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The eCritique

September 11 , 2007 Meeting



2007-2008 Officers

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

NEXT MEETING: September 25, 2007 12:15pm

From Our President...

A Board of Directors meeting was held on Tuesday at 11:15.

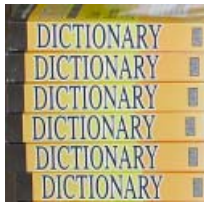
Clif, ever diligent about trying to keep us focused on the business at hand - bless his heart - advised us of **two requests for financial support - Easter Seals and St. Vincent DePaul** - a recommendation was made to continue giving, and to increase funding to both organizations upon receipt of the official request documents. Dan promised to send out the paperwork to each organization. NO - he said nothing about hand delivery and he certainly did not mention wearing the FTD Florist outfit... but maybe we'll catch him in it around Halloween.



The board voted and approved making Don Heavens an Honorary Member.

A letter will go out to all Honorary members indicating that if they continue to contribute their dues, they can be designated to go to the scholarship fund or the Foundation and still be tax deductible.

A portion of the charitable contribution that is collected with the annual dues will be designated to the Foundation. This will ensure that we meet the EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) goal and also give us a big boost in hitting our Foundation Goal of an average of \$125 per Rotarian. This should be a snap due to the generosity of some of our members who are sustaining Paul Harris members (\$1,000. annually to the Foundation). You know who you are and we applaud you.



The dictionary project was updated and dictionaries are to be ordered within the week. Yeah!!! Beth & Pat will be securing a date for delivery, and we will spread the word.

A reminder will be sent out to Ralph and Susan to contact their sponsors from last year - Sponsorship costs remain at \$750. We would like to get two more - everyone is encouraged to contact any appropriate source.

Cipriano Training has graciously offered to order and donate the book "Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure - The ABC's of the four Way Test" featured in this month's Rotarian - to each school. - *A big thanks to Don!!*

At the general meeting when this was mentioned, Beth McGrath suggested that we, as a club could order enough to sell between now and Christmas at each of our functions - The Holiday Pancake Breakfast with Santa, our Holiday Celebration (see below for more info), and other events. This could be a great fund raiser - beautiful and brainy... a deadly combination - she could be a Bond-girl!

Scott and Ralph are still cooking on plans for the Pancake Breakfast with Santa... we've got our Santas lined up... Scott? Ralph? We have brand new aprons thanks to Rose... and I've got a basement full of Pancake stuff. No Bill - the Rockettes are still out... unless some members want to volunteer... Pat? Did you volunteer?... oh no... she can't since she recently broke her toe when she tried to dance around her computer while "working from home"... see what you get for

taking your work home with you... Do what Ted and I do... leave it at the office!!

Bob Smith & Ralph (our own Sherlock Holmes & Watson) are investigating the possibility of hosting a Holiday Wine (and Cigar - or not) Dinner as a fund-raiser now that the train has de-railed. Ingrid - cast in the role of Nancy Drew - brilliantly came up with the marketing promo... *"Turn your Wine into Water"* and suggested making this a fund raiser for Ernie's Water Project!! Genius - sheer genius. This could be a good one especially if Tribury and Naugatuck sign on!!

Locations that were suggested are Carmen Anthony's, Timexpo, and the Mattatuck - although they have lost their caterer - (lost them? They were very good - someone must have found them and 'whisked them away'). Please contact Bob or Ralph or Ingrid directly if you have a good idea. (send the bad ones to the Lions). Okay team - secure a date - it'll be Christmas before we know it and dates will be filling up fast, and nobody wants to be the last one to the dance... (sorry Pat - I know it still hurts).

Our luncheon speaker was Tina Agaiti, representing Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury, brought to us courtesy of Don Cipriano. Tina shared with us some sobering statistics on the literacy levels of Waterbury for adults and our youth.



She talked about the possibility of continuing the Big Read and having us help secure matching funds!! What a great idea! She encouraged us all that we can help - becoming a literacy volunteer - they're always looking for help, or stepping up to the great SCRABBLE challenge. Enter your own team of up to 6 players and win some great prizes.

