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Visitors:

Sidney Spencer (father of Frank), Paul Hafter's mother, Kathy Pierce (Wilton's new director of social services, replacing Suzanne Van Vechten), Dr. Srivitsu (approx. spelling), a Rotarian from the Brentford Rotary Club in the UK.

Announcements

1. Norwalk Emergency Shelter: Please consider donating clothing in good condition and non-perishable foods to the Norwalk Emergency Shelter. Frank will be collecting these items over the next few weeks either at the meetings or at his office.
2. Carnival: September 8-9-10, at the Town Tennis Courts. Sign up sheet was circulated for ticket both and food booth duties. Victor Tenore has taken over from Bob Mills. Thanks to Bob for 20 (+/-) great years! There will be no meeting at the Silvermine on the Carnival Friday.
3. Past Due Accounts: If you owe \$\$ for the Installation Dinner or Dues, please get them in to Wendy ASAP!
4. Pulse-oximeters: The Board of Directors has provided the funds to Nursing and Home Care to purchase two of these devices.
5. Kathy Pierce introduced herself, and thanked the Club for its long-time support of the less fortunate members of our community, through our support of the fire extinguishers, and smoke detector programs, among others.
6. Dr. Srivitsu, our guest from England, noted that the date of your meeting, August 18, was his birthday. It was also his wedding anniversary. It was also the day of the year that he entered medical school. It was also the day that he became licensed as a surgeon. Next year he will report to someone that it was also the day that he joined us at our meeting. He commented that he found our club through our web-site and was most impressed with the extent of our activities and service. Now if I only knew how to spell his name ...

7. Our president is taking up the Connecticut Challenge and will be biking for 50 miles on August 27th. It's not too late to sponsor him!

Program

Tom Kies – Current president of the Norwalk Seaport Association spoke about the Association, its connection with the Oyster Festival which once again conflicts with the Carnival, and its connection with the Sheffield Lighthouse. It is one of the founding organizations of the Maritime Center, but is otherwise not related. It is not the only sponsor of the Oyster Festival – which became an annual tradition several years before the Seaport Association was founded – but is the main sponsor. The Oyster Festival proceeds fund the great majority of the Seaport Association's entire program, which includes maintaining the current lighthouse – no longer operational I surmise – and running a fairly significant environmental educational program. See [www. Seaport.org](http://www.Seaport.org).

The Seaport Association is the owner of approximately three acres of Sheffield Island, the other 46 or so being a part of the Stewart McKinney Nature Preserve.

The lighthouse has been verified as haunted. One of the reasons lighthouse keepers have been hard to com by. Others being lack of running water and electricity.

See you Friday

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