



WELCOME to SPRING!

Plus Calendar Items,
helpful links, **great**
stories and more!



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The World Needs Rotary More than EVER!

Celebrating All we have IMAGINED! DG Tari Marshall-Day



Hello folks! Spring is HERE! Three months to wind down the Rotary Year and launch into a new one! The District Teams have been amazing. FABULOUS Club visits took place to hear all you are doing, offer ideas, some thoughts and some laughs. Remember, District is here to help you. We are like a cafeteria where you can pick and choose ideas, find many points of assistance when needed, help to be directed to the right spot on our systems and we are your TOP FANS! In this edition, some fun visit pictures, many events across District highlighted and one off notes and articles. The new members being added weekly are offering an amazing new angle on our Rotary—WELCOME TO ALL! And so great to see many women, youth and general diversity across our Southern Connecticut Rotary Crew! Keep Imagining forward as we move into the “Create Hope in the World” year with DG Christene Freedman in July. You all ROCK! Peace!

Peace



ASSEMBLY 2023! A great opportunity with many options to be well prepared for the transition from the IMAGINE ROTARY YEAR 2022-23 to the CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD Year 2023-24! At the Marriott In Trumbull. 22 APRIL!



Register



The District Learning Committee is providing an opportunity for all Rotarians in our District 7980 to meet with other Rotarians, exchange ideas, and learn about how your Rotary club can be the inspiration to your communities. There are so many aspects to Rotary that can interest and excite us!

Description:

The annual District Assembly will allow all Rotarians to explore the best practices of Rotary and share the latest and greatest ideas on how to serve your communities, grow your clubs, engage your youth, obtain grants, and have fun with Rotary according to our shared interests. Breakout sessions will introduce new ways of creating positive change. Further details on programming will be available in the Program Book closer to the event date.

8:00 am -9:00 am registration and continental breakfast
8:30 am- opening
9:00 am - breakout sessions begin
12:45 pm-working lunch , approving district budget, dessert with Four Way Speech Contest
2:00 pm - end of day

Location:



**BOOK NOW on the
DACdb
Calendar!**

**Click or paste link
in browser**

[https://
www.dacdb.com/
index.html?
EventID=77625396](https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77625396)

A promotional image for a concert. It features a photograph of Gary Puckett singing into a microphone on stage. The text reads: 'GARY PUCKETT & The Union Gap A Rotary Benefit Concert APRIL 22nd'. At the bottom, it says 'Tickets & Info At MilfordPerformanceCenter.org Veteran's Memorial Auditorium/Parson Center, Milford'.

**MAKE IT A Rotary
Day with Assembly
in the Morning and
this great band
benefiting Rotary in
the evening!**

*Welcome
Spring!*



Have you filled in your goals for 2023-24? The Rotary Goal Center is easy to use. Update it now with recent ideas. Increase your Foundation Goals to match or exceed this past year's goals. Need help with the Goal Center? Have you used the engagement segment? Ask your AG's or DG Track for help. Our Role is to be here to help Clubs when you need us and share new information as it arrives to us.



THANK YOU for SUCH GREAT VISITS THIS YEAR!



An ongoing CELEBRATION of TEAMS! Some GREAT VISITS 2022-2023



Team Rotary Madison!



Team Rotary New Canaan!



Thank you!



Team Rotary Milford!

People of Action!

The Rotary Four Way Speech Contest is BACK!

Attend this Year's Finals when you sign up for the District Assembly on 22 April!





Council of Presidents! February 2023



Lasting Friendships!



Team Rotary Norwich!

People of Action!



