



Next Meeting: November 5, 2010  
 Opener: Anne Beers  
 Program: Jill Campoli, Betsy Pollack &  
 Amy Van Arsdale - New Careers  
 Greeters: Hawley, Levy, Haberstroh  
 Place: Bobby Q's

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# The Crier

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## October 29 Club Meeting

### Opener



A Halloween costumed Valerie Austyn opened the meeting

### Guests

Cheryl Eldh, guest of Bill Meyer  
 Cole Manley, Student of the month  
 Kathy Shope, Cole's mother  
 Haris Durrani, Student of the month  
 Adrian Durrani, Haris' mother  
 Dolores Durrani, Haris' father  
 Jeff Cohen, guest of Ed Horne  
 Pat McCormack, Westport News

### Visiting Rotarians

John Hartwell, Westport Rotary  
 Allen Raymond, Westport Rotary

### Program



Wine Tasting Chairman Bob Galan and Rita Steinberger go over last minute details for the Wine Tasting & Silent Auction fundraiser



A festive Halloween meeting was again conceived by Frog Wilson



Creative costumes were on display



And the winners were Tom Lowrie as David Cohen, Maggie Feczko as John Hendrickson, Rick Jaffe as a golfer that he is not and Frog Wilson as Frog Wilson

The Westport Sunrise Rotary Club meets 7:30AM every Friday Morning at [Bobby Q's Restaurant](#), 42 Main Street in Westport. Meetings are open to all Rotarians and their guests.

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## Students of the Month

Staples Seniors Tell Sunrise Rotary About Westport's Bubble



Reverend Ed Horne, Cole Manley and Haris Durrani

Staples seniors Cole Manley and Haris Durrani received Westport Sunrise Rotary's Student of the Month awards for their article in last June's Inklings senior issue about the economic and racial bubble young Westporters grow up in.

Mr. Durrani said that "What started as a joke" about "bubble-wrapped lives" became a serious look at the privileged world most Staples students live in, asking "How does Staples prepare kids for the larger world?" He told the club that their article in the student newspaper reported that many Staples students don't see the problem – they will leave Westport and "reform similar social structures."

Both honorees answer the diversity question for themselves. Mr. Manley said he has been interested the issue since he was a young child. He responds as an instructor in Norwalk's Grass Roots Tennis, a program that uses tennis a vehicle to foster "self confidence, courtesy and maturity of disadvantaged children." Mr. Durrani stated "minorities need a voice." He is active in the mosque his family belongs to, he writes often about civil rights issues, and, in another life, is a member of Staples' award winning Robotics team.

Roy Fuchs

## Three Westport Women discuss their new careers at November 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### Betsy Pollack

"Our Town Crier was created by Betsy Pollack, an independent business owner/operator of gift shops for the past 18 years. During her many years at Westport Gift, this idea was born. Betsy realized that using testimonials and incentives (many of which were placed on her front counter at the store) brought consumers to frequent those businesses. On the Our Town Crier web site the addition of photo galleries, videos, detailed descriptions, and a link to each business website adds the benefit of an online shopping portal. Our Town Crier facilitates the conveyance of important information to neighborhood consumers, as did the Town Crier of long ago.

Independent neighborhood businesses both large and small now have a place to be heard. Businesses and consumers can connect in our virtual town square, creating mutually advantageous relationships that benefit us all.

What is Our Town Crier? A state-of-the-art virtual town square where consumers and independent business come to meet.

Why? To give local consumers and independent businesses many great reasons to support each other. To make sure our towns will not lose any more of the charm that independent stores naturally bring. For this reason, Our Town Crier includes only local owner-run and occupied businesses.

How? Businesses- Post descriptions, incentives, photos, and videos of their goods and services, links to their own web sites, upcoming events, impromptu sales, menus, and catalogues. Consumers - Come to learn about special offers, great word of mouth, special events, new products, services, and so much more." [www.ourtowncrier.com](http://www.ourtowncrier.com)

### Amy Van Arsdale

Amy helps people get their homes and lives organized. A chaotic home can be paralyzing. Clear the clutter and you'll clear the mind. After all, the two go together.

Amy started her career three years ago. She rents her home out every

summer and was forced to get organized. Amy found that she loved living an organized life and decided to help others do the same. She was in radio 15 years ago and wanted to return to broaden her ability to help others. *Her show "Simply Organize It"* can be heard on Saturdays at 10:30 on Newstalk 1400 WSTC/1350 WNLK.

### Jill Campoli

Jill Campoli is a professional mobile dog groomer. A Westport native, Jill has been in the business of pet sitting and grooming dogs for 17 years. Two years ago she became a mobile groomer when she purchased a large vehicle. 80% of her business is in Westport.

## Rumors, Gossip & Innuendo

*By Frog Wilson, Middle Earth Bidder*

There are some really super silent auction items still begging for bids. Have at it.



An autographed copy of *Alice in Wonderland*. Personal copy of Valerie Austyn (an inspiration for one of the book's original characters) - \$10,000

Matching bags will work under either eye.

