



NEWTOWN ROTARY CLUB.



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Tom Carruthers was at our meeting on April 20 to promote the Connecticut Film Festival on the 25th. We will be hearing more of this venture later in the year. Those who attended the event at the Edmond Town Hall we impressed and would welcome more opportunities. Newtown Cultural Arts Commission is one of the local supporters.

COMING UP IN MAY

- May 11: We host the Group Study Exchange Team from Germany, during the day and with a joint meeting with Brookfield at our regular meeting.
- May 18: Students of the Month for May. Our Monthly opportunity to recognize some outstanding local students, from Reed Middle High Schools and St Rose.
- May 23: Saturday. We are challenged to a Tug of War with the Lions Club at the Duck Race in Sandy Hook. Come and support the Team. This is a Make Up – No Meeting on Memorial Day May 25th.
- May 30: Another opportunity to help at the Dorothy Day Hospitality House. Sign up with Jim Gulalo.



District Assembly on April 30th attracted a strong team from the Club; lead by President Alan, but including in coming President Bill Calderara and incoming President Elect Carrie Swan. The banner in the background has the Rotary Theme for 2009-2010 “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands”

Our Team saw the video of RI President Elect John Kenny from Bonnie Scotland talk about the future in Rotary and the importance of keeping membership levels flowing. Mary Griffin also in the picture is doing just that; Gary Steel, in the line above is one of our 2009 recruits who gained a great insight into Rotary at the Assembly, missing from the ‘photo op’ was Chris Hoefel. Also in the Team Club Secretary Duane Giannini and Past President Larry Gardner who is part of the District Visioning Team, watch this space for more on this forward thinking opportunity.



April 27th we welcomed a great selection of Students being recognized not only for their scholastic talents but also for their community activities. The proud teachers make this a particularly good picture taken by Larry Gardner.



See below for narrative.



Past President Scott Senete is a board member at Shelter of the Cross and we like to support the other community activities of our members. Scott receives a donation from acting President for the night; Bill Calderara on May 4, Also on that night we supported Mary Griffon with a donation to the Women's Center of Greater Danbury, remember we heard about this work in April from Melanie Danyliw?



Our Main Speaker on May 4, was Nick Hoffman from the State agency; Family and Children's Aid a long established agency that provides a range of programs both for Children and Families throughout Connecticut, ranging from group homes, In-home services, and a variety of support services. It was surprising to learn of the extent of help required in Connecticut. There are thousands of kids who need help because of the changing pressures on family life.

RESPECT FOR VISITORS DEBATED

Club members recently discussed the summer mode of dress and the image created on such occasions as Student of the Month, when parents and teacher join us for dinner in smart attire, whereas we are put to shame with Shirt Sleeve order rule.

Members are asked to consider attending on Student of the Month dates in the summer dressed a little more formally.

Also in this context, it is suggested that we wear our Paul Harris pins this coming Monday when the German GSE team arrive.

OTHER FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS!

Newtown Women's Club will be holding an Artist's Open Studio Tour on May 16th for tickets see President Alan.

The Chamber of Commerce have invited the Club and several other local Clubs to a wine tasting at McLaughlin's Vineyard on Friday June 5th. Contact President Alan for tickets.

The Club is invited to take part in the Newtown Rooster Rally to be held on Main Street, on June 13. Watch for more information, sign up with Alan to help create awareness!.

Reed Interact Club is doing a fundraiser in aid of the Ron Bienkowski Medical Fund. It's a walk and thon – Run for Ron.

All kinds of help is needed, call President Alan for details.

Have you signed up for the Lions Club Duck Race Day Challenge? It's a Tug of War with the Lions. Call Pat 'Coach' Kelley and get with the training routine!



Remember back in March our Youth Exchange Student; Belek Toktosunov told us event in Oregon when two students got caught in crossfire. This is Belek with his part of the Memorial that was on display at District Conference. We hope to get this and the other four parts for our Parade float this Year.



President Alan with DGN Julie Reppenhagen at District Conference, display our Outstanding Citations from RI and District.



The Conference team from Newtown!

We also picked up a District Award recognizing our extensive Literacy work.

NEED TO DO A MAKE UP?

Here are some local make up venues:

Brookfield: Pasta Garden Monday's at 6.30pm

Ridgefield: Biksbees Wednesday's at 6.00pm

Danbury: Ethan Allen Inn Wednesday's at 12.15pm

Danbury Sunrise: WestConn Westside Campus Friday's at 7.30am.

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