



NEWTOWN ROTARY CLUB.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT:

DG Rick Benson installs new member Leslie Crannell and helped us Maintain our standing in the District as the Club with the highest Retention rate in the District. We will shortly be getting a certificate recognizing this achievement.

DG Rick encouraged us to maintain our efforts and continue to evoke The name of Rotary in the town with the numerous projects that form our Club program.



DG Rick also encouraged the Club to get involved with the District Water clean up Day on October 4th (watch for more on this from President Alan.



The District team with their spouses show support for President Alan Also in the picture with Alan and Rick is Assistant Governor Julie Reppenhagen, attending her first 'Official' visit since having knee surgery. First Lady Totney Benson and Julie's husband/driver & fellow Rotarian Charles Reppenhagen. Charles is well know in certain parts of the Town, he helped to extend the Nunnawauk Meadows facility, who are one of our benefactor.



AUGUST 25th WAS UNOFFICIAL ASIA DAY!

We welcomed Exchange Student; Belak Tortusunob from Kazakstan, seen here with his initial Host family Bill and Patti Calderara. Belak will be at the High School for a year and staying at the Calderara's for the first few weeks. Chris Hoeffel is seeking further hosts. Club members will of course be welcome hosts but ideally we need a family perhaps with kids of similar age and maybe also Newtown High Schoolers. See Chris if you can help.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM:

We started the Month with our **Labor Day Food Stand** – see next page for Hot of the camera pictures. We continue to be away from home with the Club's main fund raiser of the Year; the **James Osborne Memorial Golf Tournament** at Tashua Golf Club in Trumbull. Monday will be a fun day for both players and helpers. Support continues to flow in and John Trentacosta does not look quite so worried about the results! We can still do with more raffle prizes, so don't stop calling your contacts! We get back to normal on the 15th with a visit from the President of West Conn SU; **James Schmutter**, he is a fellow Rotarian – a member of Danbury Sunrise.



PART 2 OF OUR ASIA DAY WE HEARD ABOUT AFGHANSASTAN.

Our Speaker was from the Newtown Police Department with Officer Rich Monckton, he had recently return from a tour of duty in that country and had brought back a short slide show, giving us a view of day to day activity in the north west of the country close to the Pakistan border. Very little contact with the Taliban or Al Queida, but a great job winning the hearts and minds of the locals.

MORE SEPTEMBER PROGRAM!

September 22nd will be the first **Student of the Month** for this new school year, but also we will hear from this year's Special Paul Harris Awardees; **Dorrie Carolan and Donna Deluca from the Parent Connection**. The Last Monday this month will be the annual **Newtown Rotary Club Foundation Meeting**. A very important business meeting, when we hear about the Foundation's finances and the proposed changes to the Foundation Bylaws. President Alan hopefully will have polished up his proposals for spending the conduit monies in the Foundation.



LABOR DAY PARADE FOOD STAND
Bob Grossman directs the customers to partake of the fare!



Treasurer runs an audit hampered by Carrie Swan and aided by Scott Senete and Project Chair Chris Hoeffel. Big crowds and a long Parade line helped to make it a successful day for the Club

Contributions welcome to: griffonspitfire2000@yahoo.co.uk



PRESIDENT ALAN SCAMPERS BACK TO THE ROTARY 'FLOAT'

Having delivered red roses to the Grand Marshal Mae (the lady in red) Schmidle. Thanks to Jake Danziger we had a style full car to represent the Club. And it was the color of the Day



The Workers behind the scenes! Pat Caruso and Skip Roberts flip a few burgers for the crowd! Well done to all the team who gave up their Bank holiday!