



NEWTOWN ROTARY CLUB.

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Flag raising at Rotary Park.

Col. Gary Steele was our official flag man at the formal ceremony at the Rotary Park the center piece of the fast developing Fairfield Hills campus.

A good cross section of Club members together with members of the Fairfield Hills authority watch the flag unfurl. Past President Alan Clavette, welcomed the attendees and noted the Clubs major contribution to this venture, in the spirit of the community support the Club aims to maintain.

LABOR DAY PARADE Monday Sept 7 support our traditional refreshment tent; cheer the Club float, its special this year, remembering the Oregon Youth Exchange Students Tragedy.



Rotary Park begins to take shape.

A joint construction venture between the Town's Public Works Dept and LRM Landscaping it is hoped that the job will be finished ready in time for the Dedication Ceremony in October. In addition to the flag the park has seating and attractive shrubs to aid the lunchtime relaxation with the workers in the adjacent offices. There will be a plaque to recognize Newtown Rotary Clubs involvement in this development.

JIM OSBORNE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Monday Sept 14 at Tashua Knolls Golf Club. Still time to sell tee sponsors and collect raffle and auction prizes. Sign up to help if you are not playing.



August 24th was the official visit from the District Governor, seen here with first lady Millicent, club President Bill Calderara and Assistant Governor; Area 3, Sue Horton who made the official introduction for the District Governor Colin Gershon, his theme this year is 'One Earth One Humanity' he is also promoting 'Colin's Campers' supporting the Hole in the Wall Camps for kids suffering from cancer. All clubs in the District are asked to donate similar to Alan's Ambulances and Pal's Potties in previous years. As a Club we will be active with our support with another Make a Difference Day in October. Colin reminded us that suitable candidates are still required for the GSE Trips to South Africa in April 2010 and Australia, this September, if you have a good candidate, call Chris Hoeffel. Both the AG and the DG were very complimentary about our Club, we are rated among the best clubs in the District, Congratulations! Everyone!



Judy Grabarz gets her Paul Harris Fellowship from the DG. The award recognizes Judy's commitment to Service above Self in particular her work with Students of the Month and Ability beyond Disability, the award should have been presented at the June Passing of the Gavel, but Judy was absent because of family commitments.



Local Eagle Scout and past Student of the month, Ajit Singh, seeks food donations to top up food pantry. See here with Treasurer Joe Tarshis handing out collection forms. Mary Griffin has set up a collection center at TR Paul over the next week, bring you donations to her or Leslie Crannell.



This year the Club is increasing its support for the Labor Day Parade with a Gold Sponsorship, Parade President Beth Caldwell collected the check on the 24th. This is the 48th year of the Parade, the largest and oft the only Labor Day Parade in the State, it was started as part of the Newtown Summer Festival but this Club and has grown steadily over the years. The current economic climate has affected Parade revenues to the extent some of the paid participants have had to be dropped, but thanks to Rotary and some generous local businesses the costs have been covered for a slimmed down version. Hopefully 2010 will see better times and we will see the return of the dropped favorites.



Club Assembly Part II turned out to be a celebration night!

Jim MacNaughton a 20 year veteran of our club was awarded his second Paul Harris a sapphire in recognition of his long sustaining membership of 'Every Rotarian Every Year' plus even as an honorary member we still see Jim maintaining his 60% attendance including Labor Day Parade; and the Pancake breakfast. Congratulations offered by Current President Bill, and Past Presidents Alan and Larry.



Also celebrating on the 31st Skip Roberts, 62 years of wedded bliss and President Elect Carrie Swan who celebrated her 30th Wedding Anniversary.

Contributions to this Bulletin will be gratefully received, please email me at griffonspitfire2000@yahoo.co.uk

HOW TO MAKE UP!

Not connected with the previous topic! In Rotary you are expected to attempt to attend at least 60% of available club meetings, if this is not practical then you can 'Make Up' by attending other local club meetings. You are able to claim from the treasurer the meal cost as a set off against the missed meeting at this club, providing that missed meeting was within 14 days of the make up meeting. Complicated check with the Club Treasurer.

Local Club meeting days and times:

MONDAY's 12.15pm Norwalk at the Norwalk Inn

MONDAY's 6.00pm Brookfield at Mario's Pasta Garden Federal Rd.

TUESDAY's 12.15pm Westport at the Longshore Club Compo Rd South.

WEDNESDAY's 12.15pm Danbury at the Ethan Allen Inn

WEDNESDAY's 6.00pm Ridgefield at Parks & Rec's building.

FRIDAY 7.30 am Danbury Sunrise at WestConn Westside Campus

Further locations can be found on the District Website

www.rotary7980.org

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

September

Monday 7th: Newtown Labor Day Parade report to the Club Booth at 7.30 to 12.30.

Monday 14th: Jim Osborne Memorial Golf Tournament at Tashua Knolls Golf Club report 9.30 dinner at 5.30pm

Monday 21st: September Students of the Month

Monday 28th: Harvey Hubbell/ Dislecksia: The Movie

District Dates:

Tuesday Sept.15th: Areas 2 & 3 Membership Seminar at Cyrenius H Booth Library 5.30pm (?)

Saturday Oct. 10th: District Make a Difference Day (see also Club Schedule for details)

Saturday Oct. 24th Council of Presidents Graduate Club New Haven

Saturday Oct 31st Rotary Leadership Institute Graduate Club New Haven.

Thursday Nov. 5th: District Foundation Dinner, Racebrook GC Orange.

Saturday Nov. United Nations Day.