



# NEWTOWN ROTARY CLUB.



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CT State Representative; Chris Liddy, 106<sup>th</sup> District, was our speaker at the first August meeting, are we making it a regular date to have a politician on the first Monday of every month?! Chris really is our local representative, he took over from Julia Wasserman, and freely admits to seeking the benefit of her long political experience, he also lives in town! Local finances, green matters; education priorities and of course the Hartford Budget negotiations were all touched on and there followed a lively Q & A session.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**The Rotary Park is progressing well: You are invited to attend the official Flag Raising Ceremony on Wednesday August 19, at 10.00am. Directions: from R25 follow Mile Hill South/Wasserman Way; to the lights at Trades Lane; take right and first right, the park is road center. Advise President Bill if you can attend.**



President Bill chaired his first Club Assembly on August 10. A good attendance made for a constructive debate about many aspects of Club life, also some interesting suggestions. A major change in the way the Board of Directors operates will be periodic "Après Club Meetings" to be chaired by one of the Board Directors; Membership; PR/Media; Administration; and Rotary Foundation, plus Club Projects and Fund Raising, chaired by the Vice President and the President Elect, respectively These short sharp gatherings will give members an input debating forum on a regular basis.



President Elect Carrie Swan, seen here presiding over her first meeting on August 3, has the Board responsibility of overseeing Club Projects. A suggestion from the floor at the Club Assembly was to develop a program to help, support and recognize our serving military and recent veterans. Carrie will be setting up a committee to see this through.



Past President and Director of PR/Media Relations Larry Garner, will be hosting one of the “Après Club Meeting Events” and will welcome input and ideas on the full range of this Board brief; from Press Releases to communication events with the media; Our Website and the Club Bulletin. What ideas do you have to help promote this club in the eyes of our local ‘public’?



Director of Membership, Mary Griffin; will be another in the hot seat chairing these mini meetings. She will seek our help to improve the retention of members, ideas to help new members acclimatize quickly and to become involved. Ideas to recruit new members; remember, more hands make light work and more fun.



Vice President Pat Caruso has the Board brief to oversee the various fund raising events that are the Club’s life blood. At the Club Assembly thoughts were discussed about changing the prize list of our winter raffle, also there is a suggestion that we hold a Fellowship/Family of Rotary event in October – Oktoberfest is the possible theme, could this be a new fund raiser? Watch for Pat’s Mini Meeting and support this planning.

**Reminders: Dorothy Day is August 29<sup>th</sup> and will be a BBQ; contact Jim Gulalo to sign up!**

**Monday next (17<sup>th</sup>) our guest is Bill Dudgeon – with ‘Solar made Simple!’  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> we host our District Governor Colin Gershon.  
This is a great opportunity to bring a guest/potential new member to show off Rotary: Call Mary Griffin with your guest’s name, she will do the invites.**

