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The eCritique

January 15, 2008 Meeting



2007-2008 Officers

Susan Sprano, President
Scott Griffith, President Elect
Bernie Dzinski, Vice President

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

NEXT MEETING: January 29, 2008 12:15pm

From Our President...

Our first meeting of the New Year was packed with lots of useful stuff. **Keith Barbaria from NBC/WVIT** gave a very informative presentation on what we can expect regarding the switch to digital TV in February 2009 from the broadcast media. Sue has some of the handouts that were provided for those of you who missed it. There is a coupon available to help defray the cost of the converter (\$40. coupon for each \$60. converter) - but you **MUST** buy when you receive them as the coupons are only good for 3 months - so don't request one until you are ready to buy. Isn't that the way it goes...every improvement has a cost, but at least this one comes at a third of the list price!!! (Although Clif has more TVs per capita at his house - you can tell he had a bunch of teenagers...and now their kids!) !



We were all with Keith, especially when he was talking about 'rabbit ears' on the TV, but he lost a few of us as he got into the digital broadcasting. He assures us that it is going to make the programming on the non cable stations much more expansive.-(not expensive) Can't wait.

Bill was present - thank god! We thought he'd fallen into the clutches of some wily women. Bring your ones Bill - there are still some leftover fines for you!

Ralph went easy on the fines... we'll see this week.

Bernie and Scott are bracing themselves for the leap into their next positions of President and President Elect. Don't worry - we won't leave you guys without some good help - and we promise not to mutiny...okay Bob - uncross your fingers.

Our member **Beth McGrath** had some high profile publicity on the newspaper - kudos to her for her success and we appreciate one of our own putting a great face on the Department of Education for the City of Waterbury. The city & our club were all well represented! (and no...I did not have anything to do with that...I sell ads!). Now for her fines...ka-ching!

Pat Moran has had a boatload of wonderful things going on for her, too. A daughter married...and a new grandchild...two separate events and two different daughters...gee-whiz you guys are unbelievable. Congrats to them all - see you Tuesday - right Pat?

No one brought in Piggy Banks - They are past due...so bring them on in ...or for those who haven't seen a gym since the 80's, bring a check for \$100. You won't hurt yourself (except for a minor hand cramp) and imagine how you'll impress the rest of the club. Go ahead - make a big deal -announce your gift at the meeting...or better yet throw out a challenge to the membership!



In the long run, its a check to either us or the IRS. Can't pick on the oil companies this week, their prices actually went down 10 cents a gallon...yep and we already got a fill-up. Oh- well, I need a fill up on gas and it usually follows the oil prices so... It's still real good news! I digress - **BRING IN YOUR \$\$\$ - the next group is due the first week of February...** they include... William J. Pape(here's a live one he's good for it!), Raph Richard, James Smith(another Daddy Warbucks- but still no match for our Bill Conda), and

rest of the Smiths, Bob Smith and Teri Smith - its begining to sound a little fishy here- are you all in the witness protection program? - too bad we can't get the first 'Smith' to pony up for the other two...oh, yeah me - Susan Sprano - no relation to the HBO series...and Bob Wesson- another tycoon! This group will come through I'm sure! and then we'll let Ralph fine the groups that collectively brought in the least! You do see that I'm counting on the BIG GUYS to come through!

Some Updates:

We were contacted on behalf of **Grace Baptist Church of Waterbury** who are planning a health fair at the Church on Saturday, April 26, 2008. They were referred to us by the office of State Police Lt. Paul Vance, and they have asked for help providing photo ID cards for the young children attending. Teri contacted Bob Vetter and Jack Eagan, from the Danbury Rotary Club, who spearheaded the Amber Alert project that at the BIG E this year and they have agreed to do the Photo ID's. We will need to provide MANPOWER at this event so PLEASE keep the date open!! This will be good community relations effort for us to be there, and we can get some extra publicity from the media!

Scott has updated us that we have secured a **Pancake Breakfast** date - for Sunday April 27th at the Waterbury Elks Club. It's the first available date and we will hold ours BEFORE the Lions & the Kiwanas which are both scheduled for May. We need to get them to buy tix to our event and if then we can reciprocate! Last check, the Breakfast Boys were Scott, Chuck and Ted. So get together and keep us updated on how you're progressing!! We've agreed to SELL ads into a coloring book that we will give out to children who attend - samples will be on hand for the first meeting in February. So line up candidates for advertising to target and lets make this a good one! Ads will cost: Full Page -\$100; 1/2 page - \$50; Back Cover- \$250; Inside Covers- \$150 each. Rose and Ingrid are looking into securing small packages of crayons to be donated for the event (I must confess - I still love to color - try it, you'll get hooked too...then you'll be offering to babysit so you can explain the stack of coloring books at your house...you'll see - it's addictive!! right Scott?).



We have dozens of '**Amos & Any's Apple Dumpling Adventure**' books for sale and we'll promote them at the Pancake Breakfast. They are \$15 each and to date, Don so far has been leading our sales effort ! It's a great book!! For an even greater cause! - Just show it to anyone with kids...or buy it for a gift!

Please plan to attend the social at Jesse Camile's - it's close to all the highways!! And it's fun!

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

January 29	Meeting, Waterbury Club - 12:15pm Speaker: Rep. Selim Noujaim
January 30	Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour - UPDATED Sponsored by The Naugatuck Rotary Club Jesse Camile's - Cocktails @ 5:30pm
February 12	Board Meeting - 11:15am Meeting - Waterbury Club - 12:15pm
February 26	Meeting, Waterbury Club - 12:15pm Speaker: Dr. Lewis M. Andrews
February 27	Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour

Location and Time TBD

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

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