

Westport Sunrise Rotary



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The Crier

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

Next Meeting

**December 8, 2017
Westport Inn**

Opener: Pete Wolgast

**Program: Kathlene Gerrity - Executive Director - CT
Burns Care Foundation**

Greeters: Flug, Fuchs, Soboslai

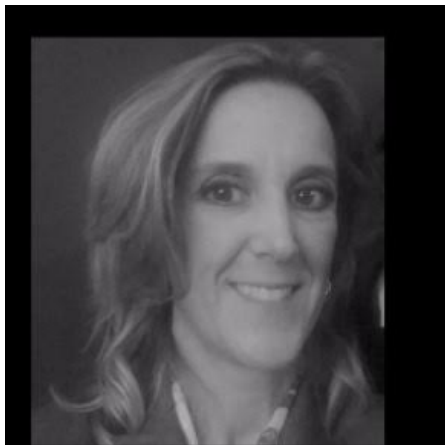
Guests Last Week:

Michael Davis - prospective member - guest of Eileen

Joe Fazio

Raquel Virgo

Sheryl Shaughnessey - Fairfield Rotary



KATHLENE GERRITY,
Executive Director of the CT
Burns Care Foundation, will
speak to Westport Sunrise
Rotary on this Friday
December 8, 2017

**Kathlene Gerrity is the
Executive Director of the CT
Burns Care Foundation, which**

**will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2018. The
Foundation is dedicated to the prevention of burn
tragedies, the support of burn units and providing peer
support for burn survivors. At the Friday Club
meeting, Kathlene will share with us a presentation on the
Children's Burn Camp that the Foundation runs every year
for pediatric burn survivors. Please join us for an
inspiring slide show and discussion.**

WESTPORT UNCORKED



Wonderful Wines, Great Food, Good Company - All for Charity

Surrounded by 100 fine wines, fine food and mood setting music, many of the 400 guests gathered at The Inn at Longshore last Friday enjoyed a great evening with friends, dotted by an occasional sampling of wine. A smaller number took the opportunity to taste wines recommended specifically for them by Cory D'Addario, the wine maven of Liquor Locker of Westport.

The setting was Westport Sunrise Rotary's 27th Annual Wine Tasting, this one the Holiday Gala.

The setting was beautiful. The Inn was attractively decorated for the season. Christine Hussey, its Event Manager, and OnTheMarc Caterer presented a large selection of passed hors d'oeuvres, crudités, a selection of cheese and crackers, even a couple of mac and cheese stations.

But the stars of the evening were the wines - all curated by Ms. D'Addario, the event's hostess for the last few years. She chose the wines and worked with her distributors to

assure that novice and expert alike come away learning about what they tasted, even helping them find something new for their cellar or table.

The selections were all artisans, from well known, and not so well known, regions. Most were from family owned vineyards and wineries, wines that are sustainable, organic and biodynamic, and fair trade. Even a few whose growers have replaced machinery with goats to control the weeds and fertilize the corps.

For those who came to visit with friends and enjoy what may have been as much a randomly chosen wine as one the taster had in mind to try, the evening became a success once they found a friend or four they hadn't seen in a while.

Meanwhile, Ms. D'Addario knows her regulars' palates, and pointed them to wines they might enjoy. And Ms. D'Addario as menu advisor, helped many select the perfect holiday table wines.

Recognizing that not everyone lives on a diet of wine alone, she offered 14 mostly locally brewed craft beers - and a lone specialty cider.



2017 Drivers

Joe drove the wine tasting; Ron drives the Club

Underneath it all the evening was a fundraiser for Sunrise Rotary. The evening's receipts will help support over 30 non-profit institutions, some Westport based - Homes With Hope, CLASP Homes, Smart Kids With Learning Disabilities and Westport Human Services; others in nearby communities - Burroughs Community Center, Caroline House and Mercy Learning Center.

A few that are in other countries, including Tree of Life Orphanage in Haiti and The Syria Fund, a refugee support organization. And some are global. End Polio Now has been a long term project of Rotary International and The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and is on the verge of eradicating the disease in every country.

Sunrise Rotarians, like all 1.2 million Rotarians in 224 countries, are committed to Service Above Self. One aspect is providing Hands-On assistance in and around Westport - manning food drives for local pantries, helping in Westport's annual clean up day and joining in Bridgeport's Read Aloud day.

