



December 22, 2011 MCCXLVII

The Cheshire Spoke



President: Mary L. Malin
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District 7980 Governor: Rupi Rupwani of Naugatuck Club
 '11-'12 theme:
Asst. Governor: Mukund of North Branford Rotary
Rotary International President: Kalyan Banerjee, India
 '11-'12 theme: Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Today:

Mark Eckert, Advertising in the Digital Age

December 29 Lunch Howard Bearz, Owner of the Cheshire Cat & Dog, Too LLC

January 5 Lunch Birthday Celebration Richard Miller
January 29 Dinner Murkund Nori, Ass't District Governor

Board of Directors '11-'12: Howard Baldwin, Patricia Huff, Mary Rossi, Jeff Leukart, Wendy Stevens, Matt Hall

The Four Way Test:

Of The Things We Think, Say or Do...~Is it the Truth?~Is it Fair to all Concerned?~Will it build Good Will and Better Friendships?~Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?

- Last Week: Our holiday party was a well-attended dinner which took place at The New Waverly. Our guests were Bill and Marilyn Gordon, Dave Schumacher, Ted and Pat Kraus, Rebecca Simpson, Farshid Hakim, Ellen McKinley, Wendy and Travis Stevens, Nancy and Mark Lydell, Jeff and Jane Leukart, Mary and Andy Malin, Mary and Frank Rossi, Howard and Joanna Baldwin, Dr. Bob and Myrna Davidson, and Linda Thomas.
- Our apology : we have a missing camera (Nancy's) and our photos are not available.
- Our card raffle yielded no winner but Bill and Jeff each won a tray of cookies.
- Our gift exchange featured some very lovely gifts and the fun was in trying to keep Rebecca from switching her gift every time something caught her eye.
- Our singing: What can I say? Our leader, Bill Gordon, definitely carried the evening! And 3 songs, one of which even had a waiter singing.
- Our dinner consisted of salad, entrée, dessert and coffee or tea. Cheese, fruit and crackers were available as apps.

Dave Schumacher announced that we were down to 1 Saturday for bell ringing. This would take place on Saturday, December 17th from 10am. Schedule was re-checked and everyone reminded of his or her time.

Pat Huff presented the Rotary check for \$250 to the Dog Park Group and posted it on the Rotary Facebook.

It was approved that for the balance of December we have lunch meetings. And our first meeting for January 2012 would also be a LUNCH due to the birthday party celebration. Dave Schumacher in charge of providing the materials to honor Dick. He also learned that Bob Mariano's birthday is the first week of January.

In reply to more info on the NH/Vermont request Pat received the following answers: 6,700 homes damaged, some not covered by insurance—it will go to the community—the format is to obtain \$20,000 and Rotary needs \$300 x 23 clubs=\$6900 +\$6990 from District +\$6900 from RI. They have 10 clubs now, we would be 11 and they are sending request to 12 more clubs.

A SPECIAL REQUEST: As of January 2, 2012 we are in need of someone to take over the Cheshire Rotary website and to do the Weekly Spoke. It would be good if someone feels comfortable in handling both but separate is ok. Help would be provided in learning what it entails for each.

Jim would handle the Website instructions and Mary has her granddaughter (until 1/12) to convert over the Spoke which is now used as a Microsoft Word program. So please speak to one of us.

Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, 5PM, January 26th, Cugino's prior to Dinner Meeting

Blood Drive: 3rd annual February 22, 2012, Wednesday, 12:30 to 5:30, Cheshire United Methodist Church
A Special End Polio Now Event will be held on February 12, 2012, sponsors include the New Haven Rotary, Sunrise Westport Rotary and Sound Tigers, to be held at the Arena at Harbor Yard. It is an AHL Ice Hockey Game. Tickets will be sold for \$20 (value \$32) and club retains \$7 for each ticket they sell to be ear-marked for End Polio Now Campaign.

Mary is looking for a member who would like to continue to promote this project and perhaps get a group to attend. Please see her for information on who to contact for tickets etc.

Please See Our Website and Follow-up Emails for More Information on Upcoming Programs and Events!

ON THIS DATE:

1989 Cold wave: -4°F in Oklahoma City OK, -6°F in Tulsa OK, -12°F in Pittsburgh PA, -18°F in Denver CO, -23°F in Kansas City MO, -42°F in Scottsbluff NE, -47°F in Hardin MT & -60°F in Black Hills SD

Think:

Power comes from what we do as a CLUB

Birthdays: December

Jim McGregor 22nd

Farshid Hakim 17th

Mark Eckert 21st

Bob Monaco 9th

Contact Information: **Mail:** Rotary Club of Cheshire, P.O. Box 20, Cheshire, CT 06410 **Web Addresses:** cheshirerotary.org, Rotary7980.org, Rotary.org **Items for the Spoke should be emailed to MaryL_Malin@calcagni.com prior to Monday**

Rupi's Report # 18

1. Monday, 11/21/11, Pat and I attended the Stonington & Westerly RI club's joint meeting together with DG William Vangel and his wife Tina of District 7950. It is their annual tradition dinner to honor Westerly and Stonington High School football teams, great tradition, and we learned a lot of local history.
2. Had a good Thanksgiving with family at home. Hope all of you also had a great Thanksgiving.
3. Tuesday, 11/29/11, did some Real Estate fellowship in Mystic, learned a few current tricks of the trade and renewed some old friendships.
4. Wednesday, 11/30/11, I was invited by the Chester Club to their annual Foundation Dinner, they gave me the \$500 check for NEADS but the best thing that happened was getting \$100 cash from a future new member of the club.
5. Thursday, 11/30/11, we had our Christmas gathering of the Conference committee.
6. Sunday, 12/4/11, we were at Nancy Valentine's house, PP of Oxford-Seymour, got to taste great food. Next week, every day is a meeting or party day.
7. Have you seen the list of 14 new inductees of the "Arch C. Klumph Society"? There are 8 from Taiwan, 5 from the USA and 1 from India. Rotary is making foreign exchange for the USA.
8. Please, Don't Forget, we need a DG candidate for 2014-2015. If you have any questions, contact PDG Ernie Luise, phone # 203-209-8040, or email tglue@aol.com
9. *District Celebration, Warwick RI, May 17-20, 2012, Check Pictures, details and updates at www.RotaryCelebration2012.com Registration is available on Webb Site*
10. *Yes 14,351 miles travelled so far.*

