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

**Next Meeting: August 11,
2017
Place: Westport Inn**

Opener: Vik Muktavaram

Program: Patricia Pearson - Rotary District Governor

Greeters: Bruce, Haberstroh, Schexnaildre

Guests Last Week:

Krishna Patel - speaker

Abby Saperstein - guest of Craig

Beth Brucker - Westport Rotary - Chair of the Lobsterfest

Karl Mergenthaller - Westport Rotary



Club Announcements

**Wine Tasting Gala Next meeting
Wednesday August 9
Town Hall Room 201
ALL ARE WELCOME
5:30-7PM**

Club Announcements

**MARK SOBOSLAI was approved unanimously
by the Club's Board of Directors and will be inducted on
Friday August 11, 2017**



A native of Connecticut, Mark earned his undergraduate degree in Psychology at a State University and completed Law School while working in the Family Relations Division of the New Haven Superior Court. With extensive experience as a practicing lawyer and mediator, Mark has taught Alternative Dispute Resolution as an Adjunct Professor at Quinnipiac University School of Law for more than 25 years. In addition to his practice of law and mediation in Westport, Mark has served throughout his professional career on multiple Boards of non-profit agencies. He is currently Chair of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Legal Rights Project an agency providing legal services for individuals with severe mental illness. Mark also enjoys playing music and songwriting. He is married to Joan Kern and is the father of two children: Rachel, a Social Worker; and Josh, a professional musician and Yoga instructor.

Club Announcements

Westport Sunrise Rotary Night Out
HARBOR LIGHTS
Norwalk
August 28 6PM
(not the 24th - John Fogerty is at the
Levitt on the 24th)
RSVP by August 23 to:
Frankie Smith: fsmith@bankpatriot.com
Sheila Keenan: sheilafkeenan@aol.com

Club Announcements

Patricia Pearson, our Rotary District Governor, will speak to Westport Sunrise Rotary on Friday August 11, 2017.



Trish is a member of the Orange club, having joined in 1994, holding many offices including President in 2005-06. She has been involved in many areas of District 7980 including serving on five District Conference committees including as Chair twice (truly Service Above Self). She served on the District Visioning Team as a facilitator, a member of District finance and Public Image Committees. After serving two years as Assistant District Governor, she moved into the governor track when PDG Paul Mangels was "promoted".

Some of Trish's most memorable Rotary moments were attending three Rotary International Conferences, meeting Rotarians from around the world and sharing experiences - including a trip in a van with five other Rotarians to New Orleans. What a way to build better friendships.

Trish is an insurance agent, specializing in health, life, disability and senior insurance services. When not working or attending Rotary meetings she escapes to her Vermont family home where she enjoys skiing and playing golf. She lives in Orange with her husband, Glenn, also a Rotarian and her true Rotary partner. They have a married son who lives in Stamford, CT and is most proud about her new title - not District Governor, but grandmother to Hannah.

ROY RETURNS

**He opens and he wins the raffle
Damn - what a morning**



Roy's Opener

Every August Beloit College, in Beloit, Wisconsin, publishes its Mindset List, a "guide" that tells faculty

members a bit about the world incoming Freshmen grew up in.

This year's - the List for the class 2021 - will be published within the next ten days, so I've pulled a few items from the Lists for this year's sophomores and juniors.

The authors, English Professor Emeritus Ron McBride, director of public affairs emeritus Ron Neif, and Professor of Sociology Charles Westerberg, called the class of 2020 the RIGHT NOW generation. They cannot remember a time when they had to wait for anything.

Technology is at the core of their lives:

- **They have grown up treating Wi-Fi as an entitlement.**
- **Google has always been there, in its founding words, "to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible."**
- **There has always been a digital swap meet called eBay.**
- **If you want to reach them, you'd better send a text- emails are often ignored.**
- **Teachers have always had to insist that term papers employ sources in addition to those found online.**
- **Cell phones have become so ubiquitous in class that teachers don't know which students are using them to take notes and which ones are planning a party.**
- **They have never had to watch or listen to programs at a scheduled time.**
- **Airline tickets have always been purchased online.**
- **They have never licked a postage stamp.**



Krishna Patel spoke to Westport Sunrise Rotary on August 4, 2017



Making Connecticut the first slave free state

Krishna Patel, General Counsel and Justice Initiative Director at Grace Farms Foundation in New Canaan spoke to the club on Friday about her almost 15 year battle to rid the globe of human trafficking.

Ms. Patel remains at the forefront in prosecuting human trafficking crimes, a crusade she began as a US Attorney in New York in 1999, and since 2003, in Connecticut. In 2105 she left the government to head up Grace Farm's human trafficking initiative.

When Ms. Patel began prosecuting human traffickers in New York little was known about the magnitude of the practice. It was viewed primarily as a gang related labor issue. Chinese gangs particularly, preyed on their own

communities, even on family members, coercing them into indenture because they were undocumented.

