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**They give us those nice bright colors
They give us the greens of summers**

**It's got what it takes
So tell me why can't this be love?**

**So take away the flowers that you gave me
And send the kind that you remind me of
Paper roses, paper roses,**

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

**October 13, 2017
Westport Inn**

Opener: Rob Hauck

Program: Lexi Shereshewsky - Executive Director - Syria Fund

Greeters: Adler, Paul, Ellison

Guests Last Week:

Maya Maxton - World Affairs Seminar student - Bridge Academy

Ranea Fils - World Affairs Seminar student - Bridge Academy

Scott Adler - World Affairs Seminar student Staples HS

Theo Koskoff - World Affairs Seminar student Staples HS

Steve Gaynes - teacher from Bridge Academy

Darci Hicks - mother of Theo

Allison Adler - mother of Scott

Michael Davis - guest of Eileen

According to Roy:

The Red Sox just lost. The baseball season is over. The next meaningful game will be played on or about March 1, 2018 in Fort Meyers, Florida between the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins.



Westport Uncorked Wine Tasting Tickets To Club Members October 13!

Tickets for our fabulous December 1st, 2017 Uncorked Wine Tasting will be distributed this Friday October 13. Money will be collected from sold tickets starting October 20.

How many tickets do you need? Every member will receive our required minimum 2 tickets to the Wine Tasting for you to purchase and attend OR to sell. Your success getting sponsors and selling tickets directly

impacts our ability to fund our charities. Our President Ron and our club is counting on you!

If any member needs more tickets, please call Cheryl Eldh at 203-984-6114 to reserve the tickets you will need as we may sell out this year.

On line sales are running concurrently, at our website, westportsunriserotary.org so send out an e-mail to your friends if it is easier for them to purchase their tickets from our website.

If you have questions, please call Cheryl at 203-984-6114 or e-mail Liz at elizwong99@gmail.com

Westport Uncorked Wine Tasting Tickets On-line On-Sale!

Please look at your email. We just sent you westportsunriserotary.org link you can forward to all you family, friends, and associates. We are happy to announce that our site Includes: Ticket sales, Sponsorship Opportunities, and Donations. It is easy access. Please tell everybody!

Westport Uncorked Sponsor Opportunities!

Sponsors are key to our success! Please contact Craig craigadler64@gmail.com 203-247-0092 OR Joe hawley.joe@gmail.com 203-895-7686

October Birthdays

**Avi Kaner - October 11
Nick Clarke - October 12**

Steve Violette - October 13
Wendy Stahl - October 18
Linda Bruce - October 30

Club Announcements

Sridhar Subramanian was approved unanimously by the Club Board as a new member on Monday October 2. He will be inducted into the Club at a future date.

Lexi Shereshewsky, Executive Director - Syria Fund, will speak to Westport Sunrise Rotary on Friday October 13, 2017.

Talk title: Addressing The Education Gap for Syrian Refugee Children in Jordan

Bio: Lexi Shereshewsky is the Founder and Executive Director of The Syria Fund, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides education programs and hands-on humanitarian efforts for Syrian refugees living in Jordan. As a student studying Arabic in Damascus in 2009 and 2010, Lexi travelled throughout the country and developed a deep appreciation and love for Syria's rich culture and for the kindness and hospitality of its people. Given the destruction and humanitarian crisis caused by the war, she established The Syria Fund in an effort to give back to the people of Syria who gave so much to her. Learn more: www.thesyriafund.org



World Affairs Seminar students spoke to Westport Sunrise Rotary on Friday October 6, 2017.

Last Friday four high school students told Sunrise Rotary about what they took away from last June's World Affairs Seminar at John Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Rotary clubs in the Milwaukee area sponsor this one week educational gathering for high school students from around the world. College student advisors lead the students in discussions, field trips and a week ending Capstone Project that enabled each group to present what its members learned.

Sunrise sends four students each year. As in the past few years, the club sponsored two students from Bridge Academy in Bridgeport and two from Staples. Maya Maxton and Renea Fils are seniors at Bridge Academy, Scott Adler and Theo Koskoff, also seniors, represented Staples.

