

Milford Rotary Chat July 9, 2026



Meeting Minutes: 7/2/2626 SBC Restaurant 12:15PM

Welcome:

Dick Popolowski used his phone to lead us in The Pledge of Allegiance. He played several renditions with each of the branches of Military Service Represented. Truly patriotic for our 250th.

Dick also gave us a Prayer:

*Gracious and loving God, As our nation marks **250 years**, we pause in gratitude for the blessings we share and the generations who have carried this American experiment forward with courage, sacrifice, and hope.*

We Thank You for the ideals that shaped our beginning – liberty, justice, and the belief that every person has inherent worth. And we Thank You for the countless individuals, known and unknown, who have worked to bring those ideals closer to reality.

*On this historic milestone, renew in us the spirit of **Service Above Self**. Help us honor our nation not only with celebration, but with commitment – commitment to our neighbors, to our communities, and to the unfinished work of building a more compassionate and equitable society.*

Bless our fellowship today, bless the meal before us, and bless our continued efforts to serve with integrity, humility, and love of country. Amen.

Phil Ucci recited The 4-Way-Test

Guests/Visitors:

Samantha Mola, Kevin's wife, seems to becoming a regular guest was with us today..

Do Good:

Today was Bill Parry's First Meeting as President. He was doing double duty as he was also our Sergeant-At-Arms.

Frosty wished everyone a Happy 250th Anniversary of our country's independence. His daughter is coming in from San Francisco and then they are going together up to Massachusetts to visit his other daughter. Speaking of Mass., the Red sox are only 10 games behind.

Win rebutted that the Sox just sweep the Yankees in 4 straight. (just when he was going to pay his bet early). For the fourth, he is going to read the Declaration of Independence, including the Preamble and The Bill of Rights. He said it is a great read.

Dan was happy with Dick's presentation of the service songs. The bonus question is what is a caisson? It is a horse drawn wagon used to carry artillery ammunition. On a sad note, the Yankees have lost 7 games in a row.

Phil said after 6 months of trying to work with google, he finally has a verified business.

Lorna is going to Tucson next Wednesday. It is her granddaughter's 7th birthday. She also wanted to acknowledge Lise and Christine for all the work they have put in to the purple pantry project.

Announcements:

So far online ticket sales are "up" to 51 so far. We need to sell.
Frosty said he sold 14 tickets himself. The lobster rolls went fast. It really is not a hard sell.
Place take and distribute yard signs, Tracy does not want them back.
7/9 is the next board meeting which will be at Lise's house at 52 Old Country Lane in Milford.
7/12 is the next Beth El service event. Volunteers always welcome. Please bring a hat.
7/18 is the new date for Orange Rotary's Summerfest. It will be held at High Plains Community Center
rain or shine. Still 3 bands Lobster rolls and Philly cheese steaks.
7/29 is the wrap party at Valley Yacht Club at 5:30.
7/30 Move the tanks to the site Thursday night. Need about 4 or 5 volunteers.
7/31 is set up Friday. Bob will be there early. Set up tables and chairs, cover tables, etc. Usually we
can get some high school volunteers to help. We need them about 10:30.
8/1 the bake is on!!
Kevin has tickets. Help move the tickets and get them back to Kevin ASAP.
SELL !!! SELL!!! SELL!!!

Upcoming Speakers:

7/9/26 Food Bank
7/16/26 Mayor Richard Smith
7/23/26 Milford School Superintendent Dr. Anna Cutaia
7/30/26 Sacred Heart University Radio
8/6/26 Paul Gargano

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Who's Who for the July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027 Rotary Year

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*The power of creating something with your own
hands is an expression of freedom.*

–Betsy Ross