The practice didn't have a name then, and initial prosecutions were made under the 13th Amendment, the 1865 law under which President Lincoln abolished slavery.

Today human trafficking is being fought globally. 70 percent is labor related, the other 30, sex slavery, much of it victimizing children - boys as well as girls.

Labor demand derives from needs in the production of some of the most important global commodities - cotton, gold, palm oil, cocoa - as well as by food and clothing manufacturers.

Here in Connecticut, some 70 percent of child sex slaves are procurable on the internet, most on the "dark net," an underground platform used largely for illicit activities because its sites are deeply encrypted and cannot be indexed by Google and other open web search engines.

At Grace Farms Ms. Patel is working to "make Connecticut the first slave free state in the country." One giant aid is Memex, a DARPA created platform, the largest data platform ever built, one that can search the dark web, and that is focused on fighting human trafficking globally. Because she retained her security clearance she can work with Homeland Security, the FBI and the state police, testing Memex, preparing to make it available to law enforcement nationally.

In a local endeavor, she called herself "fortunate" because in 2012 the new DCF Commissioner took a "transformative approach" to tracking agency clients who have been trafficked. This vulnerable cohort now numbers over 600 children under 16 years of age.

This work helped to develop comprehensive reform legislation passed by the General Assembly that initiated an out reach to hotels, to train staffs in identifying and reporting trafficking incidents.

Working globally, she noted that non-state terrorist groups - ISIS, Boko Haram, al Shabab - have manifestos allowing slavery. To address such global issues, last year she led a conference at Grace Farms that brought together 110 global experts who wrote, then passed the first UN Security Council resolution requiring all financial institutions in this country and in Europe to seek out trafficking by auditing their transactions.

While the anti-human trafficking crusade is hardly won, it has, in Krishna Patel, a committed antagonist working full time to bring it under control.

(Roy Fuchs)

FOTOS FROM FRIDAY

Karl Mergenthaller (Westport Rotary) and Dave Walker (Bridgeport Rotary)



Roy and Beth Brucker (Westport Rotary)



Rick and Abby Saperstein (guest)



Nick's Notes:

It must be true. I read it somewhere. From time to time I pass along to you some of the tidbits I noted in in the various periodicals I peruse. We'll start with the RV industry. It's enjoying a 'post recession boom, fueled by younger Americans taking to the road in motor homes. Last year, 430,000 recreational vehicles were sold. Half the buyers were under 45. Perhaps I should buy one, pick up a chick and disappear into the sunset.

In respect of travel, there are lots of bargains around, until you read the small print, which say's 'double occupancy'. You can go down the Ganges and save more than \$900 double occupancy. South Pacific Adventure \$2514 - double occupancy.

I am thinking of driving down to SC to see the eclipse, taking a few days to get there. Hotels are booked solid so I am taking a tent, just in case (double occupancy - I wish). My bro-in-law is putting me up for the night and has offered me the use of a welding mask to preserve my eyesight. He actually suggested I wear it all the time. Haven't fully made up my mind yet. After all, I can wait for the next one. I might buy an RV for that one.

Crooks are not nuts. Nut theft has exploded into a statewide problem in California. More than 35 loads, worth at least ten million have gone missing since 2013. Horizon Nut CO ., lost \$450,000 of pistachios.

Ah. Here's a good one. When a lady named Sarah Cummins' wedding was called off at the last moment (doesn't say why), Cummins invited nearly 200 homeless strangers to the attend the \$30,000 reception instead. Guests wore donated sports jackets and gowns.

Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins, 101, set a new national record for the 100 meter dash as she stormed across the finish line at the USA Track and Field Outdoors Master

Championship. She shaved six seconds off the previous record for women aged 100 or older. And I've been too lazy to do hot yoga this week.

In LA, a teenage photographer using a selfie stick hit some of the exhibits and caused \$200,000 worth of damages.

The film DUNKIRK has been criticized for it's lack of women and actors of color. Marie Claire and USA Today called it an excuse for men to celebrate manliness. At least there were a lot of British in it.

Finally, I wish to say that as in all my columns, any opinions put forth in Nick's Notes are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of other Rotarians or anyone else.

**Westport Sunrise Rotary
Board of Directors' Meeting
July 10, 2017, 5:30pm
Panera Bread, 1860 Post Road East**

**In attendance: Ron Holtz, Eileen Flug, Ed Horne, Phil Sharlach, Helen Garten, Liz Wong, Mario SaCouto, Jeff Cohen, June Getraer, John Hendrickson, Ralph Krueger, Bruce Paul, Karen Kleine
Absent: Yvonne Senturia, Roy Fuchs
Guest: Joe Hawley**

President's Comments: Ron welcomed everyone and asked each Board member to speak for a minute about themselves.

