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The Crier

Next Meeting

**Next Meeting:
October 7, 2016
Place: Westport Inn**

Opener: Frankie Smith

Program:
Wine Tasting Meeting, with guest Cory D'Addario, new owner of Liquor Locker

Greeters: Jaffe, Lenihan, Horne

Cory D'Addario will talk to Westport Sunrise Rotary about wines for the upcoming "Westport Uncorked"





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**Joe Hawley - Opener -
September 30**

Good morning Westport SUNRISE
Rotary!



I am thrilled to tell you our daughter, Ashley, married the love of her life, Will, September 25th, in a storybook ceremony at the Castle in Waveny Park, New Canaan. Their love is so real, their wedding so meaningfully personalized. My reading to the just married Ashley Hawley Druschell and her husband, Will Druschell is "On Marriage" by Edmund O'Neill ...

On Marriage

Marriage is a commitment to life - to the best that two people can find and bring out in each other. It offers opportunities for sharing and growth that no other human relationship can equal, a joining that is promised for a lifetime. Within the circle of its love, marriage encompasses all of life's most important relationships. A wife and a husband are each other's best friend, confidant, lover, teacher, listener, and critic. There may come times when one partner is heartbroken or ailing, and the love of the other may resemble the tender caring of a parent for a child. Marriage deepens and enriches every facet of life. Happiness is fuller; memories are fresher; commitment is stronger; even anger is felt more strongly, and passes away more quickly. Marriage understands and forgives the mistakes life is unable to avoid. It encourages and nurtures new life, new experiences, and new ways of expressing love through the seasons of life. When two people pledge to love and care for each other in marriage they create a spirit unique to themselves, which binds them closer than any spoken or written words. Marriage is a promise, a potential, made in the hearts of two people who love, which takes a lifetime to fulfill.

~ Edmund O'Neill

Joe Hawley and Helen Garten present
our Student of the Month
Staples senior Dominique Teixeira with a certificate
and gift card. Dominique presented us
with an awesome speech.



Paul Mangel District Governor spoke to Westport Sunrise Rotary on September 23, 2016

I have an absolute burning passion for Rotary

Paul Mangel, our District Governor, introduced himself to Sunrise Rotary last Friday. He joined the Milford club in 1998, and has held a number of club and district leadership positions on the way to becoming governor.

At 40 he realized he had spent his entire life looking inward. He attended a Rotary meeting and realized that with Rotary relationships he could do things he could never do on his own.

Talking about membership, he said that only 15 percent of Rotarians invite others to attend meetings or volunteer at an event. "If you enjoy it, share it... Share a Rotary story, tell everyone why you enjoy it... how you make a difference in your community."

Invite them to be a part off it.

He told the group about a celebration for the clubs in the lower four counties of Connecticut to recognize the 100th anniversaries of the New London, New Haven and Waterbury clubs. He added that 41 of the district's 60 clubs grew out of those three.

And the International Convention will be in Atlanta this year. 26,000 people have already registered, largely because it is the 100th anniversary of Rotary Foundation.

Today's Foundation arose from a \$26.50 contribution in 1917, in Atlanta, to initiate an "endowment to do good in the world... Since then \$3 billion has been given out for literacy, clean water, peace and conflict resolution, polio and many other similar projects."

He told a personal story about his road to becoming Major Donor. He promised himself when he joined that he would give \$1,000 per year ("I didn't tell my wife"), "because their values were mine."

By year three he saw that he had failed, terribly. So he enrolled in Rotary Direct, a process that automatically debits whatever donation you choose every month. "After 15 years it's one of the best things I do."

Rotary Foundation is one of three charities in the world that received a rating of 100 out of 100 from Charity Navigator. They know what we do, as does the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which has given us several hundred million dollars for End Polio Now.

He said polio is almost eradicated. There were only 25 cases this year. "After seeing 350,00 cases in 1985, the year Rotary started its program, we hope to see the last case this year."



**World Affairs Seminar attendees:
Renee Weisz and Gus Cardello - Staples HS;
Kyleigh Curtin and Stephanie Naar - Bridge Academy**

Sunrise Rotary sends four high school students to the World Affairs Seminar at Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisc. every summer. The seminar is a week long program bringing together more than 300 high school delegates from across the US and from many foreign countries to learn about and discuss a significant world problem.

The seminar was founded in 1977 by a Waukesha Rotary club with the underlying belief in "Peace Through Understanding." The 2016 issue was "Water: a Global Resource to Share and Protect."

Two of the student delegates represented Staples - Gus Cardello and Renee Weisz, and two represented Bridge Academy - Kyleigh Curtin and Stephanie Naar. Bridge Academy is a 240 student charter school in Bridgeport for which Sunrise has provided both financial and hands on support for the past few years.

The students recently joined the club to share a presentation about their experiences.

They called the academic experience primary - "Through lecture and group projects we learned about environmental impacts on water, human impacts on water, varying water crises throughout the world, and how we can use our resources to limit water related issues."

Delegates came from across the country, and from as far away as Nepal. All four commented that "sharing different perspectives, whether related to water usage or not, broadened our global horizons."

Each was assigned to a different project. Gus's group learned how mussels help re-oxygenate and purify water. Renee's went to the nearby University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's School of Freshwater Sciences to learn about the dangers of pollution on Milwaukee's water.

