



NEWTOWN ROTARY CLUB.



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**The Triumphant Rotarian Tug-of-War Team.
Here are the long awaited pictures!**



**Mary Griffin; Gus Thanasoulis; Pat Kelley; Joe Hemingway;
Gary Fetzer; John Parille; Bill Calderara; and Larry Gardner
Demonstrated the real strength of Rotary! Lions 1 : Rotary 2!**



The “off site” visit to the Newtown Youth Academy proved to be interesting! Members question some of the hi-tech equipment designed to keep Rotarians and others fit, reducing waist lines and increasing guilt!



The other “off site” in June was our regular Spring Clean Up at the Ability Beyond Disability House. Two of our lady members lead the way with a help from President Alan’s youngest; Stephanie.



Skip and Scott get the BBQ underway to feed the workers and Chef De Jour inspects the sides. Another great job under the direction of Judy Grabarz

Closing out a great year we have three events that demonstrate the essence of Newtown Rotary: our last of the season Student of the Month on Monday next June 15th; The following Monday June 22nd is a fine example of the quality of speakers organized by Speaker Chair Joe Hemingway: we welcome Col. Christopher Burns, US Army Green Berets who will be presenting a report on the Homeland Security Program. We finish the month with the traditional 'Passing of the Gavel' on the 29th. This event is probably our most memorable meeting when we recognize outstanding performers; induct new Board Members and President Alan with mixed emotions gets to pass the gavel to the President for 2009/2010: Bill Calderara, plus we welcome District Leaders to help us celebrate: PDG Abe Gordon; DG Rick Benson and DGN Julie Reppenhagen.

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE the above dates then MAKE UP AT LOCAL CLUBS:

Brookfield: Pasta Garden Monday's 6.30pm
 Ridgefield: Biksbees Wednesday's 6.00pm
 Danbury: Ethan Allen Inn Wednesday's 12.15pm
 Danbury Sunrise: WestConn Westside Campus Friday's 7.30am
CARE: This time of year its always worth a call to the Club Secretary to verify the meeting venue!

JULY PROGRAM A FINE START TO THE NEW PRESIDENT'S YEAR!

Monday July 6th: Senator Chris Murphy.

Will be on hand to bring us up to date with the Washington scene!

Monday July 13th: Annual Club Picnic.

At the time of going to press Club members had not decided of the menu, but the venue will be Dickinson Park rain or shine

Monday July 20th Peter Hughes on Haiti.

We have been fortunate in re-organizing this date; Peter is a member of the Cheshire club and will be telling us about a recent trip to Haiti.

Monday July 27th: Tommy John, Bridgeport Bluefish.

Again we are fortunate to have re-arranged this speaker. Well known in the baseball world Tommy currently manages the Bluefish and I'm sure will have a wealth of tales to tell!

OTHER DATES TO NOTE!

Tuesday July 7th: District Installation Dinner

Support the new Club President and the New District Governor as they are 'sworn in' for their year of office.

Monday September 7th Annual Labor Day Parade

Support the Club at the Parade it started 48 years ago. See the Youth Exchange exhibit on our Float. Help at our Food Tent.

Monday September 14th the Jim Osborne Memorial Golf Tournament at Tashua Knoll Golf Club.

This is our major fund raising event; start now to sell tee sponsorships; seek out major sponsors; find great raffle and auction prizes; Oh! And we need players. Golf Committee Chair John Trentacosta has already sent reminders, don't let the committee down! Remember this is the source of our life blood, without it we cannot help those in need!

Contributions to this bulletin are always welcome; please call me at 203 881 8186 (H) or 203 364 2906 (W)

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