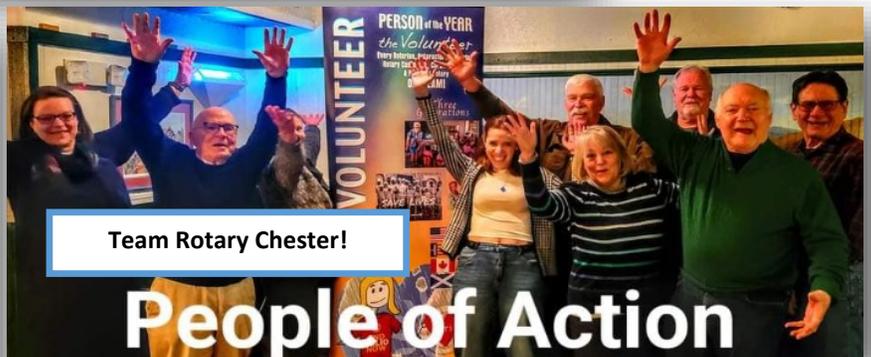
Team Rotary New London!

People of Action



Rotary West Haven

Amazing Book Give Away!



Team Rotary Chester!

People of Action

For how long was Rotary primarily a friendship and business reciprocity organization? Only about two years; then the club added a third objective - to perform civic service.

What are our TEAMS UP TO IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS? Some great events in the next couple of pages as well as ideas to emulate if you are in a different geography across the State! Consider having your celebrations in conjunction with or supporting other Clubs!




**3rd ANNUAL
New London Rotary
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

To Benefit the New London Community Meal Center

**Monday, June 5
Great Neck Country Club**

Registration 10:30am - Noon
Lunch 11:00 - 11:45
Shot gun - Noon
Post-Golf: Dinner & Awards ~5pm Live Auction / Drawings

Make all checks payable to New London Rotary Foundation and mail with registration to:
New London Rotary Foundation P.O. Box 654, New London, CT. 06320

Or email form to: nlrotarygolf@gmail.com

– SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES –

PLATINUM: \$5,000

High profile recognition and full-page (7.75" X 4.5") ad in the program book, 2 Foursomes.

GOLD: \$3,500

Full-page (7.75" X 4.5") ad in the program book, 2 Foursomes

SILVER: \$2,500

(7.75" X 4.5") ad in the program book, Tee sign, 1 Foursome.

BRONZE: \$1,500

Half-page (3.5" X 4.5") recognition in program book, 1 Foursome.

Tee Sponsor: \$100 Cart Sponsor: \$50

Friends of the Community Meal Center: \$250
(Non-playing supporter / listing in program)

For information: www.NewLondonRotary.org
For registration: nlrotarygolf@gmail.com

FLAGS FOR HEROES



Raise a flag in honor of your Hero!

Is there a hero in your life, past or present? Honor those you admire in this community event! Whether your hero is a veteran, active service member, first responder, police, fire fighter, teacher, coach, family member, or friend we invite you to honor them by sponsoring a flag in their name.

This year you can display your flag at either THE DERBY GREEN OR THE SHELTON RIVER WALK!

Flags for Heroes Sponsorship Levels

SINGLE HERO SPONSOR \$60.00
BETSY ROSS \$250.00
MEDAL OF HONOR \$500.00
FRIEND OF A VETERAN \$1,000.00
STARS AND STRIPES \$2,500.00

Each level of sponsorship will have a flag flown with a personalized medallion.
Higher level sponsorships will receive t-shirts, company logo in booklet, and name on event banner.



How to Order

Order online or download the order form at:
www.Derby-SheltonRotary.org
Make sure to choose the Derby Green or the Shelton River Walk



Important Dates

Orders due by: May 5, 2023
Flags displayed: May 27 - June 15
Hero Ceremony: June 10, 2023 from 11:00am - 2pm

CONTACT LINDA HOLMES-HANNON

(203) 650-2391



Linda.Holmes-Hannon@Hilton.com



www.Derby-SheltonRotary.org

Rotary Stratford!

Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling Event

**Saturday, April 22, 2023
9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Baldwin Center Parking Lot
1000 West Broad Street, Stratford, CT**

Paper Shredding: \$5-small container, \$15-med container, \$40-large container
A donation is requested for electronics and battery recycling.

