



Next Meeting: March 5, 2010
Opener: Avi Kaner
Program: Allen Raymond - Mr. Westport
Greeters: Avi Kaner, Elliott Landon, Tom Lowrie
Place: Bobby Q's

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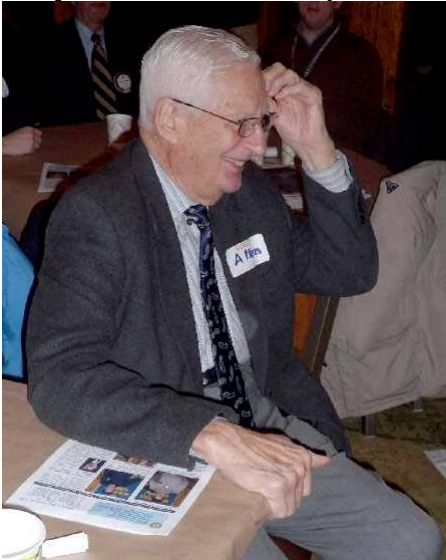
The Crier

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There was no Club meeting on February 26 due to inclement weather

Allen Raymond to speak at the March 5th meeting

First Question: What hasn't Allen Raymond done for Westport?



There have been many "givers" in Westport's history, Bedford, Staples etc. Also many "doers", many in Sunrise Rotary. News Flash: *nobody but nobody* has done more for Westport than Allen Raymond. A half-hour is far too short a time for him to summarize more than a half century of turning the Westport that was into the Westport we know.

As a member of Herb Baldwin's kitchen cabinet back in the dulcet '50's, he was persuasive in buying Longshore. Imagine your kids without it. Al was RTM Moderator, Chair of the Library Board that built the new Library on the river, chair of the Republican Party and a great advocate of bi-partisanship (there are those who accused him of being a "liberal" during the Project Concern controversy).

An educator and journalist by profession (still editing and publishing the magazine "Prek-8"), Allen is a fierce advocate for state of the art education and an advocate for Sunrise Rotary. He was one of the Fairfield County Foundation trustees who advocated our Endowment Account both to us and to them. Al is a Paul Harris Fellow and, of course, the official Town Historian. And why not! Allen Raymond IS our history.

Lou's Chuckles

By Lou Weinstein

Viewing what it going on in Washington, I recalled the old Philosophers:

Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad

Euripides (484-406 BC)

Club Announcements

None

Submit Club Announcements & Happy Hollers to:
www.datacut.com/misc/crierinput.htm

Club Meeting Schedule

Sunrise Rotary Club members serve as greeters and deliver the openers at the Club meetings on a rotating basis. If a member is unavailable on the assigned date, it is essential that he or she find a replacement and submit the name to:
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Greeters

March: Avi Kaner, Elliott Landon, Tom Lowrie
 April: Rick Jaffe, Nick Clarke, Ann Lloyd
 May: Janis Collins, Bill Harris, Dennis Wong
 June: Bill Meyer, David Press, Nora Jinishian

July: Theresa Green, Shelly Kassen, Audrey Sparre

Meeting Openers

March 12: Joe Hawley
 March 19: Elliott Landon
 March 26: Bob Lasprogato
 April 2: Shelly Kassen

Programs

March 12: Jo Fuchs Luscombe - Her Life Experiences
 March 19: Adrienne Houel - Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises

Gillespie Center Schedule

On the first Saturday of each month, two Rotarians deliver and serve meals to the homeless at the Gillespie Center. Contact Sheila Keenan or Anne Beers to sign up for available dates.

March 6: Canning & Feczko
 April 3: Keenan & open
 May 1: Ayres & Masumian
 June 5: open & open

Club Calendar

Are you a committee chair scheduling a meeting or an organizer of a Club or Rotary event? Please submit the info for the Club Calendar to:

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Mar 6 Sat – Rotarians serving meals at the Gillespie Center, 4:45-5:45pm
 Apr 3 Sat – Rotarians serving meals at the Gillespie Center, 4:45-5:45pm
 Apr 5 Mon – Board Meeting at Christ and Holy Trinity Church 5:30-6:30pm
 May 1 Sat – Rotarians serving meals at the Gillespie Center, 4:45-5:45pm
 May 3 Mon – Board Meeting at Christ and Holy Trinity Church 5:30-6:30pm
 Jun 5 Sat – Rotarians serving meals at the Gillespie Center, 4:45-5:45pm
 Jun 7 Mon – Board Meeting at Christ and Holy Trinity Church 5:30-6:30pm
 Jun 12 Sat – The Great Duck Race at Parker Harding Plaza, time TBD

District 7980 Governor: Colin Gershon • Club President: John Hendrickson

**Westport Sunrise Rotary Board
Meeting
February 1, 2010**

Present: Gavin Anderson, Arlo Ellison, Ted Freedman, John Hendrickson, Ann Lloyd, Carole Rubenstein, Steve Violette, Dennis Wong, Eric Zielinski

Not present: John Branson, Maggie Feczko, Bob Galan, Bill Meyer, Frankie Smith

President's Thoughts: John Hendrickson opened the meeting at 5:30 pm at Christ and Holy Trinity Church.

