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NEWTOWN ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING September 29th

Foundation President Paul Gehrett reviewed the Strategic Plan and the current Financial position. Members of the Foundation Board have been busy recently looking at the Foundation, what is its vision and reviewing its longer term investment strategy. The hope is to beef up the Fund to enable it to be productive in a few years.

October 20 is Student of the Month.

We welcome the Chairman of the Newtown Board of Finance; John Kortze on the 27th



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY OCTOBER 4th President Alan and Past President Larry survey the Pootatuck River prior to the Day.

A hands on project to clean up the river banks in town, it was part of a District Wide Clean Water Day – 50 Clubs took part in this initiative. We were joined by local scouts. Project Leader Pat Caruso provided the gear – just the man for the job! The amount of trash was unbelievable, ranging from plastic bags to rotten couches. There are some pictures; hopefully I can get them to you next time!

NEWTOWN LYME DISEASE TASK FORCE

Task Force Leader; Maggie Shaw received some good news earlier this month. She was recognized for her work with the Task Force by United Way and named United Way Woman of Impact. Maggie was recognized in 2006 by this Club with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

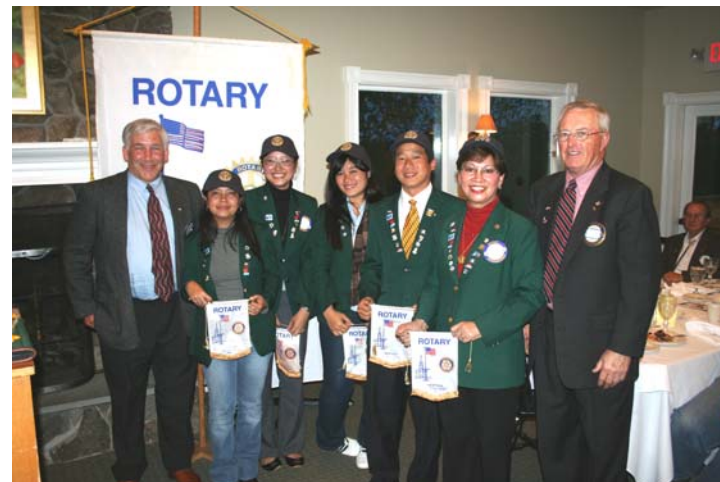


CONGRESSMAN CHRISTOPHER MURPHY
Connecticut 5th District,

Visited the Club on Columbus Day carrying on a tradition last done by Nancy Johnson bringing us up to date with matters affecting Connecticut in Washington. One of his mentors when he first entered politics was our former member State Representative Julia Wasserman (albeit she was a republican!) Chris's visit was at a time when Washington and Wall Street were somewhat preoccupied to say the least and as a member of the Financial Services Oversight Committee, he was able to give us some helpful insight into the turmoil. His visit in an election year caused some comment among members, but it has to be said he did not campaign. His remarks were wide ranging, from Heath care to Bailout all with an impartial emphasis. Certainly, He was given plenty of feed back by Members!

NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH!

We have a range of Foundation events including a visit by District Foundation Chair PDG Pam Akins on the 10th. The District Foundation Dinner is on Thursday the 6th at Farmington. It is a joint event with our neighboring District 7890 and the Keynote speaker is former RI President and current Chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees; Jonathan Majiyagbe. We are trying to organize a table. Sign with Brian Amey!



REMEMBER THESE GUYS? No not Chris Hoeffel or Past President Dick. They were the GSE Team from the Philippines who visited us earlier this year. We will have some more visitors next year, but right now we are looking for Rotarian Team Leaders to go to Central America and Germany next Spring. Contact Chris if you are interested. By the way 2010 sounds like a great year – Australia and South Africa are the destinations. Thinking about a vacation of a lifetime, they play Cricket in both countries!!

WHAT ON EARTH IS A MAKEUP?

We sometimes hear the Sergeant at Arms announce that someone has done a 'Makeup' – If you visit another club anywhere in the world, you need to advise the Club Secretary, by means of a note on the sign up sheet. As Members we are expected to attend at least 50% of available Club Meetings. Sometimes that's not practical; a make up at another club will count towards that 50%. **LOCAL CLUBS** meet on different days: Brookfield Wed: 6:00pm at Bailey's Back Yard
Danbury Wed: 12:15pm at Ethan Allen Inn
Danbury Sunrise: Fri: 7:15am WestConn. West side Campus
Ridgefield: Wed: 6:00 various meeting places. Call to check!

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