PRESENTED BY THE STRATFORD ROTARY CLUB
(475) 600-6240



The first five Rotary Clubs were in?

Chicago, San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle and Los Angeles.



#PURPLEPANTRYBOXES

COMMUNITY GIVING



Orange Rotary Club,
together with
Devon, Milford, &
West Haven Rotary Clubs

will work the next 7 months to collect food for the pantry box on Jepson Drive in Milford. By planning food drives, securing donations, shopping, & stocking shelves, to fill the pantry 5 days a week!



HOW CAN YOU HELP? WATCH FOR OUR FOOD DRIVE DATES & BRING THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW OR VENMO YOUR DONATION!

The Purple Pantry Boxes are a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization comprised of family, friends & community members distributing 10,000 pieces of food a month! There are eleven boxes in the Milford/Bridgeport/West Haven areas.

MOTTO: TAKE WHAT YOU NEED & DONATE IF YOU CAN

This program allows people to have easy access to staple food items while also engaging members of the community to donate.



DONATIONS NEEDED:

CEREAL, SOUP, TUNA, VIENNA SAUSAGE, SPAM, CANNED FRUIT, PEANUT BUTTER, NUTS, PROTEIN DRINKS, CANNED RAVIOLI/PASTA, BOXES OF MILK, VELVEETA CHEESE

You can donate via Venmo:
@purplepantryboxes



venmo



55TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TROUT DERBY

Date: May 6th, 2023

Time: 6:00 am - 9:30 am

Location: Milford Duck Pond

Both upper and lower ponds

North St. Milford, CT 06460

Cost: \$ 0



Open to all children 15 and under.



No registration required!

*** Prizes for Largest Brook, Brown, Golden & Rainbow Trout***

*** 50/50 raffle and raffle prizes to follow***

Major Sponsor:

Devon
Rotary



So many events and tons of variety! Great Ideas!



SCAN THE QR CODE

DRAFFLE, DRAFFLE,

DEVON ROTARY RAFFLE

FIRST PRIZE- \$4,000.

\$2500. In Restaurant Gift Cards
Plus a \$750. Gift Card to Adams &
Shoprite Grocery Stores

SECOND PRIZE \$2,000.

\$1250. In Restaurants Gift Cards Plus \$375.
Gift Cards to each Grocery Store

THIRD-FIFTH PRIZE

\$50.00 Grocery Store Gift Cards



**AMAZING PRIZES
worth up to \$4,000!**

\$20 ticket

enters you to win one
of 5 Amazing Prizes

TUESDAY
16 TH
MAY 2023
@ 8:00 PM

Drawing of Winning Tickets held
at Bridge House Restaurant
49 Bridgeport Ave, Milford or
watch on Devon Rotary's FB Live



VISIT US AT: DEVONROTARY.ORG

Rotary



American Red Cross

Devon & Milford
Rotaries joining together for
fellow Rotarians

Mark Krom Jr. & Frank Perry Blood Drive

Woodmont Hall
128 Kings Highway
Woodmont, Connecticut

Thursday April 20, 2023
12:30pm - 5:30pm

Contact Sue Lambiase, Devon Rotary (203) 314-5216
Carrie Reed, Milford Rotary (203)874-3096

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



American Red Cross

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Rotary Trumbull

SAVE THE DATE

Bernard D. Helfrich

Rotary Golf Outing

Monday June 12, 2023

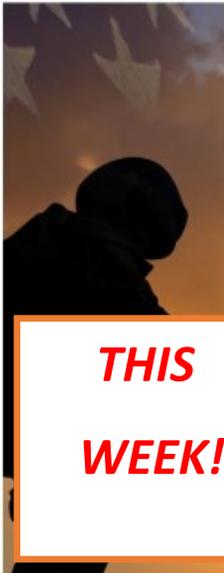
Tashua Knolls Golf Course

7:30AM Check-in 9AM Shotgun



StratfordRotaryRibNight.com

**JOIN STRATFORD ROTARY TO
SUPPORT OUR VETERANS**



**Proceeds benefit:
Homes For The Brave
Stratford Veteran's Museum
and the Stratford VFW**

Dinner, Cash Bar, DJ
Games, Raffles, and
Silent Auction

Vazzano's Four Seasons
APRIL 14TH 6PM-10PM

**THIS
WEEK!**



Use the QR To Purchase
Your Tickets Now!