Kyleigh's learned about LifeStraws, "personal water filters" used in parts of the world where water is not drinkable. A LifeStraw enables a person to drink right from a stream as well as from a water bottle. Her group learned about their use in the Philippines, "where 55 people die every day due to polluted water."

Stephanie's group learned "how we can preserve water... be more resourceful, do what we do using less water, like taking shorter showers."

But the takeaway for all was social and cultural. Stephanie said "Yes, it was a big eye opener to what I take for granted and don't realize that I do." While Kyleigh wasn't sure the week changed her, "it helped me better understand how to use and save water and also how to open up to meet new people."

Renee said her "global perspective was enhanced and I am more careful with my water usage," while Gus commented that "This experience made me a lot

more aware and understanding of my consumption of not just water, but of all of the resources I use daily."

Altogether a great experience for the students, and another example of how Rotary contributes to improving our world.



Nick's Notes

Had a birthday gathering of friends the other day. Simply delightful as it was. Remind me to show you the photos some time. Although when you get to my age you try and forget the passing years. This being the first column of the month, what a perfect time to quote Dylan Thomas' 'A POEM FOR OCTOBER'. or at least, a few verses of it.

POEM IN OCTOBER

Dylan Thomas

It was my thirtieth year to heaven
 Woke to my hearing from harbour and neighbour wood
 And the mussel pooled and the heron
 Priested shore
 The morning beckon
 With water praying and call of seagull and rook
 And the knock of sailing boats on the webbed wall
 Myself to set foot
 That second
 In the still sleeping town and set forth.

My birthday began with the water-
 Birds and the birds of the winged trees flying my name
 Above the farms and the white horses
 And I rose
 In a rainy autumn
 And walked abroad in shower of all my days
 High tide and the heron dived when I took the road
 Over the border
 And the gates
 Of the town closed as the town awoke.

A springful of larks in a rolling
 Cloud and the roadside bushes brimming with whistling
 Blackbirds and the sun of October
 Summery
 On the hill's shoulder,
 Here were fond climates and sweet singers suddenly
 Come in the morning where I wandered and listened
 To the rain wringing

Wind blow cold In the wood faraway under me.



October Birthdays

- Nick Clarke - October 2
- Avi Kaner - October 11
- Steve Violette - October 13
- Wendy Stahl - October 18
- Linda Bruce - October 30

Club Announcements

► Hal Levy:

The Crier includes the "Club Calendar", where the upcoming Club events are listed. Please submit event information to www.datacut.com/misc/crierinput.htm

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Club Meeting Schedule

Sunrise Rotary Club members serve as greeters and deliver the openers at the Club meetings on a rotating basis. If a member is unavailable on the

assigned date, it is essential that he or she find a replacement and submit the name to: www.datacut.com/misc/crierinput.htm

Greeters

October:	Jaffe; Keenan; Horne
November	Jinishian; J. Cohen; Morales
December	Freedman; Galan; Cady
January	Bloom; Krubski; Getraer
February	Overland; Collins; Kleine
March	Nair; Wetmore; Strong
April	Haas; Cederbaum; Hodgson

Meeting Openers

October	7	F. Smith
	14	Overland
	21	Holtz
	28	Hodgson
November	4	Strong
	11	Krubski
	18	Zielinski
December	2	Morales
	9	Ross
	16	Cederbaum
January	6	Horne
	13	Flug
	20	Phillips
	27	Mullen

Programs

October 7: Wine Tasting Meeting
 October 14: Bill Harmer - Library Update
 October 21: Michael Alperovich - Service Above Self as Plastic Surgeon
 October 28: Ryan Fibiger - Fleishers Craft Butchery
 November 4: Roger Garrison - Tree of Life Orphanage update
 November 11: Phoebe Spear - Staples i2Robotics
 November 18: Rotary Foundation
 November 25: day after Thanksgiving

Gillespie Center Schedule

On the *first Saturday* of each month, two Rotarian's are assigned to deliver and serve meals to the

homeless at the Gillespie Center. Please contact Paul Lenihan: pflenihan@gmail.com

November 5, 2016: Tom Ayers, George Masumian

December 3, 2016: Cheryl Eldh, Rob Hauck

January 7, 2017: Santa Claus, TBD

February 4, 2017: TBD, TBD

Club Calendar

Are you a committee chair scheduling a meeting or an organizer of a Club or Rotary event? Please submit the info

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Avenues of Service

Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self has been channeled through the Avenues of Service,

which form the foundation of club activity. **Club Service (Fun, Fellowship and Fundraising)** Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the smooth functioning of Rotary clubs.

Vocational Service (Four-WayTest)

Vocational Service involves club members serving others through their professions and aspiring to high ethical standards. Rotarians, as business leaders, share skills and expertise through their vocations, and they inspire others in the process.

Community Service (Charitable Giving and Hands-On)

Community Service is the opportunity Rotary clubs have to implement club projects and activities that improve life in the local community.

International Service (International Projects and PolioEradication)

International Service encompasses efforts to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the world and to promote world understanding and peace. It includes everything from contributing to

Polio Plus to helping Rotary Youth Exchange students adjust to their host countries.

New Generations Service (Rising Young Voices)

New Generations Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities such as RYLA Rotaract and Interact club service projects, and creating international understanding with Rotary Youth Exchange.

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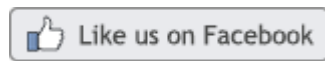
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**The Westport Inn
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Meetings are open to all
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