The seminar provides attendees the opportunity to meet, and to work and make friends with people quite different from their schoolmates.

Responding to a question about what each took away, Mr. Koskoff offered the strongest example - in the negative - of this year's theme, Social Justice, with his story about a Somali refugee who became his friend.

He learned that his friend was small boy when the civil war broke out. He watched his sister get raped, and said that in Somalia "rape is used as a weapon." He saw "mass murders and villages burned to the ground."

He was fortunate to get out of his country, to a refugee camp Kenya, where he stayed "for several years," before being allowed to come to America. Yet here, Islamophobia has affected his life in many ways. He faces a lot of discrimination for being Muslim and for being black. He gets pulled over when he drives. Many people see him as a terrorist because his name is Omar Mohammed. And people shout things at him and his hijab wearing sister.

"They been victims of terrorism far more than any of us can imagine" Mr. Koskoff said, and concluded "They're just human beings, but they've been victims of terrorism far more than any of us can imagine."

Ms. Maxton commented that the seminar "Brings people together." She said social justice is important enough that she will "make people uncomfortable" when she talks about the topic if it helps understanding.

Mr. Adler said that hearing the range of different ideas, opinions and beliefs has made him a "better listener," and he has learned to be more diplomatic.

Ms. Fils said she will bring her knowledge to her friends, she will be more open-minded and also be a better listener.

Taking a point from the seminar, Ms. Fils also reminded us "We are the future. We will mold the world into a better place."



Theo Koskoff, Ranea Fils, Maya Maxton, Scott Adler and Bruce Paul

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Theo Koskoff - student - won the raffle. Luckily, there was no opener, so there was no wine. Just stuff in a basket and the basket



**breakfast with Ranea, Maya, Scott, Theo, Bruce and Steve
(from Bridge Academy)**



future swag



Bruce introducing the World Affairs Seminar students and the Four Way Test



students presenting





GREAT JOB WITH THEIR PRESENTATION!!

Nick's Notes:

I should call this column 'Nick's Ramblings'. You can always tell when I have

**nothing to write about. I
ramble. Not to be confused
with hiking. Stop me if you
don't like it.**

**Anyway, I turned on the telly
the other night and lo and
behold , on Turner Classics,
they featured Rudyard
Kipling's KIM. The movie was
made in the early fifties, in**

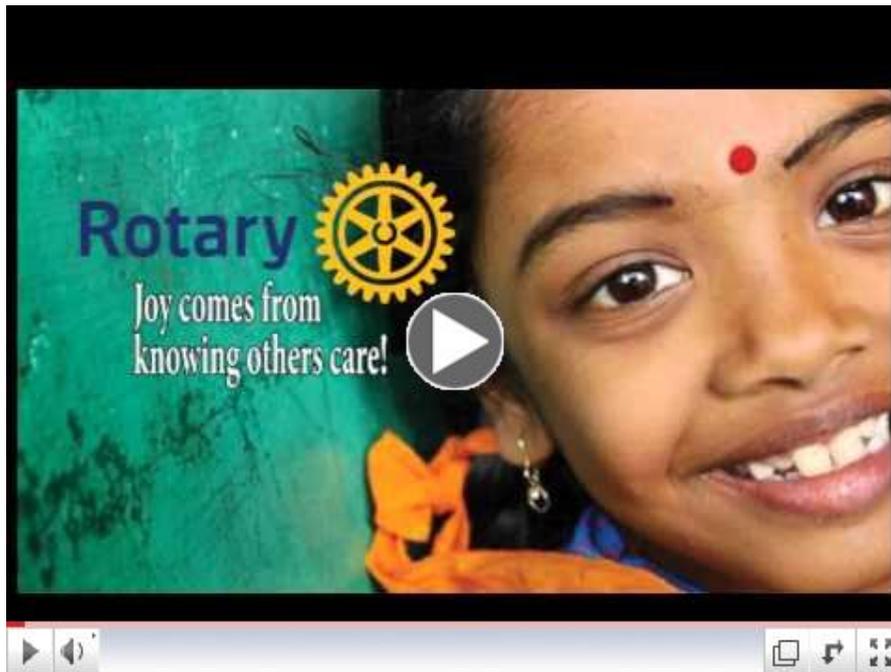
**color, which was about the last time I saw it. Starring
Errol Flynn. My father took me to see it. In those days
Britain had an empire, as is borne out by the wonderful
regimental music therein. It was all about spying. The
'great game', as it was then called, was played properly in
those days. None of your Kim Philby, Burgess and
Maclean', who all fled to Moscow when exposed.) I met
him once in a subservial (is that a word? Used to be
anyway) capacity. Not Kim. Errol. He was a little
inebriated and was singing about how it always rains on
Sundays. I was a page boy in at London's Savoy Hotel
then. I also had brief conversations with Ava Gardena,
Doris Day and other sundry film stars. I actually got some
autographs which would be quite valuable now. Don't
know what happened to them but I still have Dori Day's..**

