

Milford Rotary Chat August 27, 2026



Meeting Minutes: 8/20/2626 SBC Restaurant 12:15PM

Welcome:

Dan German started the meeting by leading us in The Pledge of Allegiance.
Tom Margius gave us a Prayer consistent with our Rotary morals.
Paul Mangels cruised through The 4-Way-Test without a hiccup.

Guests:

Kevin Mola had his wife Sam join us today. Welcome.
Dora Kubeck was a guest of Frosty Smith, even though she is a Democrat. She is a former Alderman and is retired from the City of Milford.
Paige Miglio from Milford Arts Council joined us and she was today's speaker.

Do Good: (Dave Adams – Sargent-At-Arms)

Dave Adams said they had an excellent Beth El event with Ray Carissimi and John Stoddard. They served 95 guests meals of chicken, beans and rice.
Frosty gave an early announcement that his brother Dan will be 89 in 10 days.
Dan Smith was happy the Yankees won, he is happy to know the Kubeck family and doesn't know he lived so long with a brother like Frosty.
Don Wetmore is happy with the new tenants in his building.
Dan German said the Oysterfest had a great band that put on an amazing show.
Win Smith talked about the flock camera controversy and he thought the process was Democracy in action. Next Thursday is the next Alderman meeting. Be there. He did think last night's crowd was a bit rough on Chief Mello. Win then went on to describe some of the different types of cameras out there.
Tom had Greg Schmitt recite an old tongue twister he knew from years ago-Betty Botter had some...
Phil Ucci was on vacation in the Finger Lakes region, it was beautiful. Groceries cost less but gas was more expensive. The paddle boat in the harbor was a lot of fun.
Marci Mangels was out in California where everything is more expensive. Happy she was able to listen to the Oysterfest Music from her back patio. Sad to see the oysters were \$3 each with no volume discount.
Dave had a rebuttal to criticism about the price for the lobster rolls at the bake. They were getting beer, wine and entertainment and they got to support Milford student (and feel good about it).
John Stoddard said the Democrats won in Shelton which has always been a Republican stronghold.

Lorna Sura had a good time at the Oysterfest and enjoyed helping at Beth El.
 Dave said Mike Papalli who wrote the book "In a Heart Beat" will be at Bridges September 23 at noon to show how to use a defibrillator (AED).

Speaker:

Paige Miglio from the Milford Arts Council (MAC) was our speaker. People come to events and think it is free, but it is not. We need to support emerging artists. MAC is trying to communicate better about what they do. They want to create the sense that Milford is fun and a center for the arts.

MAC is planning an event for 10/3 called [Jazz'n Downtown](#). The event starts at 10 AM and goes until 10 PM. There is an impressive list of artists. There will be several stages built around downtown and there will be kiosks to buy things, Food trucks will help feed the crowd. They need help to set up and breakdown stages. The budget for the festival is \$175,000. There are 200 VIP passes available at a cost of \$400 each which includes excellent seats for the night concert. They are hoping to make it an annual and perpetual event.

Announcements and Upcoming Dates:

Devon Rotary wants to go into a joint project with us to build a pavillion at the Senior Center. Each club would contribute \$50,000.
 10/3 is the District Assembly in New London. There is a \$75 fee per person. Paul said it was a great meeting and there was a lot of info to be had.
 10/11 is the next shred event. Volunteers and sponsors needed.

Photos of Bake & Awards Luncheon by Ray Carissimi [Lobster Bake photos](#) [Scholarship Photos](#)
 8/27 Paul Gargano – from LA Slick will tell about the Music Industry and his Collections
 9/3 Michael Stearns – School of Rock
 9/10 Hunnebee Project
 9/17 Milford Police Chief Keith Mello
 9/24 Brad Dancer – SHU Radio
 9/25-9/26 [Devon Rotary’s Octoberfest](#)
 10/1 Milford Fire Chief Christopher Walksnoris
 10/3 [Jazz’n Downtown](#) Milford
 10/3 [7980 District Assembly](#) in New London
 10/11 Next Milford Rotary Shred Event

Scribe:Greg Schmitt

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I always just thought if you see somebody without a smile give ’em yours!
 — Dolly Parton