

Milford Rotary Chat June 4, 2026



Meeting Minutes: 5/28/26 SBC Restaurant 12:15PM

Welcome:

Pete Smith, Milford Town Clerk lead us in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplin Dick Popolowski gave us the prayer:

Loving God, as May draws us toward summer's light, thank You for the friendships, purpose, and hope we share in this room.

*Bless this meal and bless our Rotary family. Renew in each of us the heart of **Service Above Self**—the quiet willingness to show up, lend a hand, and make life a little better for someone else today.*

Guide our work, warm our spirits, and keep us grateful for the chance to serve. Amen.

Gary Johnson from memory elicited The 4-Way-Test.

Guests/Visitors:

Pete Smith, our speaker today and an Intern and Senior at Foran High School.

Do Good:

Dave Adams gave a tribute to a Teddy Goodwin. A great guy who will be missed by all.

[Obituary for Teddy Goodwin](#) at CTPost

Joe Barnes told a Ted story as an example of his character. He was a great Rotarian and a great Club President.

Win Smith though Ted was very insightful seeing that Ted like Win, was a Red Sox Fan! (and we won't hold it against him)

Phil Ucci gave a tribute about how Ted was a great person. He lamented that last weekend was his daughter's birthday party. They had the party at his home and though he spent weeks on the outdoor beauty of his home (mulching, shrubs...) with the rainy weekend the party was inside!

Frosty Smith said Ted was so good that Milford Bank wanted him back after his retirement. They agreed to continuing to pay his pension as he drew another salary. He was happy too, to see Dave Hulme at the meeting. He said that Dave followed his daughter, Margerie as Milford Rotary's Club President. He gave a joke about his wife sending him a 'get well card'.

Dan German knew Ted to be a great man.

Dave Hulme was happy to be with us today.

Don Wetmore was happy to have known Teddy and was sad in his passing.

Christine Early this past weekend was at the Greenwich Town Party and due to the weather and her not feeling too well had to leave early and missed John Fogerty and Dave Matthews.

Tom Margius gave a story about Teddy had refinanced his home mortgage through and Milford Bank and how with the closing it was 10 minutes of word and about an hour and a half of historical and personal facts about the people and events in Milford History. He was down at the Jersey Shore for a 5 mile race with 15,000 participants The kids races the day before has over 1,500 participants. He

was also happy about his 'e-assist bike' helps him turn the clock back about 20 years to help his get is average mph back to 20-21.

Lorna Sura thanked everyone who brought toiletries that the Interace Club is collecting to be give to Belh El.

Speaker:

Pete Smith was our speaker this week and he talked about Milford's events celebrating our country's 250th Anniversary. He also gave us a list of the 361 patriots from Milford that participated in the Revolutionary War. The list was a compilation of people from the DAR list and City records. For the number of people here that was a lot of people coming together for independence.

To promote Anniversary events the Clerk's Office has yard signs, magnets, hats and t-shirts that are available for sale. June 20th there is a parade that a lot of work has gone in to. They are working on having a fly over occur. June 19th there is a memorial ceremony at the cemetery and fireworks at night to start off the summer. Pete credited Frosty and Dan Smith for paying to preserve valuable records in the city vault at a time when no one else would. He also thanked Joe Barnes for his help categorizing info.

Announcements:

6/6 Stratford Day from 10-4 there is a street festival where we will be manning a booth to hand out lobster bake info and sell tickets. We need volunteers hopefully in 2 hour blocks:10-12,12-2 or 2-4.

6/10 We install Bill Parry as our next Milford Rotary Club President at the Milford Yacht club. Starts at 6:00 and the cost is \$60/person. Give Phil your name if you are coming.

6/13 Next Beth El Service Day. Dave Adams is looking for volunteers.

6/14 Run in the Park fund raiser. It goes from 8-11 in the Eisenhower Park lower field. Sign up at Runsignup.com by 6/13. Looking for volunteers the day of the event or people to participate.

6/15 Next Lobster bake meeting being held at Lise's office at 5:30

6/20 [Milford's 250th Year Celebration Parade](#) at 11AM

6/18 Next Board Meeting which will be held at Carrie 's home at 50 Hobson Ave (this month the 3rd Thursday.)

6/25 Devon Rotary instillation at Yacht club also

6/27 [Orange Rotary Summerfest](#) at High Plains Community Center. They have Lobster rolls, cheese steaks and will have 3 bands performing.

8/01 [The Lobster Bake!!!](#)

Scribe:Greg Schmitt/Tom Margius

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

Officers:	Sergeant-At-Arms: Dave Adams	1+ Year Board of Dir:	2nd Year Board of Dir:
President – Lorna Sura	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Joe Barnes	Matt Fama	Gary Johnson
President-Elect – Bill Parry	Treasurer: Tracy O'Brien	Evelyn Karam	Cherie Malona
Vice President – Lise Robinson	Asst Treasurer: Adam Kasowitz	Joe Barnes	Bob Bogert
Secretary – Dick Popilowski	Phil Ucci III (Immediate Past President)	Carrie Reed	Dave Adams
Membership Chairman – Gary Johnson	Beth-El meal leaders- Dave Adams		Phil Ucci III - IPP

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The fellowship of true friends who can hear you out, share your joys, help carry your burdens, and correctly counsel you is priceless.

— Ezra Taft Benson