Groton Rotary Club
Service above self is our motto.

9TH ANNUAL GROTON ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 2nd, 2023

Historic Shennecossett Golf Course
93 Plant Street, Groton, CT

Dedicated to Our Military Community and First Responders | 4 Player Scramble

11:30 Registration & lunch | 1:00 Shotgun Tee Off

*Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, dinner, awards, & sleeves of golf balls
| \$150 per player or \$125 Shennecossett Club Member
Vehicle Hole-In-One Compliments of Brustolon Motors*

For info:

Rich Kent @ 860-235-0423

richkent88@gmail.com

For Sponsorship info:

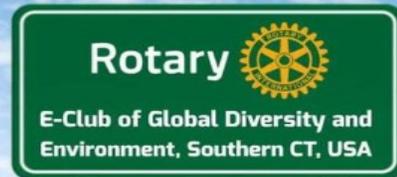
John Silsby @ 860-383-3265

johnpsilsby@yahoo.com



Registration at
charitygolftoday.com/grotonrotary

www.grotonrotary.org



We are collecting gently used clothes, shoes and brand new underwear and socks. Contact DG Tari anytime to coordinate a pick up! Thank you!

ROTARY DANBURY

We have Shred Day on May 20th from 10am to 2pm. Farmers insurance Dennis Perkins Agency 30 Germantown road Danbury Ct. Suggested donation \$10 to Latino scholarship Fund.

June 14th. Flag Day Honoring veterans. All veterans that have worn or damaged Flag get a brand new 3x5 flag. At 30 Germantown Road Danbury, Ct.

More information call 203 983 5534





Thank you to the folks that proxy in for the DG when the DG cannot be in two places at once! Here is a fab previous District Governor, Paul Burns, stepping in to recognize Rotary North Branford with a special Certificate.

Thank you! DG's cannot do this volunteer job alone and the teamwork makes all the difference!

Fairfieldrotary.org for tickets! 

**FAIRFIELD ROTARY FOUNDATION
35TH ANNUAL
GOLF CLASSIC**



**MONDAY
MAY 15, 2023**
Brooklawn Country Club
Fairfield, Connecticut

Old Saybrook Rotary 

SHRED SATURDAY

Earth Day! **April 22nd** 
9 am - Noon

Old Saybrook High School
Rain or Shine

For this size box  
\$10
Donation please

Proceeds from this fundraising event will go to support the Towns of:
Old Saybrook, Westbrook, Lyme/Old Lyme.



**ROTARY CLUB OF NAUGATUCK
GOLF OUTING SPONSORSHIP**

HOP BROOK GOLF COURSE
615 N. Church Street | Naugatuck

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023
Registration & Lunch • 12:00pm
Tee Off • 1:00pm
Dinner & Raffles • 6:00pm



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- LUNCH/DINNER - \$750
- CART SPONSOR - \$500
- BEVERAGE SPONSOR - \$250
- TEE SIGN SPONSOR - \$100
- INDIVIDUAL GOLFER - \$125

Sponsor's name and level of support will be prominently displayed at the designated area.

FOR SPONSORSHIPS OR GOLF SIGN UPS, please contact:
John McCormack - 203.651.9634
Dave Mulhall - 203.695.1031
Kimberly Santulli - 203.509.9359



Remember to always add your event to the DACdb Calendar so other Clubs and Members see your event and perhaps participate AND so Clubs may consider having their own event on a DIFFERENT day from yours!



