

ROTARY ANCHOR



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"America's Tall Ship" USCG Barque *Eagle*

2009/2010 Rotary Theme

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April 8-N.L. Welcome Center Redesign - Rick Gipstein
 April 15 -Unsung Hero Award-Peg Curtin & Ann Stewart

Reporters:	April 8	Alan Messier
	April 15	Todd Gipstein
Greeter:	April 8	Meredith Diette
	April 15	Jill Mauritz
Song Leader:	April 8	Kate Schargus
	April 15	Pam Akins
Birthdays	April 9	Barry Runyan
	April 10	Don Mitchell
Anniversaries	April 10	Bill Schmidt & Anne Anne Schmidt & Bill

Student of the Year
Nathan Hale Elementary School

Rachel Morales

Rachel is a model student who excels in all student subjects. She is a SEMI Enrichment Program student and received exemplary writing scores on her CT Masterery test. Her principal Donna Slate said "Rachel is a wonderful role model for her peers at Nathan Hale, and we are quite proud of her."



OPEN CLASSIFICATION

A new classification has been approved: **Law-Medical Profession**. Anyone wanting to propose someone for membership in this classification should contact President Anna within the next week.

Singing Sensation Chris O'Neilan

It wasn't quite St. Patrick's Day but Chris lead a group of struggling Rotary voices in a song he did for an elementary school. We came in second place for singing. Chris promised easier songs next time he leads singing.



Rotary Program Mar 11, 2010

By: Robin Aitcheson

Israeli visitors Shoshan Zahar of Tlvon and Hadar Elya of Olesh were our honored guests today. Both young women



deferred their required entry into the Israeli army choosing a year of community service in the US hosted by the Eastern CT. Jewish Federation .

Their goal was to portray Israel differently from what we are usually exposed to by the media in the hope that we would view Israel "more than just a country at war and people living in fear". We were reminded that although Israel appears "big" in the media, it is the size of New Jersey, a state only 62 years old, whose citizens have won many Nobel and Wolf prizes. Tel Aviv boasts more start -up companies per person than any other city in the world. Although 60% desert, Israel's agriculture notes the highest milk production along with large crops of cotton, nuts, potatoes and yummy Jaffa oranges. Did you know cherry tomatoes and the first flash drive were invented there? Israel is also known for the invention of the Merkava tank, Uzi machine-gun and a form of hand to hand combat known as Krav Maga.

We learned about the fall of the Kibbutz system and rise of Moshava cooperatives and were shown enticingly beautiful pictures of the dessert, cities, coast and snow covered mountains.

Both women are proud of Israel's achievements, history, beauty and resources. They are looking forward to "their turn" in the Army supporting and defending their country as others have before them. We learned that Israel has an active Naval and Coast Guard branch as well. Hadar's focus in the service will be to assist in assigning training for underprivileged youth which will provide them with marketable skills in civilian life.

We are grateful for Jerry Fischer bringing us these remarkable women and for the wonderful presentation.