

TRUMBULL ROTARY NEWSLETTER - January, 2004

Welcome to the *second* Trumbull Rotary Newsletter!! We are already through one month in the 2004 year.

So far in January, we've had three regular meetings (January 9, 2004, January 23, 2004 and January 30, 2004) and one Board meeting (January 7th). We did not have a meeting on January 2, 2004, due to the New Year holiday. Also, we did not have an *official* meeting on January 16, 2004, due to the extreme cold weather.

Here's a good time to review the policy on Rotary meetings in the Winter season: *if Trumbull schools are canceled, then there is no official meeting.*

Regular meetings are on Friday morning at the Trumbull Marriott, starting 7.30 A.M. Our Board meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at the Helen Plumb building on Church Hill Road near Trumbull center. Meetings start at 7.00 P.M. and everyone is welcome!

We also have a great website, www.trumbullrotary.org, which we try to keep current. Also don't forget these informative web sites:

- (1) Rotary District 7980: www.rotary7980.org.
- (2) Trumbull Chamber of Commerce: www.trumbullchamber.org.

Here's our most current **list of members**:

Ray Baldwin, Jim Bardon, Jim Baum, Greg Bivona, John Bogannam, Jayne Bolton, Bev Cambras, Jackie Carlino, Carl Carlson, Albert Chiarenzelli, Harland Christofferson, Gary Cialfi, Willie Costello, Dawn Dalrymple, Sy Davidson, Guy DeFeo, Barry Diamond, Bill Dunn, Don Emond, Lynn Fontana, Tom Galla, Keith Gatling, Len Germano, Tom Heaney, Ed Hedrick, Bernie Helfrich, Walter Hilinski, Steve Hodson, Thelma Hoyt, Steve Jakab, Jay Kotlen, Phil Lane, Jim Lang, Robert Levenson, Ron Lesko, Dana Lonergan, Steve Lupien, John Makar, James Malski, John McBride, Joseph McBride, Ian Mc Millan, Ted Merritt, Preston Merritt, Frank Metrusky, Anthony Minotti, Jack Quinlan, Mike Rappa, Michael Redgate, Timothy Rivers, Karen Ronald, John Rosati, Joe Ruospo, Michael Russo II, Ray Rzasa, Sammy Sampson, Russ Schwartz, Stacey Scruggs, Dale Seymour, Rose Marie Spatafore, Paul Squillace, Dick Stein, Dick Stutz, Robert Tolomeo, George Voynick, Karen Zeidenberg and Bill Zeidenberg.

Here's our **Board Members**:

President:	Mike Rappa (mrappa@hi-techpackaging.net)
President-Elect:	Phil Lane (pjanect@snet.net)
Past President:	Michael Redgate (smredgate@yahoo.com)
Vice President:	Dale Seymour (dseymourpi@aol.com)
Secretary:	Steve Hodson (shodson405@aol.com)
Treasurer:	Len Germano (lengerm@charter.net)
Sgt of Arms:	Bob Tolomeo (roccorotti@aol.com)
Club Service:	Jayne Bolton (jayne.bolton@peoples.com)

Community Service: Bill Zeidenberg (bill@ilzgroup.com)

International Service: Jim Bardon (jbardon@newtownsavingsbank.com)

Vocational Service: Dawn Dalrymple (dadalrymple@aol.com)

We had our **Board meeting** for January on **January 7, 2004**. Here are some **highlights**:

Attendance: Trumbull Rotary still has 67 members. Only one member has not paid their dues. Our attendance was 67 percent for the month of December. For the six months to date, our attendance average is 70 percent. We have missed some of our members over the past few months. If you know these members, please check with them about their schedules, and their commitment to Trumbull Rotary.

Financial Activity: The club's budget will be updated monthly to detail our income and expense projections. Please remember there are some significant fundraising events coming before the close of the club's fiscal year: (1) the annual Rotary Carnival in April; (2) the celebrity breakfast, (3) the Golf Tournament on May 17, 2004 and (3) the Silent Auction (scheduled for April 30, 2004).

Next year, Rotary International will *require* a \$100 contribution from each member for the Rotary Foundation. Our foundation giving this past year was 83% on a *voluntary* basis. Our club will be assessed \$100 for each member next year which will be mandatory. The club's invoices for dues will be coming soon, so be sure to allocate your resources early this year.

Thanks to Len Germano and Joe Ruospo for updating our actual and budgeted activity.

Club Service: Three events coming up: (1) Bridgeport Downtown Cabaret's "**A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**" on Friday, **March 19th**. The doors open at 7:15 p.m., and the show is at 8:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$36.10 per person (a discounted group rate of 5 percent). (2) The Rotary District Assembly is April 3, 2004 in Mystic, CT. (3) The Rotary District Conference is June 10, 2004 in Lancaster, PA.

Dawn Dalrymple is working on the Trumbull Student of the Year criteria. Michael Redgate has sent three letters to prospective speakers for our *Rotary Scholarship* breakfast, Connecticut Senator Christopher Dodd, Attorney Richard Blumenthal and Congressman Christopher Shays are all available. The Club is looking at a late February or early March breakfast date and Michael will coordinate the event with the Marriott.

The PTA Council is promoting the **Drug Awareness Seminar** on April 14, 2004 on 7 p.m. at Trumbull High School. The Board unanimously approved a motion to give \$1,000 to assist in the Drug Awareness Seminar.

President Mike Rappa also proposed a **Trumbull Rotary Community Service Award** and is look for nominations. Please see Mike if you have any possible candidates.

Meeting at January 23, 2004:

Our guests were Gordon Donnelly (from the New Canaan Rotary Club) and Gerald Montgomery (from the Dallas TX area).

We had happy and /or sad dollars from Jim Lang, Jim Malski, Phil Lane, Bill Zeidenberg, Karen Zeidenberg, Barry Diamond, and Tony Minotti. We also received a \$50 happy dollars from Dana Lonergan: a thank you from his wife Sherry.

Our birthdays this week: Steve Hodson and Karen Zeidenberg.

Here's the club's new policy for no badges or pins starting in February. There will be \$5 dollar fines for those members who forget their pins and/or badges. The Club has Rotary pins for sale if you don't have one.

Thelma Hoyt introduced today's guest speaker, **Lou Salute** from the **Connecticut Yankee Boy Scout Council**. Lou is from Milford CT and has been involved in Boy Scouts for *43 years*. There are 320 Boy Scout Councils in America, of which the Connecticut Yankee is 46th largest. Lou spoke about the marketing programs used to promote Boy Scouts as tomorrow's leaders. Thanks, Lou, for the excellent program!