Donated by George Masumian's dermatologist - \$500 per bag.

Memory Course: "Where Are My Car Keys?" 10 lessons include actually losing your keys. Thanks to Lou Weinstein - \$1000

Program your week. Each week Bill Blaufuss will create a special 4-color program with the highlights of what you've done every minute of every day and night. Joining Bill for the ten-week stay in your home will be Bob Galan who will be using your phone to solicit sponsorship. What a great holiday gift for friends and relatives. Donated by Pat Blaufuss - \$75,000.

A 12-course dinner for 20 women only at the famed Resnick haunted castle off 195, hosted by Pete Wolgast. Donated by Jo Fuchs Luscombe - \$25,000.

Two tickets to the Siberian string quartet on December 25th. Airfare to Novasibirsk not included but does include a pre show shot of vodka. Donated by John Canning - \$20.

Naming opportunity. Pick a new first name for John/Jack/Sam/George

Hendrickson every week for an entire year. Donated by Maggie Feczko. Value \$2.00 (new weekly driver's licenses the responsibility of winner).

Ed Horne will host a 5-day Rotary strategic planning session at The Barbados Methodist Church. Airfare, room and board courtesy of Facilitator Joe Hawley who is planning 4 days of preparatory remarks. Value \$1000 per person to the Hawley campaign for President of the Caribbean. According to Reverend Horne, the Methodist Church of Westport will pay for sunscreen (if needed).

A final note about another super minister. Despite rumors to the contrary, the construction next to Christ & Holy Trinity Church is not a jail to keep John Branson from leaving Westport.

## Lou's Thoughts & Chuckles

*By Lou Weinstein*

*Love and smoke are two things which can't be concealed.*

*-French proverb*

## Photo Gallery - Winetasting



Some of the 400+ attendees at the October 29<sup>th</sup> Winetasting & Silent Auction WSR fundraiser at Longshore Inn



President Arlo Ellison served as emcee at the Winetasting



**Bob Lasprogato and his Uptown Jazz Trio provided the entertainment**



**One of the carving stations was a popular stop**



**John Hendrickson converses with the Masumians**



**Joe Hawley and Tom Ayres enjoy a refreshment**



**Eric Zielinski working up the figures with Valerie Austyn (did she wear that all day?) and Ann Lloyd**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Mark Mathias - November 14  
 Ira Bloom - November 18  
 John Hendrickson, Jr. - November 19  
 Bill Blaufuss - November 26  
 Jeff Mayer - November 26  
 Roy Fuchs - November 27

### Happy Hollers

► *Bob Galan:* To everyone who worked Friday setting up at Longshore, cleaning up, working the door, gathering the bid boards and auction items, selling tickets, getting bid items, selling ads, mixing with our guests and making it a pleasant event or just being there in spirit, a heart felt "thank you" for making this 21st Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction a great success.

You all embody the great spirit that is Rotary in our community and around the world and you certainly make it gratifying and fun to belong to this particular Rotary.

► *George Masumian:* Bob, We all thank you for all the work and time you put into making this year's Wine Tasting the success that it was. Well done.

► *Bill Blaufuss:* The fellowship from working on this event as well as attending it and socializing with our town neighbors really makes this event a worthwhile and enjoyable effort.

Something to think about. As Rita has said, we always get face value for food and wine as silent auction

prizes. I believe that we have big upside potential in getting Restaurant Gift Certificates as silent auction prizes and we are not nearly enough exploiting this opportunity. Can't wait 'til we have a post-mortem so that we can discuss this and other ideas.

► *Jo Fuchs Luscombe:* The evening was most enjoyable, though I did note the lack of restaurant gift certificates in the silent auction. I always bid on restaurants. Thank you, all, for your hard work, bask in your success. Congratulations and Happy Halloween.

► *Carole Rubenstein:* Thanks, Bob, for all the work you did. Once more we saw the great teamwork that Sunrise Rotary has. What a great group of people we are- having fun and giving back at the same time!

► *Charlie Haberstroh:* Thank you, Bob G, Eileen, Rita, Bob L and everyone who helped make the 21<sup>st</sup> wine tasting a success!

**Submit Club Announcements & Happy Hollers to:**  
[www.datacut.com/misc/crierinput.htm](http://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

November: Hawley, Levy, Haberstroh  
 December: Renzulli, Freedman, Smith

#### Meeting Openers

November 12: Ken Bernhard  
 November 19: Bill Blaufuss  
 November 26: No meeting?  
 December 3: Ira Bloom  
 December 10: John Branson  
 December 17: Linda Bruce  
 December 24: No meeting?  
 December 31: No meeting?  
 January 7: John Canning  
 January 14: Alan Stolz  
 January 21: Janis Collins  
 January 28: Gavin Arneht

