

# The Rotary Club of Suffield

## The Tobacco Leaf

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Regular Meeting: **October 5, 2004**  
 Rotary Week: **13**  
 Members Attending: 16 of 28 (57%)  
 Guests: Teresa, Michael & John Goncarz, Allyson Kehoe, (2) Rotary Exchange Students  
 Visiting Rotarians: Dr. John Sullivan  
 Make-Ups:  
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 Birthday:  
 Anniversaries:  
 Fines & Happy Dollars: 40.00  
 Primary Raffle Winner: Gil Ahrens  
 Secondary Raffle Winner: Frank DiGennaro  
 Dr. John Sullivan  
 Queen of Hearts: Tom Sullivan  
 Pot: \$397.00  
 5 of Spades  
 27 Cards Left



### Congratulations to Student of the Month Christina Goncarz

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### Meeting Notes:

Christine Hoffacker introduced October's Student of the Month, Christina Goncarz. Christina has achieved High Honors every semester of her high school career and has been in The National Honor Society for the past 2 years and the recipient of highest achievement awards in math and science honors courses the last 3 years. Christina plays Piano and is member of the Swim Team. She is also very active in the community and her church. Christina characterized herself as being an extremely caring and compassionate person yet fiercely competitive. She intends to pursue a career in Nursing as it combines her love of biology and communications. She is just beginning her college application process and intends to apply to UConn, St. Joseph's, McGill, Simmons and Boston College. Christina is an extremely impressive young woman who has a very bright future; all of us wish for her continued success!

Tom Jones presented the (2) Rotary Exchange students living locally and attending SHS; a 16 year old female and only child from Argentina and a 18 year old young woman who is one of three children from Ecuador. Both talked briefly and did quite well with their English presentation.

Tony Muscarella present an abbreviated Treasurer's report.

Dave Anderson is being presented for Rotary membership consideration. Dave has recently been a guest at a few of our meetings and was introduced by Gil Ahrens

Have a great week and I'll talk to you again next week. Bye, Tom M.

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Rotary Week: **14**

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Visiting Rotarians: Dr. John Sullivan

Make-Ups:

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Birthday:

Anniversaries:

Fines & Happy Dollars: 25.00

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Secondary Raffle Winner: Dan Kehoe

Glen Spaulding

Queen of Hearts: Tom Modzelesky

Pot: \$411.00  
4 of Spades  
25 Cards Left



## West Suffield Village Improvement Association

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Dan Kehoe proudly introduced his parent's, Robert & Vivian, and his sister, Pat Steffen. They all live in Western Illinois and were in the Northeast for a family reunion and to celebrate his brother's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Tom Modzelesky read a thank you letter for a recent \$300.00 donation to The Suffield Council For The Arts. Also, Guy Begin has notified us that he is not going to cash our check for the materials and labor he provided for the Chicken Barbeque booth.

Tony Muscarella distributed an Income/Expense Report through 10/12/04. He also notified us that a 501(c(3)) will be refiled with the IRS setting up non-profit status for Suffield Rotary Foundation.

Tom Jones requested guidance and appropriate funding if our council wishes to continue the Student Exchange Program next year.

JoAnne Nielson from West Suffield Village Improvement Association was our guest speaker this evening. Formed in 1903 it encompasses a 1 mile diameter consisting of about 250 homes from West Suffield center. Their building called West Suffield Academy Hall purchased for \$1,000. in 1913 is located on the corner of Mountain & Ratley Roads. After over 60 years of leasing it to the Grange they took it back a few years ago and since then have spent over \$43,000. including Grants and reopened in September, 2003. It is currently available for rental by individuals or organizations for meetings or various functions on a 1/2 or full day basis. This is part of Suffield's "Historic Charm." Tom.

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Anniversaries: Glen & Dottie Spaulding, 10/19

Fines & Happy Dollars: 25.00

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### Meeting Notes:

Dan Kehoe announced that the FindMeFast walk-arounds will resume on Saturday, November 6.

Our guest presenter of a most interesting and entertaining program was Bill Hennessey, Lottery Ambassador for The Connecticut State Lottery. Connecticut was the second state to hold a lottery having been authorized in legislation signed by State Senator Charles T. Alfano of Suffield and Governor Thomas Meskill in 1970. The first state lottery was held on February 15, 1972. Governor Ella Grasso was responsible for the first "instant games" in 1975 with profits realized to be used for education only. However, shortly thereafter these revenues went into the General Treasury along with all other lottery proceeds.

Bill explained that lottery players come from all walks of life, occupation and social levels. He also told us that scratch-off payouts are among the highest in the nation.

The Connecticut Lottery contributed \$278,000,000 last year of the \$14.5 Billion state budget. Bill explained that there is a good deal of sensitivity to addictive, problem gambling with some \$1.2 Million contributed by the Lottery to other state agencies to treat problem gamblers.

Next week we have a program by the Eagle Scouts.

A friendly reminder to those who have yet to pay for their Chicken Barbeque tickets to please do so as soon as possible.

Also, our pewter Rotary medallions should be available by next week.

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Jan Frechette of Emergency Aid requested and we voted to man their Kettle Drive on the weekend of December 18 & 19. The Interact Club will also be invited to participate.

Please remit any monies owing for tickets from last month's Chicken Barbeque. Also 2<sup>nd</sup> notices for Membership Dues will be mailed next week.

Jim Wood announced that Medallions are in and available; a special thanks to Lynn Malec for her conscientious follow up.

Dave Johnson returned home today after his recent surgery.

Suffield Troop #'s 260 & 66 Eagle Scouts' Matt Ruzbasan, a Senior at Suffield Academy and Tom O'Brien, a Senior at Suffield High School were tonight's guest presenters. Both became involved as Tiger Scouts at age 7 and impressively completed the very extensive merit requirements to successfully reach the ultimate rank of Eagle Scout. Matt spent nearly a year to complete his Eagle project, which involved concrete work and plantings in a central seating area at Bruce Park. Tom's project involved compiling a complete list of animals and other wildlife at Bruce Park and making representative signage for all to study and enjoy. Both emphasized that Scouts is about its ideals and the comraderie and friendships each made in their scouting careers. Each plan to pursue a college education and then very possibly Officers' training for military sevice. They certainly have developed strong foundations for much success in future endeavors!

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