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The eCritique

October 9, 2007 Meeting



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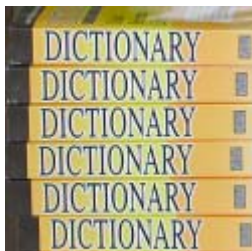
NEXT MEETING: October 23, 2007 12:15pm

From Our President...

Greetings from your fearless leader...

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held Tuesday October 9th at 11:15.

Agenda items discussed were as follows:



The Dictionary Project: we got a slow start this year, but they're ordered and we should have them in the hands of the third graders by the beginning of November-yes, yes, yes, they'll have them before they start college...

An update: The Republican American has generously agreed to once again sponsor our Dictionary Project. Yippee!

Ralph Richards is contacting Danbury Savings Bank to secure the second sponsor.

Because we are not having our fundraiser - the Wine Train this year, we really need to make every effort to secure two more sponsors.

Although Beth & Pat are chairing this committee, it behooves us all to rally our support and find two more sponsors.

Breaking News - Dictionary Update: The dictionaries are in! Scott and Don have offered to print the bookplate labels but we need additional business sponsors. Contact Sue as soon as you have any information about a potential sponsor!

Wine Dinner: Bob, Ingrid, and Ralph are planning for Spring. - Get ready for some great food & wine!! Line up your list for ticket sales now... we'll have 80 to sell, and if the duck race is any indication of how we do in ticket sales, we'll have a waiting list... because here, we serve alcohol. Maybe we can coerce Mike at Mountview Wines to arrange for a kick back to the club on wine that is ordered that evening... whoo-hoo we'll make a bundle!

Pancake Breakfast: Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure books to sell are ordered. Don has already agreed to purchase about 40 to donate to each Third grade class - Thank you Don, and kudos to Scott for throwing down the gauntlet with his company's donation last year!

Scott gave us an update on the Pancake Breakfast at the meeting -The Elks is out for this time of year, so we need a place to host it... Sue's looking into the First Congregational Church and St. John Church both in downtown Waterbury - PLEASE email or call if you have a suggestion that will work out. A pancake breakfast without a home - how sad. The faster that we get information - the quicker we can respond... Don't wait for a meeting to share ideas on this one!!

We are planning to print up coloring book as a freebie for the kids who come, and sell ads in it. Put your thinking caps on (no, no, no, not the Dunce caps) and grab your tin cups - sell ads to EVERYONE in business - we can make a lot of money on this!!!

The Holiday Party: Ingrid McGowan (our own party girl - not the Paris Hilton type, we're talking about party planners) is contacting Roberta Massey to confirm that we are in for the joint celebration which will be held at the new Downtown Waterbury Convention center (aka the Howland Hughes building).

New Member Packets will be put together for distribution at the November 1st Social - We'll be updating our poster-board displays so please email Sue or Teri any pictures or event information that we can use to inspire new members to join!

Letters to our Honorary Members requesting donations will go out this week. Honorary Members include: Doug Heaven - a recent addition; Jim Smith - Webster Bank; Bob Wesson - Wesson Energy; Bill Pape- Republican American. I'll also be hitting them up to send an active member to represent these companies... don't get funny... I am the active member that Bill Pape has chosen, lucky club.

The Salvation Army has requested that we participate in the Angel Tree Program - we have agreed to help out provided that representative of the Salvation Army to give us a presentation - another organization that we'll be soliciting for representation in the form of membership.

It was noted that **Ed Montambault** has not been well - a get well card from the club has been sent out, but feel free call or to drop him a line. He might just need a good shot of Rotary fellowship to get him back on his feet.

Joe Jarjura - a Paul Harris - recipient was also sighted in town...he promises to visit, but maybe a call will get him to visit.

To the meeting...

Our speaker from Reverse Mortgage of New England did not make the meeting - if we can find her, we'll try to reschedule. This should be an interesting topic.

Fines were levied by our re-discovered Sergeant-At-Arms Ralph Richards. We're pleased to say his settled into a new home and he's baccck!!! So get your dollars ready - He's making up for lost time.

This weeks scavenger hunt list for missing members includes: Rose Marie Belo- (just because your past president doesn't mean we don't miss you - we do!!), Bill Conda (hasn't been seen since the meeting at the Heritage Conference Center & HOTEL...what's going on? We are thankful that he hasn't defected and started attending any other club's meeting.), Rocco Corso (time to put the bike away and make an appearance... there are no more Yankee games, and really - our Wednesday evening gatherings are FUN!! - its like the wine train but the building doesn't move - unless you drink too much.)

