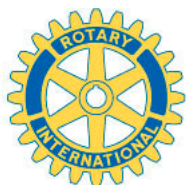


# The FAIRFIELD ROTARY CLUB'S DRUMMER

Drummer Notes by: Jim Hughes

Date: February 1, 2010



## SERVICE Above Self

### Fairfield Rotary Foundation Officers 2009-2010

**PRESIDENT** Walter Leask  
**VICE PRESIDENT** Marje Tracy  
**TREASURER** Richard Huber  
**SECRETARY** Tim Russell

**TRUSTEES:** Harry French, Renato Gasparian, Paul Barnes, Doug Williams, Peter Penczer,

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Janet Barillari, Gene Richter, Roy Cant, Ernie Karkut, Norma Peterson

### Fairfield Rotary Officers 2009-2010

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Norma Peterson
<b>PRESIDENT-ELECT</b>	Chris Johnson
<b>VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAMS</b>	Paul Greatsinger
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<b>VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	Ben Williamson
<b>VICE PRESIDENT CLUB SERVICE</b>	Steve Elworthy
<b>VICE PRESIDENT VOCATIONAL SERVICE</b>	Tony Derbyshire
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<b>TREASURER</b>	Janet Barillari
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Art Grob
<b>VICE PRESIDENT ROTARY FOUNDATION</b>	Mike Pida
<b>SERGEANT-AT-ARMS</b>	Troy Amuso & Bob Rigilano
<b>DISTRICT GRANT COORDINATOR</b>	Peter Penczer
<b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT</b>	George Markley

### MAKE UP MEETINGS IN THE LOCAL AREA

Town	Day	Place	Time
Bridgeport Sunrise	Thursday	Krazy Joe's Cafe	7:45 AM
Bridgeport	Tuesday	Holiday Inn @ 1070 Main Street	12:15 PM
Black Rock-BPT	Tuesday	Dish @ 2889 Fairfield Ave, Black Rock	6:00 PM
Darien	Friday	Darien Public Library	12:15 PM
Devon	Wednesday	Stonebridge Restaurant	7:45 AM
Milford	Thursday	Aldario's Restaurant	12:15 PM
Monroe	Thursday	Whitney Farms Golf Club	7:30 AM
Shelton/Derby	Thursday	Connie's Restaurant	12:15 PM
Stamford	Tuesday	Holiday Inn Select	12:15 PM
Stratford	Tuesday	Oronoque Country Club	12:15 PM
Trumbull	Friday	Trumbull Public Library	7:30 AM
Westport	Tuesday	Inn at Longshore	12:15 PM
Westport Sunrise	Friday	Bobby Q's Barbeque	7:30 AM
Wilton	Friday	Portofino Restaurant	12:15 PM

Check the District web-site for additional Rotary meetings in Connecticut. Check the R.I. website for meetings throughout the world.

Visit Your Club's Website at: <http://www.fairfieldrotary.org>

Visit the Rotary District 7980 Website at: <http://www.rotary7980.org>

Visit the Rotary International Website at: <http://www.rotary.org>



PolioPlus Luncheon: 01/25/10  
@ The Fairfield Café  
THANK YOU Iso, owner of The Fairfield Cafe

Rotarian Abe Gordon, guest speaker @ PolioPlus Luncheon talks about Rotary's history of polio eradication efforts

### Schedule of Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Meeting: Dr Robert Richardson-Eldercare Issues	Mon - 02/08	12:15 PM	Gaelic American Club
Meeting: Club Assembly-PIZZA PARTY	Mon - 02/15	12:15 PM	GAC
Meeting: Brian Blade-Boston Ametuer Golf Societies	Mon - 02/22	12:15 PM	GAC
After-work casual social gathering @ The Fairfield Cafe	Thu - 02/11	5:30 PM	The Fairfield Café @ 770 Commerce Drive
Rotary District Red Hearts/Purple Pinky Valentine's Dinner Dance	Fri - 02/12	6:00 PM	Country House Restaurant @ 990 Foxon Rd, East Haven, CT
Celebrity Luncheon w/ Charles Grodin	Mon - 03/8	12:00 Noon	Fairfield Univ. Student Center

**Attendance Reminder:**

1. PLEASE BE SURE YOU SIGN IN AT EACH MEETING.
2. PLEASE BE SURE TO GIVE CLUB SECRETARY, Art Gob, ALL MAKE-UPS SO THEY CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE ATTENDANCE REPORTS. THESE INCLUDE:
  - VISITING OTHER CLUBS (near and far)
  - ADDITIONAL ROTARY MEETINGS (e.g. any committee or BOD meetings)
  - OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATING TO OUR CLUB (e.g. Read Aloud, cooking at Prospect House or at the Operation Hope Tag Sale, giving rides for Follies, helping out at our Golf Tourney, to name just a few)

**GET YOUR MAKE-UP INFORMATION TO ART GROB BY THE END OF EACH MONTH.**

**[aogrob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aogrob@sbcglobal.net)**

**You are also encouraged to invite your spouse, partners, or family members to attend Rotary functions, including regular luncheon meetings.**

