



# The Rotary Club of Ledyard

Founded 1987

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## Weekly Newsletter – December 1, 2011

### Club Member Birthdays And Anniversaries:

**Last Meeting:**  
Clare S 11/12

**Today's Meeting:**  
Sean S 11/30  
Bill & Marie S 12/3

### Upcoming:

### Today...

... begins 'National Tie Month' (December 2011)

... in 1913, Gulf Refining Company opened the first drive up gasoline station in Pittsburg. Prior to this, gasoline was being sold at pharmacies.

... basketball was invented in 1891. Canadian YMCA trainer James Naismith nailed two peach baskets on opposite ends of the Spring College gym in Massachusetts and instructed his students to toss soccer balls into them.

### Last Week's Raffle:

Dennis Mc – did not win pot; next pot: \$390

Consolation – Sean S  
For Thanksgiving, a \$20 gift card to Holmberg's Orchard store

**Today's Program:** Club Assembly

**Next Week:** J. Morris Hicks, author

**Visiting Rotarians/Guests:** None

### Good News/Bad News:

Fred A – leaving early, chewed out by Marilyn Lowney for missing last week  
Doug C – was able to get two tickets to New Year's game (Patriots/Bills) and hotel room  
Karen G – leaving early  
Steve G – leaving early  
Rob H – had difficulty remembering what day it was, stood up the roadside cleanup, \$1 for Mike Krzyzewski's 900<sup>th</sup> win as basketball coach (currently Duke coach)  
Terry J – name in paper  
Sam K – missed last week (jury duty)  
Dennis Mc – missed last week, spent three days at pottery workshop in Saratoga Springs, NY  
Ron M – \$1 for badge rental (took it home last week)  
Mike Q – missed last week  
Sean S – missed last week, name in paper  
Clare S – \$1 for birthday song  
Dave T – \$1 for Steve G volunteering to serve on 2013 District Governor nominating committee  
Jane W – missed last week (slept in)  
Ray W – late, visited Missouri... very flat!

**November 17 Program:** LCDR Rob Sawyer, OIC - USS Nautilus (Rob H sponsor)

Rob is the OIC for the USS Nautilus and acting director for the Submarine Force Library and Museum. He oversees a staff of 26 active duty sailors representing all but 2 of the ratings currently serving in the submarine fleet. The museum also has good volunteer support from many of the area's submarine veterans, especially as docents for the various exhibits. The mission of the library/museum is to educate the public and honor veterans by preserving the heritage and traditions of the US submarine force and their relationship to America's freedom and history. The current museum site was opening in April 1986 and typically has 150-200,000 visitors, annually. Due to economic forces, the number of visitors has dropped off since 2008. Due to budgetary constraints, increased fundraising (external, non-DoD support) will be required to maintain museum services and exhibits. The museum is reaching out to more schools to include the museum as a field, trip destination. 'Sea Perch' is an underwater robotics education program that fits nicely with the robotics programs in middle and high schools. The DSRV (deep submergence rescue vehicle) had an opportunity to be moved to Groton (from San Diego) as another hand-on exhibit but the moving costs were prohibitive. Pending sufficient funding, the Sail and screws from research submarine NR-1 will be moved from Portsmouth NH as a new exhibit. In response to a question, LCDR Sawyer commented that, due to its unique machinery design and placement, the engine room and machinery rooms of the USS Nautilus will remain closed to the public. The museum is available (at no cost) for public events. Another Skip-a-Meal could be scheduled at the museum next year.

Attendance: 23/41 + speaker

Notes: Clare S

**Announcements:** The Thanksgiving baskets will go out next Tuesday. Maugle Sierra vineyard will provide a bottle of wine for each basket! Holiday party forms (with payment) are due by Dec 1. Don't forget 'Every Rotarian, Every Year' (EREY) donation to Rotary International in 2011. The district committee liked our managed grant project. Eliza C was given the 'Trash-person of the Quarter' award for her inaugural efforts at the roadside cleanup.

Thursday, December 15 (7am) – 4 Way Speech contest winners speak at club meeting  
★ Sunday, December 18 (5-9pm) – \$35/pp, Stonecroft Inn, Ledyard.