

## MY VISION FOR OUR NEXT GUILFORD ROTARY YEAR 2015 - 16

Very pleased to be Club President --- “better late than never president”.

Thanks again to John and Terry for leading us during the past 2 years.

### WHAT MAKES US SUCH A GREAT CLUB?

- # of members --- 70+. Compare to others in New England.
- Ample funds available for projects. Compare to other clubs.
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### WHAT MAKES OUR FUND RAISERS SO SUCCESSFUL?

- Longevity and continuity --- LF 18 years; Frosty 5K many more than that; Rose sale 30 years. Other clubs struggle to sustain successful fund raisers.
- Again -- large # of members. Can you imagine running LF with 20 members?
- Lots of hard workers and dedicated to the causes ---- can you imagine running LF without the Bishop's?
- Internal support from the Club members -- Staschkes sponsoring LF; GSB; so many Rotarians reserving tables at LF.
- GHS Interact Club plus other nonprofits in town increase our labor pool.

### WHAT ELSE MAKES US A GREAT CLUB?

- We REALLY CARE about our community and the world --- food, education, dictionaries, clean water and sanitation, housing for the homeless. We takes these issues seriously.
  - Our members really step up --- look at how quickly new members have assumed major roles of responsibility in our Club -- Michelle, Sam, Suzanne, Dandy Don, Elmar.
  - We generally get along with each other -- some of us actually like each other!
  - Dedicated BOD -- Our BOD meetings are light, but we take our decisions seriously and we are very sincere in our deliberations. Check this out -- Our two youngest members will be serving on the BOD this year --- Dustin as a member at large, and Scott as TRC Chair. Scott has stepped up and gotten himself trained at the District level in grant applications -- a requirement for making a grant request. These two “youngsters” will be learning how the Club operates and will later be able to step into larger leadership positions.
- We now have an official Club Steward -- Mike Ganci, volunteered, and I am appointing him to the BOD. Mike will soon receive training at the District level. The role of the Club Steward is not to handle any funds, but to monitor the disbursement of grant monies. Both the District and TRF will audit our accounts.
- The final and a big reason why we have a great Club is that we have fun. At times we're downright JOVIAL. Joviality will be a key watchword this year.

### CLUB ISSUES I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS:

#### COURTESY:

1. Cell phone etiquette.
2. Talking while someone has the floor.
3. Staying to listen to speakers.

Let's make sure that our guests and speakers feel welcome and respected.

#### MY GOALS FOR THIS ROTARY YEAR:

1. Do good works and have fun.
2. Perpetuate and sustain all current fund raisers --- Rose Sale; Frosty 5K; LF.
3. Perpetuate and sustain all major service projects -- CDR; Senior Holiday Luncheon; holiday food baskets; WTC; support for the Interact Club.
4. Support movement towards adopting the Guilford Fair Day parade.
5. Continue current pattern of disbursements to charities:
  - 40 – 50% to local organizations -- Memorial Ed; GHS Interact Club; WTC; Interfaith Ministries; WFL, etc.
  - 25 – 30% to the greater New Haven area --- Columbus House; New Reach; IRIS; RTR.
  - 25 – 30% International --- CTCU; HHF; Shelter Box; disaster relief.
6. Continue and increase our strong support for TRF.  
Currently 54 sustaining members -- \$100/yr for EREY. Perhaps we can increase this to 60 members qualifying for EREY.  
Definitely would like to see 100% contributing something -- “There is no such thing as an insignificant contribution to TRF”.  
Scott will be managing this process.
7. Try to acquire 3-5 new members. Let’s support George Krall by finding new candidates.
8. Develop wide support for Program Chair Michelle Call --  
--solicit outside speakers.  
--- see yourselves as speakers -- your profession or your hobby.
9. Gender issue -- King of Clubs to Queen of Clubs.
10. Increase publicity of all of our Club’s many accomplishments -- \$ contributions; CDR; WTC; food baskets; District and World grants --- Maryann and committee.
11. Duly recognize all of our dedicated newsletter editors --- Donna, Jack, Lou, Maryann

QUESTIONS -- COMMENTS -- SUGGESTIONS