<b>Door/ Drummer Duty</b>		
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Drummer Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Door Duty</u></b>
02/08/10	<b>Jim Hughes</b>	<b>Mike Boyd &amp; Patricia Felner-Bragano</b>
02/15/10	<i>Need Notetaker</i>	<b>Tom DiMaio &amp; Sheryl Shaughnessey</b>
02/22/10	<b>Jim Hughes</b>	<b>Mary Carroll-Mirylees &amp; Vance Hancock</b>
03/01/10	<b>Jim Hughes</b>	<b>Darren Cirullo &amp; Guy Hatfield</b>
03/08/10	<b>CELEBRITY LUNCHEON</b>	<b>@ FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER</b>
03/15/10	<b>Jim Hughes</b>	<b>Georgia Faye Day &amp; Rich Huber</b>
03/22/10	<b>Jim Hughes</b>	<b>Howard Diamond &amp; Roy Cant</b>
03/29/10	<b>Jim Hughes</b>	<b>Mike Dolan &amp; Tom Ballou</b>

**If you have door duty, please show up by 12 Noon or sooner to help set-up.**

**Opening**

The meeting was called to order by our President **Norma Peterson**

**Norma Peterson** led us in the pledge.

**Bob Price** , led us in *America The Beautiful*.

**Jim Hisey** provided an inspirational prayer about the reaching out and helping others in need.

**Tom Betzig & Walt Dunn** handled this week's Door Duty, asisted by our able Treasurer-**Janet Barillari**.

NEW FEATURE: WEEKLY QUOTE TO CONSIDER:

**“Courage is rarely reckless or foolish....courage usually involves a highly realistic estimate of the odds that must be faced.”** *Mary Margaret Truman Daniel, b. 02/17/1924, daughter of President & Mrs Harry (Bess) Truman*

NEW FEATURE: WEEKLY ROTARY FOUNDATION THOUGHTS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF A *GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE*:

Re: **GroupStudy Exchange (GSE)**: For Stephen Rajamani, an insurance broker in Tamilnadu Province, India the GSE experience was life changing. Rajamani initially traveled to Brazil to learn about the culture and lifestyle and to learn about insurance practices there. His team visited many businesses, educational institutions and government offices. What Rajamani realized is that human beings are alike every where throughout the world, from the mayors and dignitaries who extended a warm welcome to the host families who showered the team members with affection. Upon returning home, Rajamani became a member of the Rotary Club of Manapparai and showed his gratitude to The Rotary Foundation by becoming a Paul Harris Fellow in his first year.

Only if **Every Rotarian** makes a gift to the Annual Programs Fund **Every Year, (EREY)** will we be able to continue to do the great work of our Rotary Foundation.

Please contact member **MIKE PIDA** who is this year's V.P. Rotary Foundation for further information and/or if you wish to make a donation to EREY.

NEW FEATURE: **NAME THAT MOVIE QUOTE**: (Find the answer at end of the Drummer)

“ I'll have what she's having.”

## Guests

### Guests today included:

Bob Dickson-Speaker  
John Hoover  
Dave Grosso-guest of Oscar Recalde

### Visiting Rotarians:

Colin Gershon-District Governor-New Haven  
Tony Vogl  
Harriette Trevino of Stamford Rotary Club

## Announcements

**Colin Gershon-District Governor** advised that the *Red Hearts/Purple Pinky Valentine's Diner Dance* will be held on Friday night 02/11 @ 6:00 PM @ Country House Restaurant in East Haven. Go to our Website for the link to the District Website to order TKTS. **Mac & Phoebe** are going among others...

**Colin** also advised that to date the Haiti Relief Fund drive has raised \$21,000. We intend to work with Rotary Clubs from the Dominican Republic to put these funds to good use in Haiti

**Kevin Lesko** suggested we all try to invite as many guests as we can to the Celebrity Luncheon, especially your business associates and those you do business with;

**President Norma Peterson:**

1. Save the date: **Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Celebrity Luncheon @ FFLD Univ** at which **Charles Grodin** will be our guest speaker.
2. SAVE THE DATE cards are available for the Celebrity Luncheon on March 8<sup>th</sup> and are placed on your table at today's meeting. INVITATIONS will soon be available for the Celebrity Luncheon.
3. BIG Thank you to all who helped with last week's PolioPlus Luncheon at which we raised \$1,200 for our PolioPlus commitment;
4. Also BIG THANKS to **Iso**, owner of The Fairfield Café, who provided an excellent meal and drinks, which allowed us to raise the funds. Iso has proudly hung his Fairfield Rotary Club Certificate of Appreciation at his restaurant. Please Thank Iso yourself by having dinner at his fine restaurant and tell him you're from the Rotary Club.
5. Also please join us for an informal after-work social gathering @ **The Fairfield Café on Thursday 02/11 @ 5:30 PM;**

**Paul Greatsinger:** Yes, we will meet on **Monday President's Day February 15**, in order to allow additional time to tie down any last details for our upcoming Celebrity Luncheon on 03/08. We plan to have PIZZA, SODA & DESSERT @ this meeting rather than our usual full luncheon menu from the caterer in order to try to save the expense.

