



# Rotary Club of Waterbury, Connecticut

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District 7980

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The eCritique

January 29, 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: February 12, 2008 12:15pm**  
**Board of Directors Meeting at 11:15am**

### From Our President...

The meeting of January 29th was well attended.

### We regretted to report the passing of three of our esteemed members:

Ernest Kish - Past President 1970-71 - passed away November 5, 2007  
Frank Akin- Past President 1975-76- passed away November 2007  
Dr. Don Rodgers- Paul Harris Fellow - member for over 50 years! - passed away December 24, 2007



**These men were an inspiration** to all who had the pleasure of knowing them and working with them - we honor them through our continued support for and involvement in the great work of Rotary.

**To the meeting...** Our illustrious past president - Rose Marie was there, fresh from a District conference, and delivered an inspirational prayer! Thanks Rose.

**We were delighted to have as our guest, State Representative - Selim G. Noujaim** courtesy of an invitation extended from Ted Martland. Thanks Ted. Selim has a wonderful manner of informing and entertaining the crowd - his presentation demonstrated his determination to truly represent his constituents and his dedication to keeping them informed. He updated us on the development of the proposed transportation center in the city of Waterbury; informed us about an upcoming meeting with the Governor with the purpose of securing grants for improvements to the Silas Bronson Library; he clued us in on a proposal for imposing a deposit on water bottles (similar to the other deposits on beverages), and on proposed changes to insurance regulations and FMLA illustrating their potential impact on smaller businesses, and much, much more. He was a wealth of information, and he took time to ask our membership about their opinions. All in all Selim made us feel good to be a part of the process.

**No one won the raffle** - and we added another \$15 to Ernie's Bio-Sand Filters! Yeah!

**Missing in Action** - Don Cipriano - he alerted us that he had other obligations to be met; Bill Conda - when will that man get email... actually he can't use that as an excuse because Clif Cotter NEVER misses a meeting and he is not accessible through email! Ingrid was placed on the DL, but she assures us she'll be in good form for the next event! Rocco Corso AGAIN! - don't tell me... he's a Giants fan too. Pat Moran was reported to be vacationing in Sunny Florida... ahhh Spring Break! And Beth McGrath is traveling incognito since her recent media blitz! Chuck Lacerenza was suspiciously absent... and Clif somehow had the inside information on where he was - but he wasn't sharing. Maybe its best we don't ask. Scott Griffith was also missing, and we do miss him when he can't make it. Scott, who attended Pre-Pets the previous Saturday, was heard from and he's filling his Board of Directors and his slate of officers, so raise your hand high when he asks. It's a very rewarding experience... and it goes by much too fast!

**I omitted an update during the meeting** - Our participation in the Holiday gathering resulted in a \$100 donation to the Waterbury Arts Magnet Guitar & String Band from the club. See - we can do good things AND enjoy ourselves!

**The Board voted to accept Ellen Pollack's application for membership** (Ah - there is a prediction that Bill will be making a speedy return). Please join us in welcoming Ellen to our membership and **plan**

to attend the February 12th meeting for a special membership induction. As we welcome Ellen, our newest member as a vibrant addition who already has demonstrated promise and enthusiasm (She's already volunteered to co-chair the Wine Tasting with Bob Smith), it is appropriate that we also celebrate one of our members who consistently serves our club beyond the call of duty. **On February 12th we will also be awarding Don Cipriano the latest addition to his Paul Harris Awards.** Because of his dedication and his continued support of the Rotary Foundation, Don has earned the third sapphire in his Paul Harris pin. He is a credit to our club and to Rotary International.

**We are very fortunate to have both Don and Ellen on our team! Join me in congratulating them both on Tuesday Feb. 12th.**

RIGHT NOW is your opportunity to **advertise your business in your Rotary District Directory!!** Get your message out across the district. [Download](#) the form and you can either fax it, mail it or email it in... to your very own President! There are three convenient ways to pay - Check - Credit Card - Cash! **Please extend the invitation to advertise in the Rotary District Directory to other appropriate NON-Rotary businesses.** (As Ted so aptly pointed out - Men's clubs, Hooters, Mr. Happy's etc., are probably not the businesses we should be targeting for this project).

**The tri-club social was held at Jesse Camile's this week.** Ellen Pollack and Bob Smith were representing the Waterbury club, and since I wasn't there I can speak for anyone else. **It's our Happy Hour this time and it will be held Wednesday February 27th at the Waterbury Club!** It'll be good to hang out with Michael Duvall & his very friendly staff! Please plan to attend and make sure you invite a potential member. It's a great way to make up a meeting (yes - attendance still counts, right Cliff? He and Teri still report our attendance too!)

**A recap:** 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!! This crackerjack Pancake Breakfast team will be assembling soon. I have an inventory of essentials that we already have, and we'll have a prototype for our coloring book for the next meeting. **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. Rose and Ingrid are looking into securing small packages of crayons to be donated for the event ... yep, and for those of us who never lost the joy of coloring! We'll need to move quickly, so **if you're interested in serving on the committee please call Scott.** There's lots to be done, but it'll go quickly if we divide it up.

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.



We have 50 copies of 'Amos & Andy's Apple Dumpling Adventure' books for sale. I'll be emailing some info to the other clubs as well. I will have them at the next meeting for purchase. We also plan to promote them at the Pancake Breakfast. They are \$15 each. **To date, Don so far has been leading our sales effort (show-off)! It's a great book!!** For an even greater cause! - Just show it to anyone with kids...or buy it for a gift! There's a recipe in there - maybe we should have a cook-off with Naugatuck and Tribury. Dan Donato can be the judge... he's got an honest face. And Ted - he can get his residents to taste-test... you know they won't hold back on their honest opinions!

**AGAIN!** -No one brought in **Piggy Banks** - They are past due...so bring them on in... or bring a check for \$100. I remind you all, it's a check to either us or the IRS. **BRING IN YOUR \$\$\$** - MY group is due the first week of February... they include... William J. Pape - a no show, but all we want is the dough, Ralph Richard - THE big banker, James Smith - from that other financial institution, Bob Smith - when he's not running for political office (ah, you thought I was going to say running after skirts with Conda... not this time) and Teri Smith (she keeps us all sane) , Susan Sprano (well here's where I put my money where my mouth is) and Bob Wesson(not the cooking oil... but oil none the less!)! Okay Ralph - get ready to fine those who haven't forked over their piggy proceeds; they have until March 1st. It's our own little amnesty program.



**Mark your calanders:** We be helping with the Amber Alert Photo ID program at the Grace Baptist Church of Waterbury 's Health Fair at the Church on **Saturday, April 26, 2008.**

The second part of the year is starting to take shape and we have lots of good things on the horizon - Let's have 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](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

February 12	Board Meeting - 11:15am Meeting - Waterbury Club - 12:15pm <b>New Member Induction and Paul Harris Award</b>
February 26	Meeting, Waterbury Club - 12:15pm <b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Lewis M. Andrews
February 27	Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour Waterbury Club - 5:30pm Hosted by the Waterbury Rotary Club
March 11	Board Meeting - 11:15am Meeting - Waterbury Club - 12:15pm <b>Speaker:</b> Ede Reynolds, John Bale Book Store

[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](mailto:info@waterburyrotary.org) by the Monday before each meeting to make that week's edition.

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