How can you beat that - win prizes and get to show off how smart you are. A mini demonstration pitted Bob Smith & Dan Donato against the "gold-dust twins" and no big surprise - it was a tie!! But where were all those former teachers? Ted what was your word? ... Don?... Ingrid - Teri? You guys work at a college!! Okay so I work at the paper, and Beth is an administrator for the Board of Education... but we make our fair share of typos. I am throwing down the gauntlet - I will start a team. Who's with me... oh, so you're going to start your own team... well, the challenge is on!

A reminder - Bill, Bill? We need a speaker Tuesday and you're on... we have high expectations from you - word has it you've been around since the dawn of time... oh, sorry, I meant that you often stay out until dawn.

Beth - as the next god-squad appointee, it's your turn to share words of inspiration with us - don't be nervous, we're a little more receptive than the audience you usually play to ... I mean your family, not your coworkers... oh, them too.

The Tribury club has scheduled their Fellowship cocktail hour at the Heritage Resort & Conference Center in Southbury (Heritage Village).

Date: September 26th

The resort is located at 522 Heritage Road in Southbury.

The cost is \$14 and includes one drink ticket.

Please contact Steve Sasala - ssasala@waterburychamber.com - directly if you are planning to attend.

Please make every effort to attend - it is important for us to continue to foster strong ties with Naugatuck & Tribury- not to mention it would be GREAT if we could out number them on their own turf.

I will be there - big surprise... and rumor has it that our own frat-pack (Chuck, Clif & Bill) are planning to get a game of beer pong going. Don't worry Bob - Steve Sasalas and Chuck Bebee will do jello shots with you. Or you can always get Bernie and Scott to team up with you against the Tribury members - sign on Ralph and you're unbeatable. Besides, I think age is on our side. Chuck is very excited because it's in the heart of Heritage Village, and there are lots of residents that will be looking for supplemental insurance... oh Chuck... we'll be fining you for every member that you sign on. Teri - is it true that you will be the unofficial Prom Queen of this event? It is your neck of the woods, is it not?... not that you actually live in the woods.

Seriously - make an effort - you won't be disappointed and we can car pool!!!

Bernie has been suspiciously missing in action - and it's not even tax time...

maybe the IRS found something wrong with his work... so who else had him do their taxes... EEEK!

Maybe we can start a "Where Are Our Rotarians" scavenger hunt... we're dropping like snowflakes (or Autumn leaves, which sounds more in keeping with the upcoming season)... I think Ralph, Scott & Bernie are hanging out with Jim Albino, com'on guys...we really do miss you. Is Conda there with you... sounds like a poker game.



Rose and Teri are considering making a motion to change our logo to Pink & Lime Green - if we don't see you soon the vote on the shirts will include ordering yours in those very new rotary colors.

Reminder - ask someone to lunch - there are prospective members everywhere. Your doctor, your dentist, your mechanic, your oilman... there are Rotarians out there waiting to be asked. Your banker, or in Bill's case... your dealer... I'm talking cards!! Bob - invite your favorite bailiff, sheriff or judge (Sal Agaiti does count!) - someone from the court... preferably NOT a criminal (unless you're representing them...because they'd be innocent).

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! Ted has traveled to many exciting places in the name of spreading Rotary fellowship - can't we make it to Mystic? Boy - Ted sure makes the rest of us look like sissies.

There is a Rotary Leadership session being held at POST UNIVERSITY! This is a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary and to brainstorm with other Rotarians facing the same concerns and problems that we are. It's a good way to spend a Saturday morning... and its in our neighborhood. The club pays for your tuition. I'll be taking Part III - and I always run into someone that I know! Join me!

Don is out of the country once again... but this time he has taken the lovely Marianne with him. He's off to the Netherlands... or Holland... someplace with tulips (the flower...Bill) and fine chocolates...but they still can't beat Fascias! Bon Voyage!! We expect treats when he comes back.

Susan

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 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

[Download the full year Meeting Schedule](#)

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