



# The Guilford Rotarian

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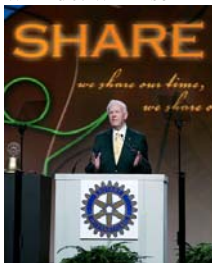
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"Listen with your heart"

**Area 7**  
**Governor's Representative**  
Charles "Chip" Marsh

### *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

All, led by President Sandy

### *INVOCATION*

Bruce Chips

### *VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS*

VR: None

Guest: Yien Hung, guest of Ruth & John Bush; Pat Todd guest of Bill Stableford

### *BIRTHDAYS AND ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES*

B/D: None

RA: Cosmo – 1983; Tom Petrick –?; Marge DeMay – 1987; Al Jacobs -- 1979

### *ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE*

Clubs should set goals for Foundation giving. Since this idea began several years ago annual giving has jumped from \$55 million to \$85 million. The goal for our club is \$100/member this year.

### *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**Bring a Guest Day:** November 28, the Wednesday after Thanksgiving

**Rose Sale:** Look under your floor mats and in your freezer, Riefe wants \$\$.

**INTERACT Food Drive:** Students will be collecting food outside Wal-Mart on Sunday, Nov. 11 for the Guilford Food Bank. Contact Cosmo for more info.

**Holiday Food Pickup:** Larry needs two trucks and a few good men and women to pick up food – 1 pm Friday, Nov 16. Contact Larry.

**Warm the Children:** Larry needs a few more volunteers to take people shopping at Wal-Mart for winter clothing. Contact Larry.

### *KING OF CLUBS II - BENEFITTING THE GUILFORD FOOD BANK*

No one won the King of Clubs Raffle. The pot stands at \$141.00 and growing! Proceeds will benefit the Guilford Food Bank.

### *HAPPY & CARE \$*

**Murphy:** Happy to have Gene back from the hospital in good health

**Dennis:** UCONN football victory and national ranking

**Joe:** Thanks voters for re-election; glad to have Gene back

**Gene:** 103 F temperature sent him to hospital for 2-1/2 days; don't know what was wrong

**Ruth:** Guest Yien.

**Bruce:** Glad to have Gene back

**Paul Heeren:** Card left in ATM returned to police by honest citizen

**Bob Shepard:** Congrats to election winners, particularly Barbara Dudley who got 70% of the vote even though she's married to Steve

**Tom:** Get tickets from Janie for the Installation Dinner, June 27, 6 pm, at the Woodwinds.

**Steve:** Barbara was surprised to be the highest vote getter

**Marge:** \$20 to Memorial Ed Fund for her 20 years in Rotary

**Wayne:** \$20 for move to new office in Mariner's Corner; 20 years as Guilford Financial Group

Willy: Gene's mystery diagnosis; Patriot's win

Leff: Be back after hernia operation next week

Donald: Happy to see Gene; club website up and running again

Rick: Congrats to those re-elected – lots of good people make choice difficult

Margaret: Grandson Dylan won Veterans Day Contest and is excited to march

Joel: Good luck Wayne in property I found

Riefe: Congrats to candidates; kudos to Leff for all the roses he sold

Sandy: Good trip to Las Vegas; thanks to Tony & Mike for library progress video

Jokes told by Pat Todd, Linda, Cosmo and Murphy in lieu of guest that was a no-show.

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***SPEAKER: Bo Hume, Guilford Foundation; Tom Forcella, Supt. of Schools***

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Guilford has problems similar to inner cities, although the community's affluence often renders these problems invisible:

- \* Youth drug and alcohol abuse
- \* Elderly who are lonely
- \* Divorce and domestic violence
- \* Mental health issues

A steering committee has been formed to come up with ideas that can improve the quality of life in Guilford and suggest ways to instill a new culture consistent with our value systems. The idea is to plant a seed among many town groups: schools, churches, civic organizations, sports organizations and youth groups to create an awareness of the problems and begin to formulate general solutions. Next spring, a year from now, the organizers plan a major event to bring together 300 people to begin the process of making Guilford the best possible community it can be. Bo and Tom promised more info about all of this in the next several months. Here is the statement of purpose put together by Tom and Bo:

### **Healthy Communities Initiative Statement of Purpose :**

Our town is now over 350 years old. We have a wonderful heritage and a unique community with much strength. As we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we know that things are changing – the world around us as well as the dynamics of our own community. We have shifting demographics, increasing diversity, and competing forces in our environment. In the midst of all this, we're beginning to see tears in the fabric of our community – lack of civility, apathy/disinterest, etc. We want to get back to our original collective sense of community. We want to create an environment that ensures that no one feels left out or unsupported.

We're embarking on an innovative process that engages all sectors of the community and will itself begin to change the culture of our community toward one of commitment, collaboration and engagement, a process that affirms the covenant laid out by our town founders, but also revises it to reflect today's realities.

The concrete outcomes that this process will produce are:

- a set of core values and “healthy community characteristics” that are laid out in a “Covenant”
- action groups ready and willing to work on key community issues that aim to bring about a shift in the culture
- the community taking responsibility for sustaining the process
- everyone in Guilford feeling vested in the community
- increased collaboration, coordination, and sharing of resources

We invite you to be part of this exciting process. We need your support to make it happen.