



# THE CHARM



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## President's Corner



It is difficult for me to come up with a purpose to put pen to paper (or as it is these days, finger tips to script) and so I ultimately decided to not write anything unless something touched me.

I was poked a couple of weeks ago when I asked someone to join our Club. Their response was that they were not as smart as the other Club members, so they did not feel that they could make a valuable contribution. The response affected me and I asked myself, "Is this what Rotary is all about—a bunch of smart people coming together to enjoy each other's company and doing smart community service?"

The answer of course is "No." Smart is valuable to any alliance, but more so I believe that passion and imagination makes a Club a valuable developing organization that maximizes its intended purpose.

Without passion, workers retire as early as possible. People go to work and watch the clock all day long, eight hours is enough-seven even better-and ten is unthinkable.

I love the quote by Karen Ravn: "*Only as high as I reach can I grow, only as far as I seek can I go, only as deep as I look can I see, only as much as I dream can I be.*" It seems to be a companion to Bobby Kennedy's: "*Some men dream things that are and ask why. I dream things that are not and ask why not.*"

As we look to enroll new members we must reject the notion that those with passion who feel that they cannot match the mean level of intellect of our members, are unworthy of membership in the Rotary Club of Hamden. Who would you like to work with? Someone who has all the answers? Or someone who has a passion about getting the job done?

With that thought in mind, can you bring a passionate, potential member guest to one of our upcoming meetings? Or why not?

## Upcoming Meetings And Events

- Oct. 19 Cheryl Burack-  
Director, Coordinating  
Council for Children in  
Crisis  
Board Meeting
- Oct. 26 Dr. Francis Rabinowitz-  
Superintendent-Hamden Public  
Schools



## Skiff St. Cleanup

Unfortunately, inclement weather came to haunt us once again last Saturday. Eric Lind is working with the Rotaractors and Interactors to schedule a date later this month when we can all get together for this fun and rewarding service project.

## Quote of the Week...

*"Tough times don't last. Tough people do."*  
Don Cammerato

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### The Four Way Test Of the things we say, think and do:



## Service Above Self

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## Give us a Hand! 2009-10 Service Chairs

**Membership**-Owen Sanderson-288-3196

**Club Service**-Eric Lind-315-0295

**Community Service**-Betsy Gorman-288-0017

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## Dictionary Project

Rotarian Fabi Giguere reports that she has received a full pallet of dictionaries for our Club project of distributing a dictionary to every third grader in Hamden. This year the Club will be distributing the dictionaries to over 500 students in the Hamden Public Schools, Hamden Hall, three parochial schools, Wintergreen Magnet and Mustard Seed Charter schools. Rotarians that have volunteered to distribute should call Fabi at 230-8159 to pick up the dictionaries and Hamden Rotary book plates. Fabi's office, at LIMPIEX Cleaning Service is at 34 Raccio Park Rd., off Sherman Ave. near Elite Fitness.

## Sound Familiar?

Sometimes history repeats itself:

"We have had good business during the past few weeks just at a time when our volume ordinarily would taper off because of seasonal conditions.....people have made purchases which they certainly wouldn't have made in the frame of mind that prevailed six months ago." "...the President's program is all very simple. Without money our people cannot buy. If they can't buy, we can't manufacture. If we don't make goods we can't pay wages and salaries. Without wages and salaries there will be no retail sales and stores like our own will suffer or be forced to close up altogether. The vicious circle will go on and on, unless it is broken somewhere."

"The way to break the circle is for all of business and industry to start the wheels by employing people who are unemployed.....This will mean the salvation of business and, I sincerely believe, the salvation of our country."

*C.W. Harrison of the firm Harrison and Gould, Inc. as published in The Milford News, September 16, 1933*