**Thinking of autographs, some years I ago I purchased
from the Westport Library a signed copy of MODERN
MARVELS by one Richard Haliburton. Published in 1936.
Who? You may ask. Well, I knew, don't know how I knew
that he was the first and only man to swim through the
Panama Canal. (He met his fate en route from Hong Kong
to San Francisco in his junk. He was never seen again). I
often wonder how my life would have turned out had I
made the Savoy a career (and Haliburton's, had he made it
to SF). One thing is for sure, I wouldn't be the famous
scribbler that I am now. As it was, I left the Savoy to
travel the world as a seaman, and while I didn't have a girl
in every port I still remain in touch with Rhonda, who was
the little daughter of a family who befriended me in
Australia. She is now a grandmother- great grandmother,
something like that.**

**Autumn is apparently upon us, and I note that if I crack
my kitchen window slightly it produces a delightful**

whistling and moaning, which reminds me of Treasure Island, Errol Flynn (you remember him) and Dartmoor. And a girl I knew who will remain nameless, if I could remember it in the first place. What stands out in my failing memory is that this young lady and I were promised seats at the Met to Aida. So she drove her car around the block while I nipped backstage to get the tickets. Alas, Fred let me down but while I was waiting for him a man approached me and said "quick. We need a spear holder ". I thought of the poor lady driving in endless circles around the Met and said " Sorry. My girlfriend is double parked outside." When I returned to the street said lady picked me up and was out of her cotton pickin' mind with rage - no policeman would let her stop, even for a microsecond. " I have just turned down the opportunity of a lifetime, because I'm a gentleman, and you are mad because you nearly got a ticket" . And to boot, Fred wasn't there and I didn't get the tickets. So we went back to her pad instead. The rest is censored.

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

**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**

**October 7, 2017: Tom Lowrie, Anil Nair
November 4, 2017: Jane Ross, Liz Wong
December 2, 2017: Kate Kirby, Karen Kleine
January 6, 2018: Rick Jaffe, TBD
February 3, 2018: TBD
March 3, 2018: Pat Riemersma, Phil Sharlach
April 7, 2018: John Krubski, TBD
May 5, 2018: Leigh Overland, TBD
June 2, 2018: TBD**

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

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

October

13 Hauck
20 Wetmore
27 Renzulli

November

3 Clarke
10 Palmer
17 Kaner

December

1 Soboslai
8 Riemersma
15 Wong

January

5 Ellison
12 Nair
19 Tooker
26 Strong

Programs

October 13: Lexi Shereshewsky: Executive Director - Syria Fund

October 20: Sela Esposito - Tiny Miracle Foundation

October 27: Bud Freud

November 3: Rick Benson - Rotary Foundation

November 10: Cory D'Addario - Liquor Locker

November 17: Bruce Cooper

November 24: NO MEETING - Thanksgiving

December 1: Club Assembly

December 8: Bob Weber - *New Yorker* cartoonist

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.

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**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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