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The eCritique

September 25 , 2007 Meeting



2007-2008 Officers

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Clif Cotter, Secretary
Dan Donato, Treasurer

NEXT MEETING: October 9, 2007 12:15pm

From Our President...

The September 25th meeting brought us visitors from far and wide. Actually, it was just a Bill Conda sighting, but we were all mesmerized by his riveting talk on the trials & tribulations of GMC and the exploits of the union negotiations. Bill assures us that GMC will survive and that the future of the Corvette is secure. Whew! Clif Cotter, our resident hot rod driver was a little nervous there.



Bernie stepped in and handled the fines like the pro that he is you know - he's the retired Sergeant-at-Arms, and kind of misses making us squirm. Some might say he was destined to handle money...a protégé for Dan Donato. Don't worry Dan - you're still the "King of the Coin" in our club.

Fred Ludke entertained his table - you didn't know Fred had that kind of appeal, did you? He & Beth McGrath were so engrossed in conversation that they almost had to be tossed from the premises so the room could be reset. I heard he was flaunting his success as 2006 United Way Fund Raising chairmen - we'll brag for you - You did a great job! It's always good to see you Fred.

Word has it that Bob Smith and Ted Martland were plotting some sort of takeover of the raffle proceeds... settle down boys and win it just like Dan & Teri (over & over & over). Yep the "green eyed" monster is coming out.

Next week begins PIGGY BANK WEEK - Those of you with last names beginning with the letters A through F bring in your PIGGY BANKS for counting. Remember - the person with the most money in their bank gets a free ticket to the Wine Dinner in the Spring! We'll go around twice so those of you at the beginning of the alphabet won't get blind-sided by us sneaky people at the end.

Does anyone have a coin machine that we can borrow? Otherwise that dynamic duo - Dan & Bernie will have to count the coin by hand - and you all will have to sit & watch! All the money collected from the PIGGYs goes to fulfilling your Foundation goal.

More happy news - Last week's cocktail hour was another huge success. Congratulations to Steve and the Tribury club; the entire set-up was fantastic! Plenty of food, a pasta bar, drinks and a hotel (nudge, nudge Bill) with available rooms! The Naugatuck Club was well represented, as was our club.

Bill Conda and Clif Cotter were feverishly mingling with members of the other clubs...of course they were only seen mingling with women. Chuck Lacerenza and Dan Donato made sure that Bruce Steinway from the Naugatuck club didn't venture too close to Teri Smith. He's a minister... and, well word has it he comes from a long line of the "Brother Love Traveling Show" type - and we know how persuasive those guys can be. Word to Bruce... stop trying to steal our members.

Teri Smith & Beth McGrath were chatting about "finger-printing". I know Bill gets into trouble, but dusting all the women for his fingerprints? Isn't that a bit much? Okay ladies, after watching Bill for a while we must agree that you actually make a good point.

The next cocktail hour will be held NOVEMBER 1st (a change from the schedule...) Michael Duvall & I commiserated on the perils of being away from the house on the day before Halloween (egg night, skunk cabbage night, soap the windows, or toilet paper the neighbor's trees - what was your favorite?) and Halloween itself. A unanimous decision was reached to move the Three Club gathering to the day after Halloween - maybe members will bring in their leftover candy! Yum!!

The Amber Alert event at the Big E was a great success - Thanks to those of you who stepped up. Total number of children registered 3882 so far. Maybe we should have had Bill Conda register... he often goes missing on us... and he swears it's not that he gets a better offer, because there's no place else he rather be than at our meetings.

We received an email with an invitation to the Rotary club in Nepal. It truly sounds like a wonderful opportunity. Susan has all the details for those that are interested. Uh Bill... they have different rules about women over there... and honestly - the women of the US would be so disappointed if you left... even temporarily. Really.

We need a volunteer to call Barbara Massey and meet about participating in the Festival of Trees. Come prepared to raise your hand. We as a club can design, decorate and donate a tree as a fundraiser for the Mattatuck Museum's Festival of Trees. Have you seen what some of those trees go for? ... Easy does it boys and put your chain saws down... its not that kind of tree... artificial ones, and no Beth, we don't want a hot pink and silver tree made out of tinsel... unless you think it will sell for a lot of money.

There is still room at the Rotary District meeting 2008 in Westpoint. Don Cipriano assures us that this is an event not to be missed! I've signed up already.

A Rotary Leadership Institute will be held October 27th at Post University. This is a great opportunity for us to participate in a wonderful leadership program that will have an impact on your every day life. I am attending part three, and I highly recommend attending at any level. You'll be with other Rotarians that are looking for ways to inject enthusiasm into their clubs(I sound like a drug pusher)... and there are a lot of good ideas out there to be shared. So - who's with me? Dan will be sending out a check on Tuesday so sign up today.

Wednesday, November 7th is the Foundation Dinner. Scott did volunteer, and we don't want to send him alone. If you don't jump in... then who? No, really - volunteer someone, or better yet - go and bring a friend (a potential Rotarian).

We are still looking for Sponsors for the Dictionaries. - Ralph has been hard to find these days (he said he was moving but he didn't mention the witness protection program)... we are hopeful that the Savings Bank of Danbury will repeat their generous offer this year. And the Republican American, too. If both these companies do come through, we could still use two more \$750. Sponsors - so take out your tin cups and start asking.

We'll be ordering t-shirts (golf shirts) over the next weeks, so bring your sizes in to Teri - no Bill - she is not going to measure you like the kids when ordering school uniforms... behave!

Please remember to invite someone to lunch with us - we all like lunch and we like it better when someone else pays... and who knows, your guest could be someone who was waiting to be asked to join. So don't be stingy with the club - SHARE it - it will only get better.

Inspiration: Clear The Air

There is nothing more awkward than a misunderstanding left unresolved.

And nothing more unnecessary.

It leads to strain, tension, invective an atmosphere that can lead to open hostility.

Why risk losing a friend, a colleague, a customer?

If you have a misunderstanding that is a tempest in a teapot, don't let it blow into a hurricane.

Take the initiative.

Pick up the phone.

Pick up a pen.

Or pick yourself up.

March in right now and clear the air.

You'll be surprised how easy it is and how glad you'll be.

See you Tuesday!

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

October 9	Board Meeting, 11:15am Meeting, Waterbury Club 12:15pm Speaker: DJ Nucci , Reverse Mortgage Specialist, Reverse Mortgage of New England
October 23	Meeting, Waterbury Club 12:15pm
November 1	Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour with Naugatuck & Tribury Rotary Clubs; Hosted by Waterbury Rotary; Waterbury Club - Cocktails @ 5:30pm Note change of day!
November 6	Board Meeting, 11:15am Meeting, Waterbury Club 12:15pm
November 20	Meeting, Waterbury Club 12:15pm
November 28	Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour with Naugatuck & Tribury Rotary Clubs; Time and Location TBD

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