



# The Rotary Club of Ledyard

www.ledyardrotary.org District 7980 Club #24504 Club President: Doug Meyer



## Weekly Newsletter – July 29, 2010

### Club Member Birthdays And Anniversaries:

#### **Last Meeting:**

**Today's Meeting:**  
Sean and Sharon S. 7/31

#### **Upcoming:**

### 2011 Club Leadership:

#### **Officers:**

President: Doug Meyer  
Vice President: John Hollis  
President Elect: Dave Thompson  
Treasurer: Clare Strickland  
Secretary: Barry Toth  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Doug Chung  
Past President: Bill Merrill  
Newsletter: Bob Reimer  
Webmaster: Steve Goetchius

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Service Projects: Claudia Turner  
- Int'l sub-chair: Fred Allyn  
- Cmnty sub-chair: Claudia Turner  
- Vocation sub-chair: Bill Merrill  
Club Admin: Mike Graner  
RI Foundation: Dave Thompson  
Public relations: Ted Nunes  
Membership: Bill Merrill

### **Last Week's Raffle:**

Dave T – didn't win pot  
Next Pot: \$50

### **Consolation Raffles:**

Clare S. & John H.

Thanks to Dave T. for donating the two bottles of wine for our consolation raffle.

**Today's Program:** Meeting at Ledyard High School, VoAg Center and Fitness Center tour

Next Week: Groton Inn and Suites, Club Assembly

**Visiting Rotarians/Guests:** Max Sullivan (Sean's son)

#### **Good News/Bad News:**

Lisa B – late, no pin, missed last 2 weeks, extra kids for the summer, husband's leg in a cast, left early

Doug C – missed last meeting, did an e-meeting makeup, in Bristol CT for flu shot CPR training

Karen G – no pin, left early last week, leaving early today

Steve G – no pin

Mike G – would like a volunteer to house a Chinese FEX student for 6-12mo

John H – collected 212 DVDs for Vets, would like to transfer this project to another club member

Pat K – late, missed last week, check for wedding anniversary to Ledyard Rotary Foundation

Brian K – missed last 2 weeks, talked shop with Dr. Mike (off-meeting), bought a house in Groton

Bill M – on vacation next week

Ted N – on time, has pin, name in paper

Bob S – missed last week, will miss next week

Sean S – name in paper

Dave T – much appreciation to Paul Maugle for today's meeting venue and presentation

**Last Week's Program:** at Maugle Sierra Vineyards and Winery (MSV) – Update on the Wine Business at Maugle Sierra (Paul Maugle)

This spring Paul lost the first buds of the grape vines to frost and fungus. Fortunately, the vines annually set three buds; the second budding is doing well (less damage, less fungus). The vines been sprayed to control any additional fungus. He is currently negotiating with contractors and the ATF to approve the expansion of the wine storage and tasting areas. The manufacturing area is planning to blend/bottle wine (9am next Wednesday), so if you have a good palate, don't brush your teeth, smoke or drink coffee and you can give us a hand! A new white wine (Cayuga) will be coming out next month. Other grapes are coming in from local areas (local farms, Long Island, etc.). Ledyard will soon have three vineyards, a small start but still an impressive effort. Ledyard soil is good for grapes, i.e., the large amount of rocks and sandy texture adds a lot of complexity to the flavor. Ideally, grape vines have to be "stressed" by soil and environment to produce fruit with excellent flavor complexity. Paul has planted his vineyard with St. Croix grapes from SW Wisconsin. They are hardy to -30°F and are closely related to Pinot Noir grapes. MSV participates with the CT Passport program (16 or more visits to local wineries qualifies for a raffle and possible trip to Spain for the winner). Then retail business has been going for 3 years and has been steadily improving. Local merchants and restaurants sell MSV wines. They are currently hosting music and wine tasting every Friday evening 5-9PM until September. For real wine enthusiasts, designated drivers or limo hires are a great idea.

Club member attendance: 23/36

Meeting notes: Terry Jones

**Announcements:** The Ledyard Fair signup sheet was circulated (Pat K). See latest issue of "Rotarian" magazine for the ABCs of Rotary article. Doug M was awarded the "Trash-person of the Quarter" award for his discovery of the "Hope" diamond during last Saturday's Adopt-a-Highway cleanup; Terry J donated a found \$1 to club coffers. Doug C requested that all club members either bowl or sponsor a bowler for the Aug 15 LR Foundation Bowl-a-Thon.

7/1 – Rotary International and District 2011 dues = \$90 per member (Doug M, Clare S)

8/3 – Board of Officers meeting

8/15 – Annual Ledyard Rotary Foundation Bowl-a-thon (Doug C)

8/19 – 2011 District Governor's visit (Julianna Reppenhagen)

9/9-9/12 – Dell's Booth and South gate duty at Ledyard Fair (all hands)