

Club raises \$20,000 for Polio Plus! Below are the participants of Robert's Paul Harris/ Gates Foundation challenge. Our \$2500 contribution will be matched to produce \$5000 worth of Paul Harris contributions for the Club which will be multiplied by the Gates Foundation to produce \$20,000 for Polio Plus.

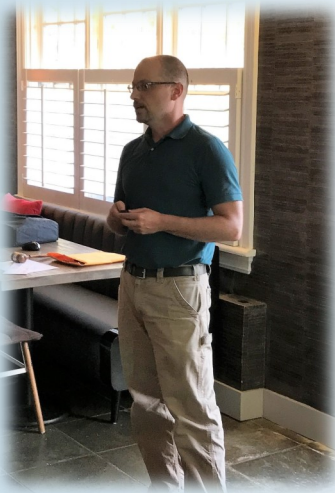
1. \$500 - Robert Herber
2. \$500 - Ken Wipperman
3. \$500 - Joe Ellis
4. \$250 - Joel Third & Marja Mullineaux
5. \$100 - Joe Kreitz, Mike Anderson, Jim Finklea, Sue Manning & Bill Wyman



Thank you Robert for creating this meaningful initiative!!

Woodcock Nature Center!

Rotary grant recipient Woodcock Nature Center, Executive Director, Michael Rubbo, delivered an informative presentation on their mission and capabilities. His presentation reinforced the fact that we made a good decision in providing them with one of our 2017 grants!



Michael and his adorable fan club

Who do we serve?

- We serve approximately 10,000 people every year
 - 3,500 children for school field trips
 - 4,000 hikers
 - 1,000 for our Wreath Festival
 - 1,500 for misc. events, programs, and volunteers
 - 600 for Summer Camp
- 60% children, 15% teens, 25% adults
- Predominantly Ridgefield and Wilton

Finding a New Home



2 Dingle Ridge Rd,
North Salem, NY 10560

121, other than the long drive, was an enjoyable venue. The service and food were excellent and the reaction was positive. We are returning for next week's meeting.



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Thank you to the The Rotary Club of Ridgefield for the \$1500 grant to fund Christmas dinner for our clients. (Pictured Rotary member Bill Wyman and MOW Board member Phyllis Appel)

Haas, Karen McChesney, Ma...

Members from Rotary Club of Ridgefield and Rides for Ridgefield celebrate a recent \$1,000 donation.

Rotary Club supports Rides For Ridgefield

The Rotary Club of Ridgefield supported Rides For Ridgefield with a grant of \$1,000 in July. The check will benefit Rides' mission to provide ride information and rides to the town's senior (over 60) population and to mobility-disabled residents of any age.

"We're all about service to the community," said Sue Manning, co-chair of the Rotary Club's Service Committee, "and Rides For Ridgefield provides a wonderful service to Ridgefield's seniors and others who might not be able to leave their homes when they need to." Manning presented a check for the grant to Alice Kenny, Rides' Chair, on July 17.

Rides For Ridgefield volunteer drivers are supported by volunteer call center coordinators who take requests for rides at Rides' office in Town Hall.

Residents looking for information about ride availability or to sign up as a rider are encouraged to call 203-894-RIDE (7433) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additional drivers and call center coordinators are also needed, and anyone wishing to volunteer can find out how by calling this same number.

Rotary Club of Ridgefield recently made a grant to RVNA to support the home health agency's speech rehabilitation program. Shown, from left to right: MJ Heller, RVNA director of philanthropy; Bill Wyman, Rotary Club of Ridgefield member; Theresa Santoro, RVNA president and CEO; Ralph Passarelli, Rotary Club of Ridgefield member.

The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Year!

Thank you for celebrating this tremendous milestone by giving. The Foundation's second century — and the future of all who depend on its work — will be brighter because of you.

Sincerely,

Apologies to Joel Third for excluding him from this month's Food Pantry Drive. Joel has participated every month that he has been home.

Sorry Joel!

A special thanks to Keith Miller who prints the food suggestions and frequently helps with the sorting.



Simon, we miss you!
Hurry back!

Speakers & Events

What We Do Does Matter!!

Speaker/Trivia Responsibility & Events

Wed Aug 23	6:30pm	Simon/Jim F	TBD
Tue Aug 29	6:30pm	Rotary's Concert in the Park	Ballard Park
Wed Aug 30	6:30pm	Joe Cleary/Joe Cleary	TBD
Fri Sept 1	8:00am	Breakfast Meeting	Dimitri's
Sat Sep 2	9:30 - 4	Food Drive—Barbara Lane barbara.lane7@gmail.com WE NEED VOLUNTEERS	Stop & Shop
Sun Sep 3	3pm	Rotary Picnic	Bodner's
Mon Sep 4	NEWTOWN LABOR DAY PARADE		
Wed Sep 6	6:30pm	Rich DeSerio/Joel	TBD
Mon Sept 11	6:30pm	Board Meeting	Lounsbury
Wed Sep 13	6:30pm	Assembly/Eileen	TBD
Fri Sept 15	8:00am	Breakfast Meeting	Dimitri's
Sun Sept 10	TBD	Alzheimer Walk—West Conn West Track	
Sun Oct 1	8:30-10:30am	Women's Center Safe Walk	Danbury Mall



Ken's Trivia was a real eyeopener. We always talk about our community and how important it is to us and our activities. But I don't think any of us realized how many famous people chose Ridgefield for their home until we answered (or tried to) Ken's 15 questions. When you realize that these celebrities could have located anywhere and yet picked Ridgefield it reinforces what a special community we have.

Thanks Ken for the excellent Trivia!