Kentucky Derby
Race for Rotary Charities



Scan for Tickets: 

From 5 - 9pm
Saturday, May 6th
New Haven Country Club
160 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden

\$75 per ticket, \$125 for two
For ticket sales visit bit.ly/newhavenrotary

Wine tasting, silent auction, delicious array of Southern cuisine, live showing of the race, raffles & games.
Fancy hats & bowties encouraged!

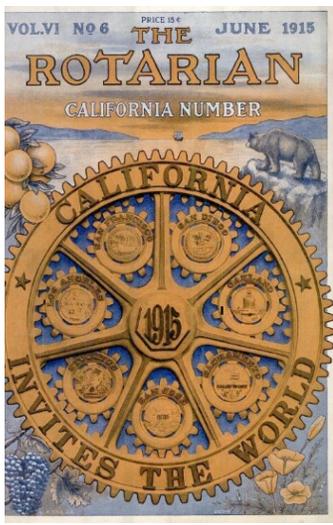
\$5 Derby Drink Specials

Proceeds will go to the New Haven Rotary Charitable Trust.
Questions? Contact Matt 203-640-8460
or mstrillby@gmail.com

CONSIDER THIS FUN EVENT FROM ROTARY NEW HAVEN!
They also have some options if your Club would like to make some money by attending THEIR event!
Contact the Club directly, or you can purchase at the link indicated on the flyer!

Looking Back in Rotary History!

FLASH BACK! Early 1900's!

We have come a LONG way! We can celebrate the Past but must Imagine the Future.



KENTUCKY DERBY

PARTY & CHARITY EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH 2023

BACK 9 SOCIAL
805 N. COLONY ROAD
WALLINGFORD, CT

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

ATTIRE: KENTUCKY DERBY STYLE DRESS

TICKET COST: \$75

INCLUDED:
DERBY STYLE PUB FARE
2 DRINK TICKETS
10 BIG SCREEN TVs & 11 JUMBO PROJECTORS
BEST HAT CONTEST
DANCING

OPTIONAL:
50/50 RAFFLE
BOURBON TASTING

PLEASE CALL ERIK SCARANUZZO AT 203-988-3884 OR EMAIL ECS22077@GMAIL.COM FOR TICKETS.

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH HAVEN ROTARY CLUB
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES

A Foundation Moment!

Let's end the Year as an ongoing Leader in Foundation Support!



Have you made your Annual Fund Contribution yet? Remember to Credit the Members for their Paul Harris Points! Need help with any submissions or would you like a presentation on ALL FOUNDATION? Just reach out anytime!

Thank you! Foundation Chair **Ron Webb** and Foundation Team.

Lex's 25th Birthday Year Campaign for ShelterBox
By ShelterBoxUSA

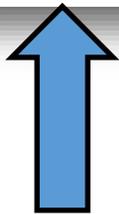


Organized by [ShelterBoxUSA](#) →

Verified

\$31,825 57 Supporters

127% of \$25,000 goal



THNAK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR SUPPORTING ShelterBox, USA! This amazing Rotary Global Partner ROCKS and YOU HELPED IMPACT many VILLAGES IN A POSITIVE WAY! Thank you!

[Braffle 2023 | Rotary District 7980 \(rotary7980gives.org\)](#)

Branford Rotary



50 RESTAURANTS FOR JUST \$20!

BRAFFLE
OUTRAGEOUS
RESTAURANT RAFFLE

ABSURD GRAND PRIZE
\$100 GIFT CARDS | \$5,000 VALUE!
TO 50 BRANFORD RESTAURANTS

RIDICULOUS SECOND PRIZE
\$50 GIFT CARDS | \$2,500 VALUE!
TO 50 BRANFORD RESTAURANTS

THE ORIGINAL MEGA RAFFLE!
The BRAFFLE!
Participate!