#### Programs

November 12: Miggs Burroughs - Evolution of visual arts in Westport

## Gillespie Center Schedule

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

November 6: Steinberger & Rubenstein  
 December 4: SaCouto & Hawley  
 January 1: Ayers & Freedman  
 February 5: *open & open*  
 March 5: *open & open*  
 April 2: *open & open*  
 May 7: *open & open*  
 June 4: *open & open*

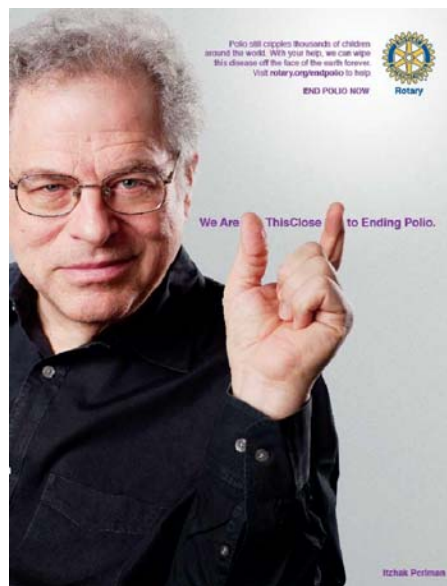
## Club Calendar

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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Nov 3 Wed - Rotary District 7980 Foundation Dinner. at the Race Brook Country Club, Orange, CT 6:00pm  
 Nov 6 Sat – Rotarians serving meals at the Gillespie Center, 4:45-5:45pm  
 Nov 15 Mon - SR 21st Century Foundation Board meeting at 257 Riverside Ave. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 5:30-7:00pm  
 Dec 4 Sat – Rotarians serving meals at the Gillespie Center, 4:45-5:45pm  
 Dec 6 Mon – Board Meeting at 1 Gorham Island, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 5:30-6:30pm  
 Dec 11 Sat – Progressive dinner fellowship event  
 Jan 1 Sat – Rotarians serving meals at the Gillespie Center, 4:45-5:45pm  
 Jan 3 Mon – Board Meeting at 1 Gorham Island, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 5:30-6:30pm  
 Jan 8 Sat - End Polio Now Fundraiser - Sound Tigers AHL ice hockey game at Harbor Arena, Bridgeport, 8:00pm  
 Feb 5 Sat – Rotarians serving meals at the Gillespie Center, 4:45-5:45pm  
 Feb 7 Mon – Board Meeting at 1 Gorham Island, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 5:30-6:30pm  
 Feb 7 Mon - SR 21st Century Foundation Board meeting at 257 Riverside Ave. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 5:30-7:00pm  
 Mar 5 Sat – Rotarians serving meals at the Gillespie Center, 4:45-5:45pm  
 Mar 7 Mon – Board Meeting at 1 Gorham Island, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 5:30-6:30pm  
 Apr 2 Sat – Rotarians serving meals at the Gillespie Center, 4:45-5:45pm  
 Apr 4 Mon – Board Meeting at 1 Gorham Island, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 5:30-6:30pm  
 May 2 Mon – Board Meeting at 1 Gorham Island, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 5:30-6:30pm  
 May 7 Sat – Rotarians serving meals at the Gillespie Center, 4:45-5:45pm  
 May 16 Mon - SR 21st Century Foundation Board meeting at 257 Riverside Ave. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 5:30-7:00pm

Jun 4 Sat – Rotarians serving meals at the Gillespie Center, 4:45-5:45pm  
 Jun 6 Mon – Board Meeting at 1 Gorham Island, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 5:30-6:30pm



End Polio Now – Partnership 2011

**Sunrise Rotary Westport**  
 In partnership with other Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs in our District 7980

**A SPECIAL END POLIO NOW EVENT**

*Enjoy a Fun Night with Family and Friends  
 And Help to Eradicate Polio Forever*

**BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS**  
**AHL ICE HOCKEY GAME**  
**JANUARY 8th 8:00PM**  
 ARENA AT HARBOR YARD, BRIDGEPORT

**BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS**  
**VS. WORCESTER SHARKS**

**Special Promotional Ticket Prices**  
**\$31 Center Ice Tickets – only \$20**  
*Every ticket sold – 35% goes to End Polio Now*  
*\$20 Tickets for January 8th Game must be purchased by January 3rd*

**For Tickets Contact**  
 Dennis Wong, (203) 858-5828, doxsoup@aol.com

### Four-Way Test of Rotary

1. **Is it the Truth?**
2. **Is it Fair to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?**
4. **Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?**

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*Member at Large:* Rick Jaffe  
*Member at Large:* Roy Fuchs

### **America The Beautiful**

*(Sung at WSR meetings)*

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
 For amber waves of grain,  
 For purple mountain majesties  
 Above the fruited plain!  
 America! America! God shed  
 His grace on thee,  
 And crown thy good with  
 brotherhood  
 From sea to shining sea!



## The Crier

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### **Crier Deadlines:**

The deadline for all input for *The Crier* is Noon on Tuesday for that week's edition and must be supplied by [web form](#) to the editor.