The club also runs a second fundraiser, The Great Duck Race, in June. We hope to see you then, to enjoy a day of family fun along the Saugatuck River, and per chance to win a prize - if you've bought the ticket to the fastest duck on the river.

(Roy Fuchs)



after party party



Nick's Notes:

December already, and as you know, I like to start the month with a poem. It's getting more difficult these days. But here is one about ducks. Most appropriate, don't you think? with the Duck Race coming up.

DUCKS. By F.W. Harvey.1888-1957

From troubles of the world
 I turn to ducks.
 Beautiful comical things
 Sleeping or curled
 Their heads beneath white wings
 By water cool,
 Or finding curious things
 To eat in various mucks
 Beneath the pool,
 Tails uppermost, or waddling

**Sailor like- on the shores
 Of ponds, or paddling
 -Left! Right!- with fanlike feet
 Which are for steady oars
 When they (white galleys) float
 Each bird a boat
 Rippling at will the sweet
 Wide waterway.....
 When night is fallen you creep
 Upstairs, but drakes and dillies
 Nest with pale water-stars,
 Moonbeams and shadow bars,And water-lillies:
 Fearful too much sleep
 Since they've no locks
 To click against the teeth
 Of weasel and fox.
 And warm beneath
 Are eggs of cloudy green
 Whence hungry rats and lean
 Would wealthily suck
 New life but for the mien.....
 I'm sure you all know the rest. It's too long to quote in full,
 herein (that's quite poetic too, 'aint it)? But it does end in
 'quack quack'.**



**Nick's Notes:
 (editor's note: Nick wrote this
 last week when there weren't a
 Crier)**

**A short column before I retire
 for the night. A couple of more
 early nights and I'll be as right
 as rain. I've been back for a
 week or so. I'll try and arrange**

**any future UK visits before November, unless I use it for a
 jumping ground for Morocco. I had fancied Egypt but one
 can only mourn the terrible happenings in that country
 and to it's people last week.**

**I have missed a meeting or two but I did see a few
 diehards at Sherwood Diner after Thanksgiving. I am now
 ensconced in my condo with the heat on - should I have a
 hot toddy or not? The bloody awful cold I picked up in the**

UK is gradually easing, with the help of early bedtime and lots of aspirin. Getting up in the morning, that's another story.

Despite my infirmities I did make a hot yoga session this morning, and Monday nights at Norwalk Library is Sahajayoga night. An Indian form of meditation. Thus far I haven't attained the desired inner peace but a few happy dollars should make it right. It is rather a physical movement rather than mind meditation and should you have the time you may care to look it up on the net. Look forward to seeing you all Friday.

Club Announcements

Michael Davis was approved unanimously by the Club Board of Directors on Monday December 4. He will be inducted into the Club on Friday December 15.



December Birthdays

**Tim Wetmore - December 13
George Masumian - December 16
Leigh Overland - December 22**

**Westport Sunrise Rotary
Board of Directors Meeting
November 6, 2017, 5:30pm
Christ & Holy Trinity Church**

Members attending were Ralph Krueger, Phil Sharlach, Ron Holtz, Karen Kleine, Bruce Paul, Yvonne Senturia, June Getraer, Liz Wong, Jeff Cohen, John Hendrickson, Helen Garten and Mario SaCouto and Ed Horne.

President's Comments :Ron Holtz

Meeting venue - contract expires December 22. Alternate venues being explored, as well as option to continue in current location.

Member satisfaction survey - Karen will distribute to members via Survey Monkey.

Overview of District meeting - Gene, Mark and Ted certified as foundation stewards. Discussions of membership in breakout sessions.

Secretary's Report: Yvonne

All present at October meeting voted to approve minutes (Karen proposed/ Jeff seconded). Helen abstained.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Sharlach

Numerous questions about the October financial report: Apparel expenditures should be a separate line item. Phil agreed last month to provide an itemized list of all membership expenditures, which now total \$1448. Mario, Liz and others concerned about the lack of detail, especially since already \$500 over budget. Helen pointed out this is our fiduciary duty.

Approval of the October financial report deferred to the December meeting. Phil is to provide by email

attachment itemized lists (for the October and November financial reports) so that board members can review prior to the board meeting.

