

The Charm

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President's Corner

As the new president of your club, I was quickly reminded after induction that there is a need for me to put my "President's Corner" thoughts to paper for publication in The Charm.

Quickly I set off to find some words of wisdom. Read Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural address—nothing there. Then I decided to review the first "President's Corner" messages from years past. It became quickly apparent that with each new president, the "President's Corner" message is uniquely molded to fit the incoming's persona. I then reviewed the archived issues of The Charm to see what events were normally scheduled during the months of July-September. With the exception of the Schooner cruise, which we are foregoing this year, it appears that these first three months are fairly inactive. Although this year we do have an Amber Alert ID session on August 4th in response to the National Night Out celebration.

So with no discovery of a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, I finally decided that I will just write what comes to mind this first morning after my induction.

As I said at my induction, it is going to take the full breadth of the club membership to move us forward. I am asking all to help me with two goals I would like us to attain over these first 3 months of my presidency:

1. Even with vacations, I would like to see the number of members attending meetings to increase to a level of 20+ in attendance each week. Even with vacations, I think we can do this since you have the power to make this happen.

2. I would like to see each member bring one guest to a meeting as a prospective member, whether they be a family member, co-worker, friend or someone you do business with—just one.

Finally, as many of you may know, I enjoy laughing. So if you have a joke, bring it to the meeting. Funny stories are good too.

I am looking forward to our club having a fun and productive year of fellowship and community service and I am inviting the full membership to be part of that..

On a personal note, I would like to say that I have enjoyed the many new friendships and acquaintances I have made during my time with Hamden Rotary and I look forward to being the custodian of the office of president for the next year.

In that capacity, I would like to sincerely congratulate Richard Miller as being selected as the *Rotarian of the Year*. In the years that I have known him, Rich has always either stood in the forefront, or stepped forward, never too busy, when the need arises. In my mind, if there was a place in the dictionaries that we distribute each year for the definition of a "good Rotarian", when you opened the page you would find a picture of Richard Miller there.

Thank you Rich and Congratulations.

Give us a Hand!

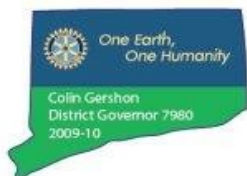
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Quote of the Week

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.”

Albert Einstein



Up Coming Events

- July 13-Mike Healy-Sleeping Giant Build Board Meeting**
- July 17-Concert-Ashford And Simpson**
- July 20-Cook-Out at Camp Laurel**
- July 24-Concert-Eight to The Bar**
- July 27-at the Playwright**
- July 31-Businesss Bazaar Member recruiting Concert-Tower of Power**

Club Officers

- President: John Karavas**
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- Vice President:**
- Treasurer: Cathy Forsberg**
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That Which Guides Us Every Day

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?