[RotaryDayOfService.org](#)

**GET BEHIND
THE WHEEL**



**ARE YOU READY FOR THE
DAY OF SERVICE?**

Watch for all E-Mail and updates and do not hesitate to ask Robert, Jeff and Lead folk

if you have any questions! **Get Behind the Wheel!**

DISTRICT YOUTH SERVICES—

THANK YOU to Jim O'Brien, Carrie Malangone, Anthony Massi and Team for an outstanding Next Generations one day conference! Stay tuned for the next re-imagining of Youth Services and their programs!



Check out our ZONE 28-32 pairing of Rotary Zones! See what is happening in the bigger picture beyond District. Also check out the Alaska Trip in particular for those who have a passion for travel, the environment and meeting Rotarians from “all over!”

For Details and to Book please visit :

[Home Page | Zones 28 & 32 \(clubrunner.ca\)](https://clubrunner.ca)



Drew Kessler
2022-24 Rotary International
Director



Celebrating 100's! CELEBRATIONS OF a CENTURY OF SERVICE!



Celebrations were had by both Rotary Wallingford and Rotary Stamford.
Congratulation on 100 Years of Membership!



--What project has the highest priority of all Rotary programs?
POLIO PLUS! Please Remember this program in your Giving!





A relax moment for the Freedmen
— DGE Christene and David,
as they offer a cheer at the
Foundation Lunch and gear up for a
very busy 2023-24 Year
in the DG Seat!

Keeping it light ! Fun in *New Membership.*

Welcoming Jamie to Rotary Meriden!



Welcome Jamie!



Above—welcoming Mitzi Muller—a
third generation Rotarian, to Rotary
Newtown!



PROJECT FAIR ROTARY D-7980

FINDING PARTNERS FOR ACTION!

LOOKING FOR District Grant Partners? Here is the place to showcase your ideas. Plan ahead for next year! Send them in for future issues or post on Social Media!

District Governor Global Grant ****BE PART OF THIS AMAZING STORY!**

Education Grant taking place in Puerto Rico

Be involved and listed as a partner with a \$500-\$2000 range donation to this cause. Contact DG Tari at tealtravel@gmail.com to be a partner on this Grant. Great for exposure, publicity, outreach, and more. Be part of it with none of the paperwork involved! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE COMMITTED FUNDS! We are now collecting them! You are fabulous!

¡Muchas Gracias! from Puerto Rico also.



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY and LANDMARK EVENTS CELEBRATIONS to ALL SRPING date FOLK!



POLLINATORS!

Congratulations to Rotary Branford, Rotary Deep River, Rotary Orange and Rotaract Yale for being recipients of funds towards the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund SHARE in our Pollinator contest! Pictures have been highlighted on Facebook!

CONGRATULATIONS to Rotary Westport and Rotary East Haven for being the Recipients of this Year's Larger and Smaller Club Pettengill and Osterman Awards!

Congratulations

Mother's Day Flower Sale



Offering a selection of our most popular and hearty hanging baskets and planters. Hanging baskets: Streptacarpella, Calibrachoa, and New Guinea Impatiens. Planters include Non-stop Begonias and Geraniums.

All plants come in premium-sized containers and cost \$25.00.

ORDER ONLINE NOW!

www.clintonrotaryct.com/mothers-day-flower-sale.html

Pick up plants:

Friday, May 12, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 13, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Gazebo next to Holy Advent Episcopal Church,
81 E Main St, Clinton, CT



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Leadership

Opportunities

Are you interested in being part of the Rotary District Team in many areas such as AG, Foundation, Public Image, Diversity-Equity and Inclusion, Membership, General Leadership, Learning and Training, Youth Services, General Mentorship, Club Assist Partnerships and more? Reach out to any of us in the District DG Track, AG's or Chairs. **We are looking for amazing volunteers to expand our reach and impact!**

Thank you! Join us!

Thank you, again and again, for all you do. Happy Spring and safe travels to those going to the Australia Rotary International Convention in May!