Secretary's Report: Helen presented the June minutes in place of Yvonne, who was absent. Jeff had a couple of small edits. Ed motioned for approval with Jeff's edits and Helen seconded. Minutes approved unanimously. Jeff will send them to Yvonne.

Treasurer's Report: Liz reported \$19,618.01 in the bank, and \$8235.15 in the checkbook; the difference being

money we agreed to give to the 21st Century Foundation by vote at the last meeting (we decided to leave about \$8000 in Rotary's bank account.) On June 30th, we donated \$11,000 to the 21st Century Foundation. Helen reminded the Board that at the last meeting, the Board also voted to allocate this donation 70% to Charitable Giving, 15% to International, and 15% to Youth. Liz pointed out a deposit error and correction made by the bank on the bank statement whereby the bank erroneously deposited the raffle ticket funds of the Foundation account into the Club account and immediately made the correction. Liz reminded Phil to make sure our money is deposited in the correct account as the Foundation account for the raffle tickets and the Club account have the identical name at the bank. June motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for June and Phil seconded. All in favor.

Membership Report: We have 69 members including our newest member, Joe Watson. Joe Hawley (for Roy Fuchs) distributed a Rotary document entitled "Finding New Club Members." He highlighted that 2 out of every 3 prospective members join Rotary. Other ideas to increase membership: invite prospective members to a club event, invite friends to a meeting who may have an interest in the speaker or topic, and don't forget to recruit the speakers. When we have guests at our meetings, make sure to introduce yourself and don't let them sit alone for breakfast. The member who invited the speaker should be sure to host them at the meeting. Joe would like 5-8 members to help Roy identify prospective members. Ron suggested an award in honor of Bill Meyer for the Rotarian who brings in the most new members. Ron would like "Member Engagement" to be our main focus this year. Not only should we recruit members we hope to be engaged with the club, all current members should also be engaged in club activities.

Speakers' Report: Ralph has speakers scheduled through mid-August. It was suggested by several that we should have more meetings about members of the club in a "pass the mic" type format. Another suggestion was to ask Tom Lowrie to talk about the history of the club.

same level as last year (\$250 breakfast, \$110 membership) and Helen seconded. Passed unanimously.

Sunshine Fund: We need to find someone to Chair this committee.

Charitable Giving: Gene Cederbaum will present the committee's choices of recipients to the Foundation Board for a vote. The Rotary Board voted to recommend approval to the Foundation in June.

**Respectfully submitted,
Karen Kleine (for Yvonne Senturia)**

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

August Birthdays

Bill Harmer - August 29

ONLY ONE PERSON - ANYONE ELSE?

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

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

Submit to:

jbcohen27@gmail.com

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

July	Violette, Mullen, Bruce (Hawley for Bruce on 7/21 & 28)
August	Hawley, Haberstroh, Schexnaildre (Bruce for Hawley on 8/4 & 8/11 and maybe 8/18)
September	Sa'Couto, Ross, Muktavaram
October	Adler; Paul; Ellison

November Watson; Zielinski; Eldh
December Flug; Soboslai; Fuchs

2018

January Garten; Harmer; Hauck
February Stahl; Cohen; Jaffe
March Lavielle; Smith; Mandell

Meeting Openers

July 7 Wolgast
 14 Press
 21 Mandell
 28 Hill

August 4 Fuchs
 11 Muktavaram
 18 Watson
 25 Sa'Couto

September 1 Mathias
 8 Garten
 15 Sharlach
 22 Keenan
 29 Smith

October 6
 13 Hauck
 20 Wetmore
 27 Renzulli

Programs

July 21: Lou Mall - Human Services Mentorship Program
 July 28: Richard Gibbons - Westbridge, Inc.
 August 4: Krishna Patel - Grace Farms, Director of Social Services
 August 11: Patricia Pearson - Rotary District Governor Visit
 August 18: Mark Mathias - Boy Scouts
 August 25: Dennis Wong - Rotary and Peace
 September 1: Tom Marten
 September 8: Dr. James Wisecup
 September 15: Lisa-Lynne Kirkpatrick - Grace Farms, Community Initiative Director
 September 22: Judy Szabak - Personal time management, WestportNow columnist, social media instructor, sports cars

Westport Sunrise Rotary Club Board Meetings

Usually the first Monday of the month 5:30-7PM in **Town Hall Room 201**.
 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

Past President: Helen Garten

President Elect: Eileen Lavigne Flug

Secretary: Yvonne Senturia

Operations Chair: Karen Kleine

Treasurer: Philip Sharlach

Media: Roy Fuchs

Hands-On-Chair: Mario SaCouto

The Crier - Editor: Jeff Cohen

Program Chair: Ralph Krueger

Member at Large: Liz Wong

Member at Large: Ed Horne

Member at Large: June Getraer

Member at Large: John Hendrickson

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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