



# Rotary Club of Waterbury, Connecticut

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The eCritique

March 11, 2008 Meeting



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**NEXT MEETING: March 25, 2008 12:15pm**

*From Our President...*

**Happy Almost Spring!**

**Our March 4th meeting was great!** If you missed it you'll want to catch up with all the events that are coming up.



A board (not a 'bored') meeting was held before our regular meeting and I am pleased to share with you that we have made great progress on achieving our club goals and seeing our projects headed towards success. Some important updates to note:

**The Pancake Breakfast is Sunday April 27th.** Please see Scott for a list of donations that we need to get and to sign up for the event. Sue has tickets and every Rotarian is responsible to sell \$80 -(that's 10 adult tickets...or 20 kid tix)... if you sell them as kids tickets, you **MUST** circle the kid price on the ticket.

**Some featured guest stars** that will be appearing include...Rocco Corso - where has that man been? (...we know he's a Yankees fan, and its almost certain he's been celebrating the Giants victory...but the Knicks? I don't think he can use them as an excuse...); John Cookson - our newest member...word has it he wanted to cook and Bob Smith, in true attorney fashion told him that he had to join if he wanted to be issued a spatula - (whatever it takes Bob-). Ralph will be bringing his young posse to help out - thanks ladies...and I'll be corralling my nieces & nephews - bring your helpers... the more -the merrier!

**And remember to SELL SELL SELL ads into the Coloring book** ([download the sell sheet](#)) - we already have commitment from several of the Board members, thanks to Don! Get those ads into Sue or Teri!

Every kid that attends gets a coloring book & crayons. Ingrid has been working hard to secure a donation of small crayon packs - We'll have to catch up with her soon.

**Tickets and Posters were handed out** - please get your ticket receipts to Sue - and get those posters out there...The more people we get ...well - you know the drill.

**We will be working with the Danbury Rotary Club at the Grace Baptist Church's Health Fair on April 26th** from 10am to 1pm (set up starts at 9am) to run an Amber Alert Photo ID session. Crime Stoppers of Waterbury has agreed to donate the full \$500 required donation to run the program. They will also be sending volunteers to work that day. **Please be sure to let Teri know what time you want to sign up for.** See her at the meeting on Tuesday or email her ([teri@tristellar.com](mailto:teri@tristellar.com)) with your selected time. **This is our community – don't let Danbury Rotary have more volunteers there than we do!!**

**The Wine Tasting Event** - Bob Smith, Ralph Richards and Ellen Pollack have taken this over and have some exciting developments. Save the date! **The Event date is Thursday May 29th** - at the newly remodeled Holiday Inn - East Main Street(near Costco). If we're lucky the Water Park will be opened and Dan Donato has offered to demonstrate his best "Aqua-man" impersonation. Whoo-hoo ! We'd ask Bill Conda to play King Triton, but some were unsure if he would claim to have forgotten his suit. Enough of that - the Wine Tasting is planned to be an evening with 6 to 8 Wine Vendors presenting 4-5 different wines for tasting (and orders will be taken!) served with a variety of hor d'oeuvres. We will also have a

cash bar available for those wishing to purchase beer and other beverages. Michael Steir (of Naugatuck Rotary fame) will facilitate placing orders at VERY attractive case pricing (as usual) and for those ordering that evening we will offer a \$5.00 coupon on cases! How can you beat this...there's something for everyone and the price is right ...just about \$30 per person!

Stayed tuned for developments from Bob, Ellen & Ralph...but I they might be taking this a bit too seriously...they've been seen out sampling vintages on their own...come on now - let's wait for the tasting...oh, oh, I get it - they're practicing. Nice work.

**We have committed (strange choice of words) to sell ducks for the Duck Race again!** This was a VERY successful fundraiser and we will hopefully surpass the sales we set last year. Teri Smith has agreed to spearhead this project again - Quacks -( I mean thanks) a bunch!

**Chuck (our own Jimmy-the -Greek) has agreed to spearhead the "cash" fundraiser in the Fall.** Keep an eye on him Scott...he can be very, very quick AND he's a quiet guy. Chuck (aka "Nick") & his family are notorious for their winnings in all sorts of contests (radio contests, Atlantic City, even our door prizes...you name it- they've won)...what do they know?

**Our speaker - Edie from John Bale Book Store** came to us courtesy of Ralph Richards. She gave a very upbeat presentation all about the very positive things going on in our community. She aptly pointed out that we often miss the best that our own communities have to offer. Edie also brought gifts for those who were paying attention and showed involvement in local events. She is our type of person, very positive and eager to make positive changes for her/our community. I think Ralph is also recruiting her as a member - we would be very lucky to have her! Pat Moran joined us - what a wonderful surprise...there have been loads going on in Pat's world...a wedding (no - not hers), a baby (again - not hers) and another baby on the way...signs of a very happy family! And if that wasn't enough...there's work and its time for those pesky state tests. We wish her good luck and welcome her back any time. Make sure you get in touch with her Scott - last year Pat donated lots to our pancake breakfast efforts.

**Ted - Ralph missed fining you,** but I saw the write-up that your Valentine Sweetheart King & Queen got in the paper! It looks like it was fun too!

#### **Tri-club Happy Hour**

**The Tribury Club will be hosting this month's "Hoppy Hour" on this up-coming Wednesday March 26th at 5:30 at the Waterbury Club.**

Please let Sue know if you'll be attending!

Come on and hop on down ...there's always a surprise or two! And we all need to get away from the easter candy...hence happy hour turning into to "Hoppy Hour". See you there!!!

There are 40 **Andy & Elmer books** that we need to sell.

Remember - ask someone who would be a good member to lunch!

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](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 & Events**

March 25 Meeting - Waterbury Club - 12:15pm  
**Speaker:** Carl Rosa, Main Street Waterbury

March 26 **Monthly Fellowship "Hoppy" Hour**  
Waterbury Club - 5:30pm  
Hosted by the Tribury Rotary Club

April 8 Board Meeting - 11:15am  
Meeting - Waterbury Club - 12:15pm  
**Speaker:** Bob Vetter, Danbury Rotary, Amber Alert Program

April 22 Meeting - Waterbury Club - 12:15pm

April 26 Health Fair, Grace Baptist Church, Amber Alert Photo ID Session  
10am to 1pm - Set up at 9am - Grace Baptist Church, Waterbury

April 27 Pancake Breakfast  
7am - 11:30am - Elks Club, Waterbury

April 29 Monthly Fellowship Cocktail Hour

May 29 Wine Tasting  
Holiday Inn - East Main Street, Waterbury

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

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