

Milford Rotary Chat April 30, 2026



Meeting Minutes: 4/23/26 SBC Restaurant 12:15PM

Welcome:

Dan Smith got us going with his version of the pledge.

Dick Popilowski is always prepared with a well thought out and delivered prayer.

Frosty Smith sailed through the 4 way test.

Visitors:

Josh Torres with us again and is in the process of becoming a new member so at what point is he no longer a visitor?

Do Good:

Win Smith announced the return of Uncle Dan. He also had a sad fine for his Red Sox. He also donated \$20 from Richie Meissenheimer who has not been to a meeting in a very long time but remains active behind the scenes. Richie said he will make a meeting in May.

Frosty looked at brother Dan with disdain and announced he is an only child.

Bob Bogert was happy to see Frosty and Dan. He reminded the club he and Win have a bet for the Red Sox vs the Mets. I think it is a race to the cellar. He reminded the club Richie constantly helps Rotary.

Dan gave a \$50 happy fine for the 5 months he was away. It is good to see everyone. Happy to see Foran sports teams have been doing well.

Christine Early said she has skin cancer between her toes and she is having trouble standing. Get yourself checked.

Dick gave a \$5 fine with a thank you for all we do for Beth El. There will be an afterhours event at Tribus at 100 Raton Drive to benefit Beth El.

Bill Parry said his badge is missing. On Saturday they served 100 people at Beth El. They served American Chop Suey

Jorge Amador is happy his son is here today for the meeting and he is our speaker.

Ray Carissimi said the Chop Suey was delicious.

Donna said she has been working in her career for 40 years. In the last 5 years she has been in 6 countries but she is finding no joy in it. She helped at the Beth El food service and found great joy in that, bring able to help 100 needy people get a good meal and had the joy of giving.

Lorna Sura saw her grandkids. She loves the playing but not the screaming so much.

Do good today raised \$144. Great job. Welcome back Dan and Frosty.

Speaker:

Angel Santiago is our speaker and his company is Elevate Creative Studios. Angel was born in Milford and graduated from Jonathan Law in 2021. He then went on to earn his bachelors degree in Video Business and Film Production from the University of Miami. He specializes in helping your business grow through social media, photos, videos and website building.

Angel discussed social media management and how essential it is in todays market. SEO is still important but AI optimization can show you how relevant you are. Pictures go to your follower but video goes to new customers. Angel gets to know his clients and where they want to go. His marketing can put you in front of the people you want to market to.

Lorna read a lovely thank you note from Beth El for our generous gift of \$6500.

Announcements:

4/30 is the fifth Thursday. People are gathering at Lucky Strike (old Bowleroo) from 6-8. Pizza, bowling and beverage. Sounds like a good time. Should be about \$40-45 a head.

5/1 and 5/2 is the Smooth Jazz for Scholars to be held at Parsons. It is \$55 per day with different musicians each day. The talent is great and the money goes to the Milford school music program to help purchase instruments.

5/6 is the next Lobster bake organizational meeting at 5:00 PM at Lise's office at 612 Wheelers Farm Rd

5/16 is the Rotary Epic Day of service to be held at Stop and Shop where we will collect food and donations to support Food2 Kids.

6/6 is the Stratford Street Festival. It is a fun day where they close down the streets.

6/14 is the Run/Walk in the Park 5K. It starts at 9 AM and it is a Sunday. Milford Bank is the Gold sponsor but we could use more sponsors. They will get their names on the shirts. Can sign up at Runsignup website.

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS:

4/30/26 Bunny Elmore & Janet Kuryla – Garden Club

5/21/26 Jamie Sterling

5/28/26 Marie Nierenberg: Prolete Physical Therapy & Sport

Scribe: Greg Schmitt

Board Meeting the Second Thursday, 5:30 PM social, 6 PM meeting every month unless noted otherwise

Who's Who for the July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026 Rotary Year

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*I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that.
Then I realized I was somebody.*

—Lily Tomlin