**Paul** also advised that the Census Bureau is seeking to employ many part-time workers @ \$22/hour to work on the Census in our area..

**Gene Richter SUPER BOWL POOL** box assignments will be available at next week's meeting.

**Peter Penczer** still had 1 box available for the Super Bowl Pool;

**Past Pres. Terry Medlin stood in for George Markley and** explained the Rotary Gift Certificate Program, wherein you can buy script a/k/a pre-paid certificates (in various denominations:\$25, \$50 OR \$100) for your normal household purchases from many local stores including, but not limited to: SHAW'S, STOP & SHOP, PEA POD, CVS, MARSHALLS, TJ MAX, HOMEGOODS, RITEAIDE, WALGREENS, BORDER'S BOOK STORE, etc. plus many hotels & restaurants. NB: It costs you nada, zippo, zero and our Fairfield Rotary Club will make \$4 per every \$100 sold; It's a great fundraiser so BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK TO EACH MEETING. You can also email your orders to George @ [GCMarkley@aol.com](mailto:GCMarkley@aol.com)

**Terry Medlin** also advised that he is seeking additional volunteer workers to help serve dinner at The Bridgeport Rescue Mission on its Mobile Van. You are asked to help serve meals about 1 night every two months, so it's NOT an overwhelming commitment. Contact Terry @ [tmedlin@cimetry.com](mailto:tmedlin@cimetry.com)

**Mike Jehle** is seeking additional volunteers to work at the Operation hope Food Pantry on Thursday afternoon from 4-6PM about once every two months. Contact Mike J @ [jehle@fairfieldhs.org](mailto:jehle@fairfieldhs.org) if you can help out.

**Tony Hwang** advised that the recent Concert for Haiti raised about \$10,000 for the Red Cross for use in Haiti.

### New Membership

Please feel free to invite folks whom you believe would make great Rotarians....

### Student Guests

**Fernando Pabon** of FLHS played soccer X 4 years and was accepted @ Centarl CT State College;

**Phillip Coletti** of FWHS was on Ski & Soccer & Track teams; Plays the clarinet well enough to enter regional competitions; Applying to Stamford, MIT, Cornell; Penn; Rice; Un Michigan; Un Indiana & Brown; wants to major in Environmental Engineering- especially interested in “Green Development”

**Rachael Barlaam of FWHS** has concentrated her hs experience in all forms of musical theatre and Chamber singers & Concert Choir; She plans on getting her BFA @ a fine “theatre” school such as Elon, Syracuse, American Univ, Brown or Univ MD.

**ERIN & CASSIDY CLARK** just happen to be twin sisters who are very involved in the FWHS INTERACT CLUB. The FWHS & FLHS Interact Clubs are combining again to and are planning the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Talent Show This year’s theme is HARMONY FOR HAITI. They are seeking sponsors and will return next week with sponsor forms if you wish to take out an ad.

### Just Because

**John Marshall Lee** was happy to have **Colin Gershon** present, but even happier in that John was NOT one of the folks who had done businees this past year with Kevin Lesko. (FYI **Kevin Lesko** happens to be in the funeral business, thus John is happy to alive and well.)

**Dave Schmidt** was happy to announce that the winner of the District wide Four-Way Speech Contest was our representative, MARY SHULMAN from Fairfield.

**Janet Barillari** requests that we try NOT to use large bills @ Rotary Meetings (i.e \$50s and \$100s) at front door because it causes a problem with making change and keeping too much cash in cash box.

FYI, We didn’t have much time for JB this week.

## Program

**Paul Greatsinger** introduced this week's speaker **Bob Dickson**, who, in this writer's opinion must have been locked down in the basement drinking coffee for four hours, while waiting for his presentation on **Dale Carnegie's Six Steps to Create Your Own Luck**:

1. Do business with people you know; Keep in touch with your contacts; Build trust & credibility with your contacts;
2. Build an "emotional bank account"; Be connected with your network of contacts;
3. Be aware of new developments around you-Don't miss the obvious opportunities; Use the 4 elements of networking: a. Reciprocity; b. Interdependency; c. Sharing & d. keep in touch with your contacts;
4. Be a great conversationalist without saying a word; i.e. Be a good listener: Ask questions; Listen & pay attention to others;
5. Be Positive! Remember that negativity kills opportunity..When you're positive, things happen;
6. SMILE, Smile, Smile

## Raffle

This week's raffle prize was a GIFT CERTIFICATE TO PANERO BREAD AND WAS WON BY **GENE RICHTER**

FYI: This week's movie quote was made by an unnamed customer (played by Estelle Reiner) as she heard Sally (played by Meg Ryan) enjoy her lunch special with Harry (played by Billy Crystal)- in director Rob Reiner's and writer-Nora Ephron's 1989 romantic comedy: ***WHEN HARRY MET SALLY***

**PLEASE TRY TO SOLICIT & DELIVER SOME GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES TO OUR CLUB FOR FUTURE DRAWINGS...IF YOU HAVE EVER WON THE RAFFLE BEFORE, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION FOR NEXT WEEK'S RAFFLE AS WE ARE DIRE NEED OF FINE ITEMS.**