10 September 2026

The Rotary Club of Madison, CT

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From President Diane!



A warm welcome to the world's newest Rotarian, **Debra Caruso**, Branch Manager of Ascend Bank in Madison. Debra lives in Branford and has been in the banking industry for 30 years. Debra was sponsored by Janet. **We are growing fast!!!**

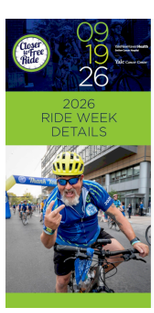


Notes from Last Week by Susan

Prayer – David. **Guest Speaker** - Connie Harris from Key Bank, talking about Fraud Awareness. Key points: Pause/Verify /Act. Watch texts or emails carefully. Scammers will use urgent messages to get responses. Look carefully at email addresses. Create a code word for your family to help confirm if there really is an emergency. It is possible for checks to be cloned. Thank you Connie Harris!
Reminder : Everyone is on the Membership Committee. **Letters** need to go out to carnival sponsors. We are waiting for Rob to come back to create round labels and letters. **Warm the Children:** October 29 at the Clinton Country Club - We are looking for silent auction items - please and thank you! **Scare Crow** – Donna is contacting Joanne for ideas. **Trunk or Treat** is moving forward so we continue with club visibility. We are looking for members to bring in candy. **Wine to Water** event is October 22. Robert will see if we can get a table. Tickets available at calltocareuganda.org $75 per person. **(Continued on Page Two)**

Support Closer to Free Ride - Jeff Cairns

Be sure to check out Jeff Cairns' **Closer to Free Ride** fundraiser for the Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center: **COURAGE. DETERMINATION. COMMUNITY HOPE.** On September 19th, they ride in the 16th **Annual Closer to Free Ride!** This Ride fuels research and care at Smilow. Join their community remotely and ride wherever you are. Hope Rides With Us! https://www.rideclosertofree.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.search&contextualSearch=0&filter=participant&searchTerm=Jeffrey+Cairns



Notes from Last Week

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Diane is considering more fund raising events including a **Trivia Night** and **Golf Ball Drop. Trivia questions** : What president had the shortest term? William Henry Harrison had 31 days. What is the Connecticut state animal? The Sperm Whale. What was the number that Connecticut was admitted to the United States? It was the 5th state. **Happy/ Sad Dollars: Joanne** lost her brother to cancer - please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers. $20 from **Robert** for Connie's presentation, congratulations to our newest member Debbie and he just returned from an **American Legion** convention. Their motto is "Be the One". He suggested we do more with American Legion. $10 from **Jeff** for our new member Debbie and prayers for all sick members, $10 from **Susan** for Ken's recovery and her husband Gregg's, $10 from **Janet** for Debbie's presentation, those who are sick, and her husband Richard who has Lyme, $5 from **Donna** for our new member,$5 from **Debbie** for being made a member and $5 from **Fred** in memory of September 11th.

Coming 24 September: Alex Gerrish
Executive Director - Madison Historical Society



Alex Gerrish is Executive Director of the Madison Historical Society. Alex leads the organization in preserving, documenting, and sharing the town's local history. Alex has built a diverse background in public history and museum management across Connecticut as the Museum Programs & Marketing Manager at the Noah Webster House and West Hartford Historical Society from 2023 to 2026. Before managing programs elsewhere, he originally connected with the MHS as a collections intern. As a contributing writer, he regularly contributes historical articles to ConnecticutHistory.org. Alex holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies from Western New England University and a Master of Arts in Public History from Southern New Hampshire University. Recent Work & Community Outreach: Alex focuses heavily on "People-Centric" storytelling, highlighting historical figures tied to the town like Daniel Hand and Frederick Lee. **Don't miss Alex Gerrish!**



Date	Meeting Agenda	Note Taker
10 Sep 2026	Board of Directors	AL of course!
17 Sep 2026	Lunch at Cristie's	Who else but AL?
24 Sep 2026	A Great Program!	Old Reliable AL



Yinka Babalola
Rotary International President

The 4-Way Test: Of the things we think, say or do
1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Madison Rotary Club Meets Thursdays 8 AM at the Senior Center
Guests Welcome! Contact President Diane DeVries
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Stephanie Phillips
District 7980 Governor
2025-2026