

# NEWTOWN ROTARY CLUB

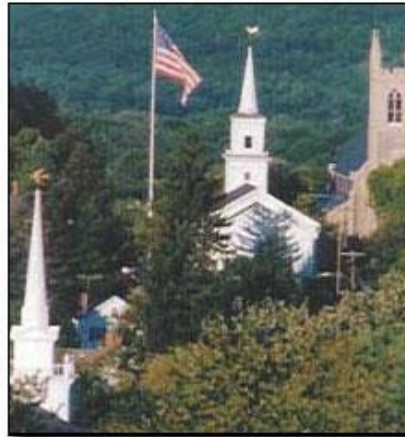
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## FEBRUARY PROGRAM:

**1<sup>st</sup> Business of the Year Launch.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Students of the Month**

**15<sup>th</sup> Presidents Day – See Page 2**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Mark Albertson – another book**

**Check the website for details:**

**[www.newtownctrotary.org](http://www.newtownctrotary.org)**

### **MEET JOHN ADAMS**

**Monday February 15 at our usual venue; The Inn**  
The father of American Independence will speak to the Club on Presidents Day; this is a Rotary Area 3 invitation event.



George Baker portrays the second President of the United States.  
This is a great event to bring guests, sign up with President Bill.

### **MAKE UP's!**

To the uniformed, a 'make up' is the opportunity to visit another Club to catch up on your goal 60% attendance at Club Meeting. If you do a 'make up' be sure to advise Club Secretary Duane Giannini, if you pay for a meal, get a receipt, if the Make Up is either two weeks before or two weeks after your missed club date, that meal cost will be offset against your quarterly invoice.  
**Local Clubs you can visit:**

Danbury	Danbury Sunrise	Ridgefield
Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday
at Ethan	at West Conn	At Sagi
Allen Lunch	Lake Rd	Restaurant
12.15	Campus	Dinner
	Breakfast	6.15
	7.15	

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President Bill Calderara launched the **Clubs appeal** to support the people of **Haiti** at our meeting on MLK Jr. Day. We are partnering with our three Interact Clubs with a matching challenge that could raise \$2000, we have already with the help of an anonymous challenge donation of \$1000 raised \$1850. + 25% of the net proceeds from our annual raffle have been allocated to this appeal. We are supporting the District initiative currently being developed, but likely to be mostly directed in part to the Haitian Health Foundation Clinic in Jeremie. Any member who still wishes to contribute to the fund should contact President Bill.



Steve Collins from the Bristol Press was our guest speaker on **Martin Luther King Jr.' Day**. He gave us a fascinating presentation about MLK's involvement with Connecticut, from his letters back to his family written after a hard days work in the tobacco fields.



This is Chip Marsh AG for Area 8, part of the **Visioning** team whose visit was report in the last issue. The Club Board has planned a special Club Assembly on March 1<sup>st</sup> to take this project to the next stage. With this in mind members are encouraged to put their thinking caps on and think about the way ahead for the Club.



At the height of Winter we talk of Golf!  
Gary Steel who this year takes over the reigns of the **Golf Committee** chairmanship, from John Trentacosta made his first pitch or should that be drive?, for committee members and to members at large to start focusing on sponsors, raffle prizes, tee signs and the like, September 13<sup>th</sup> will soon be here!



The 'Run-Off' for this year's **Four Way Test Speech** contest took place at Fairfield University on January 24<sup>th</sup>, our representative Nicole Vournazos did very well, she was one of ten High School Students from around the District. The three who progressed to the final were incredible (the 3 on the left of the line), they took place in the Final at the District Pre-PETS meeting, President Elect Carrie Swan was there to get us the results.



#### AND THE WINNER IS:

President Elect Carrie Swan (she's the one with her eyes shut, insuring it's a fair draw!) pulls the winning ticket for this year's **grand TV + Raffle**. The five star prizes went to non members! Dan Honan reports the net proceeds totaled in excess of \$9000, 25% of which will be added to our Haiti collection. Well done to all the ticket sellers, over 600 tickets were sold, we have added to the funds that will be distributed to the many causes we support.



Our Guest speaker for the last Monday in January was Connecticut **Attorney General Richard Blumenthal**, he was complimentary about Rotary's community activity and our charitable work.



Mr. Blumenthal's visit was arranged originally for last month, before he declared his candidacy for the forthcoming US Senate race as replacement for Sen. Chris Dodd. His remarks were not a campaign speech and covered many of the problems that have come through his desk in recent months; Challenges for Small Business; Electricity charges; Denials of Health Insurance cover; Lyme Disease coverage; Antitrust violations; Transparent oversight to risks in the Financial market; Hedge Funds and Credit Rating Agencies. He spent nearly an hour with us, answering questions. President Bill presented the speaker book which was covered Consumer Law, Mr. Blumenthal agreed it was appropriate for his office.

#### **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS.**

This year's award process will be launched at the annual joint meeting with the Newtown Chamber of Commerce on February 1<sup>st</sup>. This award scheme is a joint venture with the Chamber that seek to recognize local businesses for their contribution to the Newtown Community. Attached to the email that circulates this Bulletin is a nomination form Our Club representative on this committee are seeking nominations from every Club member!

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