



Trumbull Rotary Weekly Meeting Friday, August 15

Happy Dollar\$

Dawn D. – happy \$5 to all of the Rotarians that worked the concert and braved the elements.

Ray B. – happy \$5 to all of the Rotarians, again, that worked the concert.

Len G. – happy \$5 for grossing over 18K from the beer truck at the concert, and drying out all of the money at his house. Another very dripping wet \$250 was in the tip jar! AND double make-ups for all Rotarians who attended.

Joe R. - \$2 great job to all of the Rotarians who helped set up and a special thanks to the Rotarians who held the tent down the night of the concert during the storm.

Greg B.- happy \$1 to the Keith-Richards-without-his-shirt-on-look-alike **Jimbo Jones** and his toothless buddy for recognizing “you guys are awesome” for continuing to serve beer at the show.

Bill Z. - \$5 for his son’s Birthday and dropping him off at medical school in Albany, his 29th Anniversary to his wife Karen, and encouragement to Rotarians to look into the genetic history of family members after experiencing the benefit of the knowledge firsthand with his sister who recently was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Frank M. - sad \$5 for the passing of Walt’s mother-in-law. Also, the divorce of Mike and the Mad Dog, Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers, and the Hindu farmer who married his dog.

Steve H. – happy \$1 for the women’s shoe collection he now owns from all of those unfortunate “soles” that got stuck in the mud at the concert.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DUANE!
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BARRY!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY RAY!
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BILL!**

Upcoming Events/Projects/Community Service Goals

- Foundation Goal of 100% Participation
- The Rotary Business Expo will be on Oct. 2 at Trumbull HS. Please see Scott to sign up to present.
- Wellness day for children and families partnering with the town and the YMCA
- \$5000 set aside for an international project not yet determined
- May 18, 2009: Annual Golf Tournament
- Rotary will sponsor Trumbull’s new teacher reception at Tashua Knolls
- Ray Baldwin is going to be honored by RYASAP, Rotary will advertise in the event program book
- Rotary will donate \$3500 to the T-SNAP (Trumbull Special Needs Awareness Program)

- Rotary will donate \$850 to the upcoming Clothesline Project (Center for Women and Families) in October at the library.

Each Month, a Rotarian will be recognized for the hard work and commitment to community they possess illustrated in their involvement is several other agencies, boards, fundraisers and organizations beyond rotary. The recipient of the monthly award exemplifies service above self.

Congratulations to this month's recipient, PEG PERILLIE!!

Guest Speaker...

Paul S. Timpanelli, BRBC President

Paul is a Trumbull resident and former first selectman. He has been with BRBC for 20 years, working to improve the greater Bridgeport area through a successful partnership between public and private businesses.

The 5 things that he focused on when coming to BRBC 20 years ago were:

1. **The city's financial house needed to be in order.** Over time, Bridgeport had become a city whose finances were well managed. The current deficit is a result of the state of the economy.
2. **The city's management houses needed to be in order.** Today, the city is one of the best managed in the country, and certainly the best managed in the state.
3. **The city needed a development plan.** Since that time, the Urban Land Institute has visited Bridgeport and assessed a good and successful plan is in place.
4. **Create public investment in the city.** The goal is to accomplish redevelopment of Bridgeport in 20 years (approx. \$30 billion). Now in its fifth year of the 20-year plan, investment in the city has surpassed that of Baltimore in their first 5 years of a 30-year redevelopment plan that began some time ago.
5. **Create political strength, will and consensus in the city.** This is the most difficult thing to do. Now, Bill Finch is doing and will continue to do a great job as mayor. He's making a great deal of progress.

Paul also discussed redevelopment around the city of Bridgeport including the old city trust, the arcade mall, the steel point project, the 9 acre area across from the ballpark, the state street corridor, and Farmington woods.

To close the meeting....

CONGRATS TO DALE SEYMOUR FOR DRAWING THE QUEEN OF HEARTS IN THE RAFFLE!