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**Rotary International District: 7980
District Governor: Patricia Pearson
Club President: Ron Holtz**

**Next Meeting: July 14, 2017
Place: Westport Inn**

Opener: Dave Press

**Program: CLUB ASSEMBLY & SUNRISE ROTARY 21ST
CENTURY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING**

Greeters: Bruce, Mullen, Violette

Guests Last Week:

Dave Walker - visiting Rotarian (Bridgeport)

Rona Wall - speaker

Laurie Watson - guest of Joe Watson - official member

Dennis Wong - Rotary e-Club of the World

Club Announcements

**CLUB ASSEMBLY
&
SUNRISE ROTARY 21ST CENTURY FOUNDATION
(SR21stCF) ANNUAL MEETING**

JULY 14 MEETING

**Linda Bruce and Tim Wetmore have been recommended
by the Nominating Committee of the Foundation Board for
two open SR21st CF Board seats.**

Club Announcements

**FELLOWSHIP CLUB DINNER
WEDNESDAY JULY 26
6PM**

**SUNSET GRILL
52 Calf Pasture Beach Rd
Norwalk, CT 06855
(203) 866-4177**

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**FIRST MEETING OF THE RON HOLTZ ERA
(JULY 7, 2017)**

Pete Wolgast with the Opener - see below for text



This being the 7th day of the 7th month of 2017 got me skipping from the 21st century to 241 years earlier to the 18th century in Philadelphia on a sunny July 7th Sunday.

It was July 1 when the Congress took up the issue of Independence once again. On the floor was Virginian Richard Henry Lee's motion, which read as follows: "...That these United Colonies are, and of a right ought to be, free and independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved." What ensued was a passionate debate between two major figures, a debate officially unrecorded, as all the deliberations of this Congress and the Constitutional Convention were. Opposing the resolution was Pennsylvania delegate John Dickinson, who led off the debate. He argued that the colonies were unprepared to survive the consequences of declaring independence, and compared such action "to brav[ing] the storm in a skiff made of paper." Rising to speak for the resolution was Massachusetts delegate John Adams, whose hour-long

presentation was reported by many other delegates to have demonstrated "not only the justice, but the expediency of the measure." After Adams, the discussion continued, lasting a total of nine hours.

But when a preliminary vote was taken, the outcome appeared very much in doubt. Nine delegations voted in favor, providing a majority, but four withheld support. Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted no, while New York abstained, and Delaware had no delegates on hand to vote. A motion to postpone consideration until the next day was entertained, and approved.

Clearly, lack of support from two of the largest colonies- Pennsylvania and New York-would not set the new nation off on the right foot.

But, by the time the vote was called on July 2, the situation had changed. Most importantly, two of the Declaration's opponents in Pennsylvania-most notably, John Dickinson-stayed away, permitting the pro-independence voters to gain a majority. Secondly, Delaware's Caesar Rodney arrived, after an all-night ride, to cast his vote for independence. South Carolina decided to join in to make it unanimous, while New York continued to abstain, on the basis that the delegates had no specific instructions from back home.

On July 2, the American colonies declared independence.

What now remained was the need to adopt the formal Declaration, which Thomas Jefferson had been entrusted to write on behalf of the drafting committee. The review of Jefferson's draft began first thing on the morning of July 3.

Of the 80 or so changes that were made, all of which amounted to cutting the document by about 25%, there were two worthy of being pointed out here. First, as is often pointed out these days, Jefferson's indictment of the British Crown for introducing the slave trade to the Americas was struck, primarily on the insistence of Georgia and South Carolina, according to Jefferson's later report. Despite broad anti-slavery sentiment, and activity, in many of the other colonies, no one-not even the uncompromised John Adams-was willing to sacrifice agreement on the Declaration for this issue. Second, the delegates added a reference in the final paragraph to their "firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence," to underscore the religious conviction that inspired many of them.

It took until 11:00 a.m. July 4, and then the deed was finalized. Delegates from 12 colonies voted up the Declaration, with only New York abstaining.

The news spread like wildfire. By the next morning, broadside editions were available, and on July 6, the Pennsylvania Evening Post published the full text.

On July 8, a great day of celebration was held in Philadelphia, with bands, drums, military parades, and bonfires. Similar extravaganzas occurred throughout the colonies, as the printed declaration spread.

The words which rang out, have rung down through the ages:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed....

