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NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

A year ago yesterday we lost the member who probably did more for RI Foundation as any Member of this Club. But also he made us aware of the Foundation what it does and how important it is to this Club and Rotary. We miss Ed Osterman and remember him fondly as a great Rotarian and hope we can follow his leadership and example.

NOVEMBER 10th is scheduled as our Foundation Meeting and we had hoped to have as our principle speaker; Pam Akins the District 7980 Foundation Chair, unfortunately Pam suffered a heart attack while visiting Florida. She is recovering well, but is not allowed to Travel. She hopes to join us later in the year.

Our Program tomorrow has been rearranged but nevertheless should be interesting. Mike Toll will report on the Costa Rican project for which we secured a Foundation grant. Our Exchange Student; Belek from the Kyrgyz Republic will tell how he is getting on having been in Newtown for three months. And we have a DVD to view to support our drive to achieving the Gates Polio Challenge.



Belek with Bill and Patti Calderara shortly after his arrival in August.



Mike Toll tell Reed School Interactors about the Costa Rican School Supplies Project as he will be doing on Monday November 10th



Newtown Rotary Club receives recognition at the District Foundation Dinner held jointly with District 7890 in Farmington on Thursday November 6th. A team of eight members braved the driving rain. Seen here displaying the 100% Sustaining Members banner and the White Knights Ward.



Dr. Tom Nipper gave us a report during the first meeting of November about his experiences in Peru. He was part of a two week mission set up under the auspicious of the Peruvian Medical Society from Chicago. Traveling with Tom as part of the team was his

daughter who is an Eye surgeon. They carried out a range of operations; orthopedic and Cataract. The Local Rotary Club acted as hosts; transport coordinators and created some warm fellowship to relieve the stress of the work.



October 27th saw the visit of the Chairman of the Newtown Board of Finance; John Kortze here receiving the appropriate 'Speaker Book'; The Trillion Dollar Meltdown! John related the effects of the Sub-Prime crisis to the Towns Finances and elaborated on the methods of funding that the Town has to undertake to achieve the many projects that are necessary to keep a Town like Newtown ahead of the constantly changing developments. He acknowledged the tremendous contribution past Member Julia Wasserman had done over the years in channeling State funds to the Town.

NOVEMBER MEETING DATES:

The 17th is Students of the Month.

The 24th we have a guest from the Newtown Youth and Family Services – Beth Agen who will be bringing us up to date with the happening at this local support group that benefits from the Club's Golf Day proceeds. Also on the 24th we are having another new Member invitational night. Membership Director need your guests so she can send the formal invitations

Saturday 29th is Dorothy Day and you will have heard from Jim Gulalo, seeking the volunteers for the 'Fifth Saturday' event. Please contact Jim as soon as possible



OCTOBER STUDENTS GET THEIR AWARDS AT A DIFFERENT VENUE _ STILL AT THE INN!

The Inn had a scheduling conflict on October 20th and we found ourselves filling the main Restaurant, but we managed even though it was a little cozy! It did not affect the quality of the Student who continue to never cease to amaze us with their achievements.



The Club's **Dictionary Project** is well under way.

The first presentations will take place on Wednesday November 12, at a new venue, the Housatonic Valley Waldorf School and will continue over the next couple of weeks at a further seven schools around the Town. Reed Interact Club members are helping with the labeling of this year's dictionaries.

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ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR WE ARE A 100% CLUB**



POLIO PLUS is still on the agenda. Watch the DVD on Monday to see the current problem. We are set to contribute at least \$3000 over the next three years. This is our current collecting method. We need to collect further funds from outside our normal sources. This is our current collecting box, look out for a new larger version!



MAKE-UP VENUE CHANGES?

- Brookfield Wed: 6:00pm at Mario' Pasta Garden Federal Rd**
- 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!**

SOME DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS!

- December 6th Pancake Breakfast – Sell your Tickets!**
- December 15th Club Annual Holiday Party – Bring your special guest or significant other!**

Contributions to the Bulletin are welcome; please email them to me at: griffonspitfire2000@yahoo.co.uk