- **The St Petersburg Plate** – This plate will be given to Mark Mathias on this upcoming Friday.
- **Pre-pets** – Arlo Ellison described his experience at Pre-pets in very positive terms. He commented that there is a focus on involving new members while also utilizing the expertise and experience of older members.
- John Hendrickson announced that District Governor Colin Gershon will attend Friday's meeting and will probably make a pitch for Haiti assistance.
- Additional dates of note –
 - Future Vision Seminar on February 20th with Mac Leask
 - District 7980 Purple Pinkie Dinner Dance on February 12th
 - RYLA February 26-28
 - District Assembly April 17, 2010 in Meridan
 - District Conference April 30 – May 2 in Burlington VT

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous board meeting were accepted with Gavin Anderson recusing himself.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Steve Violette presented his report in two sections: the standard format and the accounting of the 4-Way Speech contest. Regarding the latter, the total expense was \$1905.24, leaving an unexpended amount of \$94.76. The winner has not yet cashed his \$500 check. This program will cause the Youth Services line item on the standard report to be about \$1,000 over budget.

The standard report showed an accounts balance of \$22,467. In addition to Youth Services, we are also over YTD budget

for the Sunshine Fund (due to the many illnesses among our members) and Fellowship. The reports were accepted. Steve will be sending \$1,500 for Polio Plus when he ascertains the address of where it should be sent.

Steve also addressed plans for the Duck Race scheduled for June 12th, 2010. He has submitted the \$1,000 good faith deposit to the Town of Westport. It will be refunded after the event. Steve wants to expand the number of ducks as well as corporate sales. His goal for this year is \$40,000. The Board voted to increase the number of ducks by 500 to 3000 and to maintain last year's prize structure totaling \$10,000.

Sergeant at Arms: Gavin Anderson reported on the club's attendance with some interesting data:

Membership totals 67, including two honorary and eight Rule of 85, or 57 active members

Total attendees are declining more than usual in the past months

Habitual absentee members are materially contributing to lower attendance.

High level of Rule of 85er's attendance, but they don't count in attendance statistics

Excluding Rule of 85ers, attendance is 65%; on total membership basis is 72%. Gavin commented that make-up attendance now accounts for 20% of attendance and that he is still looking for a list of committee chairs for make-up reporting.

Speakers: No report.

Membership: Carole Rubenstein informed us that the membership committee of twelve met in January. They feel that it is important that members of the committee continue to meet with prospective new members to fully explain the duties and obligations of being a member of our club.

International: No report.

Rising Young Voices and Youth Services: Dennis Wong presented a draft of a proposed change in structure of our youth oriented programs, where Rising Young Voices is the umbrella for Youth Activities (club funded) and Young Voices (Sunrise Rotary 21st Century Foundation-funded). Dennis would be

the Rising Young Voices administer as well as the chair of the Young Voices Committee. Ed Horne will continue to head the Student of the Month and Young Social Entrepreneur program. Maggie Feczko will be in charge of the Four-Way Speech (and possible essay in the middle schools) Contests; Dennis will handle Interact (with Rob Reeves of Westport Rotary). Roy Fuchs will be our contact with Green Farms Academy and Mark Mathias the same for Staples High School.

- **Interact:** Liz Olbrych is stepping down and Dennis suggests that we find a faculty advisor with interests in International Affairs. He would like to give a stipend for his/her involvement. Additionally, Dennis would like to provide Interact members with t-shirts, and asked for \$200 for that purpose. He will look into how much appropriate t-shirts would cost.

- **Young Social Entrepreneur (YSE) Award:** The first award of this kind will be presented this coming Friday to Alex Dulin who has founded the Westport SAFERIDES at Staples, an organization that provides safe transportation home on Saturday nights for students who have been drinking alcohol. Dennis would like our club to donate \$200 to that program in addition to the \$50 Barnes and Noble award that she will receive for being the YSE. He will look into how our contribution would help to meet the financial needs of the SAFERIDES organization.

- **World Affairs Seminar:** This seminar will be held in June. In the past a Staples teacher selected a student, and our club provided the funding. The cost is approximately \$1,200. Dennis would like the Youth Activities Committee to consider opening up the selection process whereby any Westport student could apply and the selection would be made by our club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 1st, 2010 at Christ and Holy Trinity Church at 5:30.

Respectively submitted,
Ann Lloyd, Secretary