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be, totally dissolved; and that, as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

**JUNE WIN'S AGAIN
what's up with that??**



Our great duck leader Steve Violette is recognized by Karen with a small token of our appreciation



Still Life - Two Bowls, Two Joes



**Joe Watson
about to be inducted into the Club - offering heartfelt
words**



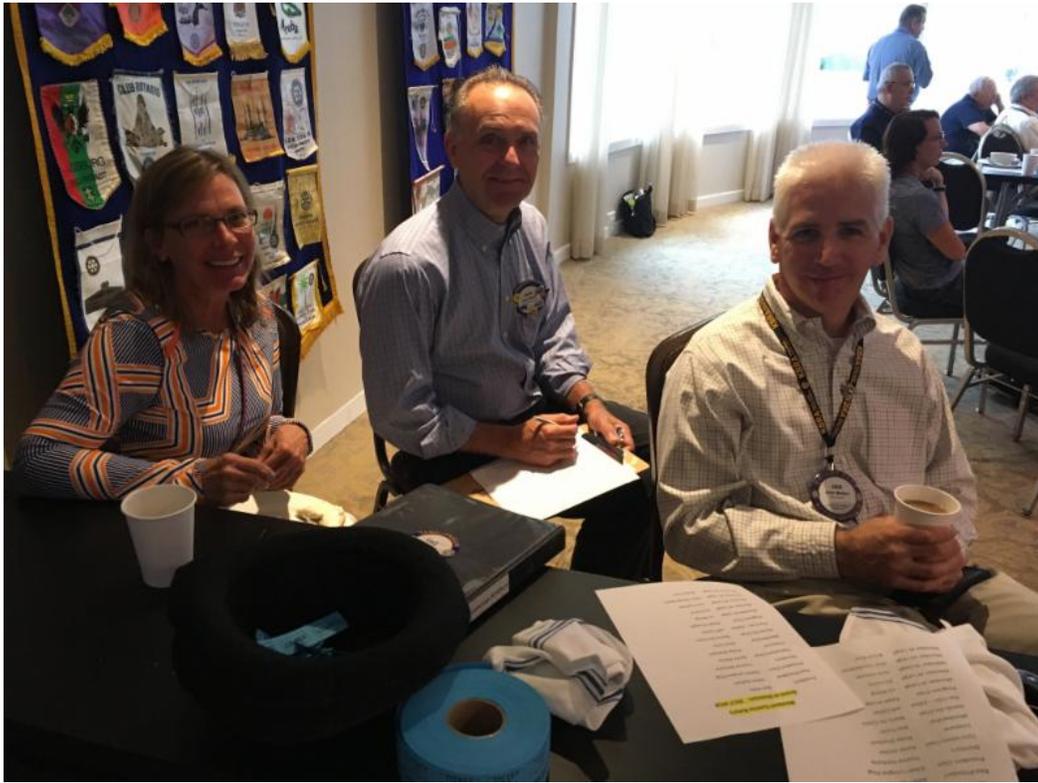
**Blue Persons Group
Laurie Watson watches carefully as her husband Joe gets
pinned by Ron**



post Induction happiness



**Guardians at the Gate
Linda, Steve, Jack**



Rona Wall - speaker



Nick's Notes:

My brows-in-law in SC is fond of corny jokes. As we haven't had a poem recently I'll pass these along to you.

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

What's the definition of a will?
(It's a dead give away.)

In democracy your vote counts.
In feudalism your count votes.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist,
You get repossessed

With her marriage,
She got a new name and a dress.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Local Area Network in Australia - the LAN down under.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted -
Taint yours and taint mine.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

Once you've seen one shopping center,
You've seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture is a job well done.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Westport Sunrise Rotary - Board of Directors Meeting
June 12, 2017, 5:30-7:00 pm
Vestry Room, Christ & Holy Trinity**

**Present: Ed Horne, Phil Sharlach, June Getraer, Karen
Kleine, Liz Wong, Helen Garten, Yvonne Senturia, Jeff
Cohen and Ron Holtz
Guests: Eileen Flug**

President's Comments and Updates

**--2017 charitable giving recommendations: Report from
Gene Cederbaum reviewed by board. Unanimous vote
(Karen proposed; Jeff second) to recommend that the
Foundation Board distribute \$44,150 as outlined by the
charitable giving committee.**

**--Duck Race preliminary report and allocation of proceeds:
Karen reported twelve members came to recap meeting.
After notes typed up, committee will make some
recommendations on possible changes for next year.
Board discussion of proportional allocation of proceeds
among the three foundation accounts: International chair
would like for international to be a priority for more
members. Ed noted that balance bears on allocation;
international will have a carryover from this year. FCCF
may be close to the minimum, but money in the foundation
for youth-oriented projects. Eileen would like international
to include assistance to rural poor and opioid epidemic, if
possible.**

Jeff proposed (June second) the board recommend to the Foundation an allocation of 80% to charitable giving and 20% to international from duck race. Unanimous vote.

Secretary's Report - Yvonne Senturia

Motion to approve the April minutes by Phil (Liz second) passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the May minutes by Ed (Liz second) passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Elizabeth Wong

April checkbook balance was \$25,170.99. Ed/Phil unanimous.

May checkbook balance was \$21,990.70 June/Yvonne. Unanimous.

Rotary signs paid for. Installation pending state approval of locations.

Discussion of contribution of club surplus to 21st Century Foundation: After expenses, excess of \$18,000. Ed moved (June second) that all amounts in excess of \$8,000 on June 30th will be donated to Sunrise Rotary 21st Century Foundation. Unanimous vote.

