visit...he brings treats! Pins and District directories...we may have a few for those of you who missed the meeting, but you will be fined!

Don gave us an update on the Foundation and how we can use those dollars to support our efforts He reminded us all that he was headed to the Foundation seminar on Saturday Sept.8th. Unfortunately I had to disappoint him and send him alone - because his driving has scared you all off - really its not that bad. I am going this Saturday to a different seminar, you all don't have to send me alone!...there's still time to join me. Be brave...be very brave.

We collected additional dollars for Ernie's filters - I think we are technically "water tycoons" now...if we continue with this level of giving we won't have to ask Scott to do his version of the Pequot rain-dance (I've actually seen it at City Hall when he has to wait too long for a drink - it's not very pretty).

Speaking of Scott - word has it that he is setting up a Pancake Breakfast for Nov -Dec...and is looking for a Rotarian to play Santa...no Bill Conda we are not planning to hold auditions for our version of the Rockettes's Christmas Show....but thanks for the offer.

We were reminded that our Dictionaries needed to be ordered, and we need to arrange delivery dates - now that Pat & Beth are back in school, that project should jump to the "head of the class". There are Third Graders out there counting on us (they can only count because they don't have dictionaries to SPELL). Requests for sponsorship letters should be going out soon too - Ralph, put on your hobo outfit ...we're going out begging.

Sue passed around applications for the Rotary MasterCard - no,...I did not fill in my name and address on all of them, but if anyone would like to take one out for me, I won't stop you. Use your shiny new Rotary card within ninety days on purchases totaling \$75, and the club (that's us) will receive \$25. made out to the Waterbury Rotary Club. You'll also earn one dollar for every dollar you spend for your own rewards!!

There are still rooms available at the Thayer Hotel for the Annual District Conference May 16-18th. This is a great opportunity to send your kids, husbands and wives away to "military school"...yes, you have to take them home with you.

We were reminded that Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson still has some seats available to join him for lunch on October 6th... you may never get this opportunity again! He's very friendly and won't bite...if you're really strapped for

funds, you can join him for the Foundation session and bug out before lunch....but its the Mystic Marriott - why miss lunch? Registration deadline is the 21st.

Sue is still looking for volunteers to join her Sunday September 16th for the Bob Veillette 5k Road Race...its for a great cause to help a great and civic minded man who needs us now...you don't have to run...and I sure am in no shape myself, but Bob Smith can run...he's been hiking where the air is thin, and we all can sponsor him...wadda ya say Bob?...dust off those Nikes...Seriously - consider volunteering - we can donate cookies (no you don't have to bake- Stop & Shop, Costco - pick your choice of short-cut) for the runners (after the race) or show up and be a checker at race points...anything will help. -see Sue for details on how to help.

The club was asked by the Rotary Club's Amber Alert Steering Committee to provide volunteers to man the "Amber Alert" booth at the Big E September 14th - 3th. A minimum of 12 people are needed for each shift - each club is being asked for 6 volunteers - that can include yourselves, family members, neighbors, friends...older children who need something to do to earn some cash (from their parents)...those looking to perform community service (not the kind that the judge imposes, but community service that some school's require). Contact Jack Eagan @ jackeagan@comcast.net and let Sue or Teri know so we can aptly applaud your efforts.

Information was handed out on the Byram-Cos Cob Rotary Clubs Annual Car Show - Raffles - Prizes – Entertainment (any closer and it could be this meeting - but they don't have those party animals Chuck Lacernenza and Clif Cotter).

Teri and Rupi compared notes on the logistics of ordering Rotary Golf Shirts... we are making progress - (better than Don's golf game)

We were all reminded that Naugatuck was having their "Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour" in the WATERBURY CLUB on Wednesday - and we were encouraged to use these events as good membership recruiting opportunities.

Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour UPDATE: Sue brought three potential members(Dennis Wolf - a Naugatuck bookseller & philanthropist; Cathy Fairchild - a creative genius at the Republican-American-you've seen her work just look in the paper and Dennis' fiancée), and Ellen Polloack who was coerced by Steve Sestal (Tribury President) to sell tickets to the Main Street Waterbury's Brewfest -(yep - I bought some)- Everyone seemed to have a good time mingling with the Naugatuck & Tribury members too - my recruits swear that they'll join us...so lets keep up appearances. For those of you who missed it - it is always entertaining to watch John Ford drumming up new business (he's a mortician), and no-one works the room like Bruce Steinway - the Lutern minister from Naugatuck and his lovely wife - they were charming the socks off Beth & Pat, while Bob Smith, Dan Donato and Scott Griffith were checking ID cards at the bar. Michael Steir from Naugatuck - the owner of Mountview Plaza WInes...I know that because I sold him ads, not because I have an account...Don?...Bob?... held a mini wine tasting by the cheese - the only missing piece of the puzzle was Bill Conda. Too bad Ted wasn't there - we could have had a show down for who had the Rotarian with the MOST appearances to Rotary International Conventions - and if we added Don's miles in (although they are work? - Bermuda is work?) I think we could have won a challenge on which club had the most miles - (I wasn't referring to Bill...I meant AIR MILES). Speaking of Don - how much did you pay for those suits? – what's up with "made in the USA"...oops...as I jump in my German-made car....

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

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
October 23	Meeting, Waterbury Club 12:15pm
October 31	Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour with Naugatuck & Tribury Rotary Clubs ; Hosted by Waterbury Rotary ; Waterbury Club - Cocktails @ 5:30pm

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