



# Rotary Club of Waterbury, Connecticut

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The eCritique

December 4 & 18, 2007 Meetings



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**NEXT MEETING: January 15, 2008 12:15pm**  
**Board Meeting at 11:15am**

### From Our President...

For those who missed the November 6th meeting, we hope we saw you at the Holiday Party on the 14th. We successfully partied right before the big storm hit, good planning Ingrid! Bill - unfortunately Ingrid had to report that you were not helpful with the party planning... let's clarify... just promising to attend does not technically qualify as helping to plan the party. We were thrilled to see you - there were rumors that you ran off with one of your beauties, so your attendance **unescorted** just gave a whole bunch of single women hope! Didn't you hear that collective sigh of relief from the Playboy mansion?!



'Angel Tree' tags were distributed and gifts were collected - Thanks to all who helped to make a child's Christmas happy. There was a little confusion, and I must admit that I played into it, just to get more of you to buy gifts... but really, you are not guaranteed 'angel' status in the after-life just by taking a tag. Have you seen the movie 'Michael' - if Bill does make angel status, it's a sure bet that the role of 'Michael' is all his.

We agreed to help in Ted Martland's request that the membership participate in the 'bell ringing' in front of Howland Hughes as we have in the past. Don & Sue started our project on the first day taking a 1 1/2 hr shift. As scheduled, the snow began right after Bernie & Ralph took over for their 1 1/2 hr shift. Word has it that the second shift far surpassed the first, so we can now affectionately refer to Bernie & Ralph as the dynamic duo - who's wearing the yellow tights (Robin - Boy Wonder)? Hey - whatever it takes to raise money for a good cause - right? The facts surrounding Day Two are still a bit sketchy - Bill Conda called TWICE looking for the kettle and the bell - either Ted was hiding, or Bill needs OnStar - boys... someone needs to fess up and get fined. He was last heard cursing... Bernie; I hope he didn't find you! All in all - it was great fun, it makes you feel good, and it's nice to see all the people that give - and we all got some well needed fresh air!

**Ralph took back the duties of fining...** and made a ton of dough!

**The dictionary project has concluded...** the students got them just in time for Christmas! **Congrats and thank you to Scott, Beth & Pat...** Any time is a great time to get a book.



**Ingrid's Christmas Party...** the turnout brought together a fabulous group of people. We did miss some of our regulars, but the holiday season isn't over yet... we can still make up for it and party on an off day. A great Surprise - Michael Steir from Mountview Plaza Wines & Liquors brought Martini fixings and everyone who purchased a hand-painted martini glasses got complimentary (FREE) Appletinis all night! Duncan from Naugatuck had trouble keeping his apple-tini in the glass. We're certain that Hank Paine will be smelling sour apples for a while and his customers will be stuck to the floor - hey - Duncan must be in marketing... if your customers can't leave then they're more likely to shop & buy... shrewd... very shrewd. I think a dozen glasses were sold that evening. Dan Donato & Robin (his lovely wife) left with armfuls! He swears it wasn't for the free martinis, but he didn't refuse any. Although that may have been Duncan's problem... Dan

claims that they were all gifts... oh yes - gifts; well how do we get on that Christmas gift list.

**Three cheers for Roberta Massey** - she arranged for some terrific talent to entertain throughout the night. Things couldn't have been more festive. That other duo Steve Sasala and Chuck Beebe were present & accounted for.



**Our remaining "Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure" books will be sold.** We'll need to get an update on the sale of the "Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure" at the Festival of Trees. They are still available for CHRISTMAS gift-giving!!! If you are interested in one - contact me and I'll put them aside for you... \$15 each.

**Ernie's Pink Water filter is amazing**; we collected another more last week.

**PIGGY BANK update** - the next group's whose PIGGY's are due in are: We really only want you to bring in the contents... and again I remind those of you who are not body builders (that's all of us!) that dragging in a check is much easier than lugging around a lot of change, and more dignified. Yes Ralph - we are dignified! Scott Griffith, Joe Jarjuara, Fred Ludke, Chuck Lacerenza, Al Lussier, Ted Martland, Ingrid McGowan, Beth McGrath, Ed Montambault and Pat Moran.



**We have a ways to go until our next meeting, January 15th !** Let's see if we can convince our wayward members show up - Again I ask - does Bill know where we meet? He is still wandering around looking for the Salvation Army kettle - Bill - the drum with the music is long gone! Rocco please - you got A-Rod, so stop pining for Joe Torre. He actually left your team in great shape. Now that Beth has taken over the helm at the Waterbury Arts Magnet School (WAMS - who came up with that?!) we will never see her. Do they have her hostage, the little brats? And they must have taken Pat too. Actually, Pat has weddings and babies and all sorts of wonderful things going on, so as long as we see some pictures (no, you can't do a slide show on your date for speaker assignments) we'll go light on the fines.

**For our club New Year's Resolution, lets all bring a guest to the next meetings** - there are really people who would like to join, but we just haven't asked them to lunch.

*Merry Christmas - Happy Holidays - Happy New Year to all -*

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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| December 26 | <b>Note:</b> The Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour date was changed to the Holiday Gathering on December 12 - <b>no monthly gathering</b> .                                       |
| January 1   | <b>No Meeting</b> - Happy New Year!  |
| January 15  | Board Meeting - 11:15am<br>Meeting - Waterbury Club - 12:15pm<br><b>Speaker:</b> Keith Barbaria, NBC - Understanding the switch to digital television and how it will affect you |
| January 29  | Meeting, Waterbury Club - 12:15pm  |
| January 30  | Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour<br>Sponsored by The Waterbury Rotary Club   |

Waterbury Club - Cocktails @ 5:30pm

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

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