This Week's Scavenger Hunt List:



Our PINK WATER FILTER has already generated \$112 (Dan - please check my math) - this is only week 5 in collecting, and we have enough to sponsor CLEAN WATER for an ENTIRE SCHOOL!!! It is suggested that donations be made quarterly, so Dan will be sending it in and now we have a benchmark to beat. Remember - a large portion our Wine Dinner proceeds will go toward this very worthwhile project. "Rotarians Turning Wine into Water" (catchy isn't it - thanks Ingrid)

Reminder - **October is Vocational Services Month.** Everyone should plan on giving a two sentence synopsis of what their vocation - and no, Bill chasing skirts is your passion not your vocation. If you do have passion you are expected to share with us (Ted - our local artisan extraordinaire - see his mobile at

the Silas Bronson, Beth is an EXCELLENT baker & cake decorator, Pat Moran gives dancing lessons (just kidding - has your toe healed?), Clif is race driver on weekends -if you attended the boy scout luncheon you saw his car... its Hot!, and Bob Smith-our resident boy scout, does his best Grizzly Adams impression and can live in the wilderness for weeks eating bark & bugs - a slight exaggeration, but he does still hike & camp) Holding back will get you fined!! So please get ready to rat out your friends!

Scott, Susan and Don will be attending the **Councils of Presidents** on October 20th. Don is actually working as a presenter - so we get to rate him on his performance. Let's get the Olympic score cards out...we give extra points style.

Rotary Leadership Institute to be held at Post University on October 27th for those Rotarians who are interested in learning more about Rotary. Tuition is \$65.00 and includes breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks and course materials. Registration at 7:30, classes begin at 8:00 and run until 3:30. Register at <http://www.rlinea.com/>



This 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.

For those of you who need help in discovering who you are...

Rose Belo, Don Cipriano, Bill Conda, Rocco Corso, Clif Cotter, Dan Donato, Bernie Dzinski, and Ben Ebner. If you can't find your PIGGY BANK, or have not been contributing to it... just write a check - it'll be less painful for the rest of us watching you squirm as you face another fine ..and you'll feel good about it ! The team bringing in the most \$\$ will get a reward! And this donation goes

toward fulfilling your individual foundation goal. Really, does anyone have a coin machine that we can borrow?

November 1st is our Tri-Club Evening of Frivolity. We've moved the date to after Halloween so your homes won't be vandalized... but you'd have nothing to worry about if you give out GOOD treats every year. Please bring a potential member - or two. Remember - someone invited you , and think of how much fun its been. *Come in as you are or in costume... which ever is scarier!*

November 3rd is **Rotary day at the United Nations.** Members of the Naugatuck Rotary are planning to attend. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Chuck Beebe or Rupi.

Wednesday, November 7th is the **District Foundation Dinner.** Country House Restaurant in East Haven. \$45.00/person per table of 8 or more. Hor d'oeuvres and cash bar: 6:30 - 7:30. Dinner and Program: 7:30. Please plan on attending - this is an excellent opportunity to see what other clubs our size are doing! I sign up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.

There is a lot for us to do and its a little harder because we only meet twice a month - but with all that extra time we can move mountains! Don't wait for a meeting to get work done on your committee - and contact any member if you run into trouble, we've all been involved in every project at some level and can probably help you through it to SUCCESS!!!

Inspiration: No matter what you did this past year, it's harvest time. If you put in a lot of effort your harvest will be great. If you put in a little effort, chances are you harvest is small. No matter what you did, it's done. Maybe this time you just planted a lot of seeds everywhere. Some fell on rock, barren soil, or even fertile soil and you did not harvest as much as you would have liked to. Doesn't make any difference. It only takes one seed to produce a lot of fruit.

Maybe this time around you didn't get as far as you wanted to get, but you are farther along than had you not put any effort in at all. Celebrate your successes. Be happy and don't beat yourself up for failures or lackings. You can't go back, you can only go forward. Even if you suffered a major challenge for this harvest, remember that when God closes a door He always opens a window. We are just so busy looking at the closed door that we miss the open window. Remember it is your time; it is your season. Carpe diem...seize the day...seize your day.

See you all on the 23rd - and maybe some new faces.

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 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

[Download the full year Meeting Schedule](#) - updated 10/16/07

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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