RYLA: Ron Holtz

Motion to recommend that application be made to FCCF to disburse up to \$750 for 3 students to attend fall RYLA. To the extent that the disbursement of these funds is not allowed by FCCF to any degree, then authorization is hereby made to disburse the additional required funds from the Youth Activities budget of the Foundation. Unanimous approval (motion June; second Jeff). Applications received two weeks or less before the event, which was last weekend. Ed uncomfortable as to who is giving sign off on the students applying. Ed will discuss the approval process going forward with Justin.

Speakers: Ralph Krueger

**November 10: Cory D'Addario - Liquor Locker
November 17: Wine tasting and survey results
November 24: NO MEETING - Thanksgiving
December 1: Club member mini bios
December 8: Kathlene Gerrity
December 15: John Krubski
December 22: Member Survey
January 5: Carolyn Miles
January 12: Lisa Corrado
January 19: Lt. Jillian Cabana**

Hands-on: Mario SaCouto

Ten members attend Read Aloud Day. Rob Hauck is liaison for Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Saugatuck, and will ask for WSR volunteers. In December will participate in P2P toy store, Als Angels and a Christmas dinner at Saugatuck Church. Karen reported that Make a Difference day at Christ and Holy Trinity Church was a very short event, and suggested we do something

different to engage members next year. Ed suggests we run our own event on Make a Difference Day.

Youth Service: Ed Horne for the committee

Ed and Roy have been in communication with Colleen Palmer about the Four Way Text test and Interact. Both need new faculty advisors. June volunteered to be club advisor for Interact. Ed will email James D'Amico to arrange a meeting with him. Roy and Fides will be the club representatives for the Four Way Test. Concerns expressed about the increased amounts proposed for Staples student reimbursement at the local competition. Jeff will circulate notes from previous board discussions. Board agreed to revisit the reimbursement issue at the December meeting.

Membership: Ron Holtz

Ron's membership goal for his year is 80. Ed suggests a 10-15 minute presentation at a Friday breakfast to help members through the process.

Wine-tasting update:

Current sponsorship total is \$20,000.

Other Business: Jeff Cohen

Marching band at Norwalk High School is winning state and national awards. Due to school district fiscal restraints, students are asked to provide significant sums to participate, which is a financial hardship in many cases. Jeff would like the board to provide funds from the foundation to help offset these costs. He will circulate details so that the board can discuss at the December meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Senturia**

**MEMBERS WAITING FOR THE NEW SHIPMENT OF FULL
ZIP FLEECE JACKETS.
WAIT NO LONGER!!!!
WE NOW HAVE MEN'S EXTRA LARGE AND WOMEN'S IN
ALL SIZES**

**Please contact Phil Sharlach
at philipsharlach@gmail.com"**

**Westport Sunrise Rotary Men's and Women's Polo Shirts
Now Available in Navy Blue/Short Sleeve at only \$39.00.
Send your order to Phil Sharlach -
philipsharlach@gmail.com**

**Fleeces are \$33 - and they have long sleeves. Longer
sleeves and warmer for less money? Value!!**





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

Club Announcements

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

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

Submit to:

jbcohen27@gmail.com

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
Bruce Paul
bruce.a.paul@gmail.com

- 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

Club Announcements

The Crier includes the "Club Calendar", where the upcoming Club events are

listed. Please submit event information to:
jbcohen27@gmail.com

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:
jbcohen27@gmail.com

Greeters

December Flug; Soboslai; Fuchs

2018

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

Meeting Openers

December 1 Soboslai

	8	Wolgast
	15	Wong
January	5	Ellison
	12	Nair
	19	Tooker
	26	Strong

Programs

November 24: NO MEETING - Thanksgiving
 December 1: mini member Bios
 December 8: Kathlene Gerrity
 December 15: John Krubski
 December 22: Member Survey
 December 29: NO MEETING - Holiday
 January 5: Bruce Cooper
 January 12: Lisa Corrado
 January 19: Lt. Jillian Cabana
 February 2: SCORE Fairfield County
 February 16: Kelly Livingston
 March 2: Susan Grainger

Westport Sunrise Rotary Club Board Meetings

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

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.

WSR Board of Directors

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Member at Large: June Getraer
Member at Large: John Hendrickson
Member at Large: Bruce Paul

The Crier

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**The Westport Sunrise
 Rotary Club meets
 7:30 AM every Friday
 Morning at**

Westport Sunrise
Rotary



**The Westport Inn
1595 Post Road East.
Meetings are open to
all Rotarians and their
guests.**



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