Discussion of allocation of this contribution: Helen proposed (Ron second) that 70% go to charitable giving, 15% to youth and 15% to international. Unanimous vote

Membership Report - Ron Holtz

--Application of Joseph Watson was discussed. Motion by Jeff (second by June) to approve Joseph Watson's application for membership. Jeff/June. Unanimous vote.

Speakers

June 16: Lisa Wexler, Probate Judge

June 23: Richard Frank, Photographer

June 30: Bill Green, Efficient Lifestyles

July 7:

July 14: Club Assembly

July 21: Lou Mall, Human Services Mentorship

Program

Ralph will be new speaker coordinator.

Youth Service Committee - Justin Phillips

Thanked the board for approving Kosti, the exchange student. Will come to Friday breakfast one more time before she leaves.

All finances accounted for this year, including GLI.

Fellowship

-Changeover party Thurs, June 29, 5:30-7:30 pm

Other Business

--Thanks to 2016-17 Board

Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, July 10th

**JOIN ROTARY AND CHANGE THE WORLD
(VIDEO)**



(sourced by Dennis Wong)

IDENTIFYING PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS FOR OUR CLUB

Think of your contacts, acquaintances, friends and family members who might qualify for membership in the Club. It's not necessary to know whether they are ready to join Rotary.

Professional Contacts:

Consider your supervisor, current and former colleagues, acquaintances from professional associations and people you have done business with recently.

Service Contacts:

Consider neighbors, community leaders and acquaintances who have volunteered with you on Rotary or non-Rotary events or service projects.

Community Contacts:

For example:

Medical Professionals, Real Estate Agents, Financial Managers/Planners, Religious Leaders, Lawyers, Business Consultants, Accountants, Veterinarians, Non-Profit Professionals, School Administrators, Social Workers

Have a name?

Send it in with some contact info.
jbcohen27@gmail.com

July Birthdays

Tom Lowrie - July 3
Brian Strong - July 13
Phil Sharlach - July 16
John Krubski - July 20
Charlie Haberstroh - July 21
Hal Levy - July 24
Ann Lloyd - July 26

Jen Tooker - July 29

**PICTURES: TAKE / TOOK
A ROTARY ORIENTED
PICTURE??**

SEND IT IN AND WE'LL PUT IT IN THE CRIER

Submit to:

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**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
Bruce Paul
bruce.a.paul@gmail.com**

**July 1, 2017: Mark Mathias, Bill Harris
August 5, 2017: Bill Harmer, TBD
September 2, 2017: Leigh Overland, TBD
October 7, 2017: Tom Lowrie, Anil Nair
November 4, 2017: Rick Jaffe, Nora Jinishian
December 2, 2017: Kate Kirby, Karen Kleine**

The Crier includes the
"Club Calendar", where the
upcoming Club events are
listed. Please submit event information to:
jbcohen27@gmail.com

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:

jbcohen27@gmail.com

Greeters

June	Mathias, Sharlach, D.Wong
July	Violette, Mullen, Bruce (Hawley for Bruce on 7/21 & 28)
August	Hawley, Haberstroh, Schexnaldi (Bruce for Hawley on 8/4 & 8/11 and maybe 8/18)
September	Sa'Couto, Ross, Multavaran

Meeting Openers

June	2	Harmer
	9	Eldh
	16	Mandell
	23	Paul
	30	Lavielle
July	7	Wolgast
	14	Press
	21	Mandell
	28	Hill

Programs

June 30: Bill Green - Hinged

July 7: Rona Wall - EMDR

July 14: CLUB ASSEMBLY, FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

July 21: Lou Mall - Human Services Mentorship Program

July 28: Richard Gibbons - Westbridge, Inc.

August 11: Patricia Pearson - Rotary District Governor Visit

Westport Sunrise Rotary Club Board Meetings

Usually the first Monday of the month 5:30-7PM in the Vestry at Christ and Holy Trinity Church. All are welcome.

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)

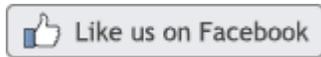
New Generations Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities such as RYLA Rotaract and Interact club service projects, and creating international understanding with Rotary Youth Exchange.

President: Ron Holtz
President Elect: Eileen Lavigne Flug
Past President: Helen Garten
Secretary: Yvonne Senturia
Treasurer: Philip Sharlach
Operations Chair: Karen Kleine
Membership: Roy Fuchs
Hands-On-Chair: Mario SaCouto
Program Chair: Ralph Krueger
The Crier - Editor: Jeff Cohen
Member at Large: Ed Horne
Member at Large: John Hendrickson
Member at Large: Liz Wong
Member at Large: June Getraer
Member at Large: Bruce Paul

The Westport Sunrise Rotary Club meets 7:30 AM every Friday Morning at The Westport Inn 1595 Post Road East. Meetings are open to all Rotarians and their guests.



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