

The Spoke

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From the Editor's Desk:

DG Paul Mangels has reminded us again that "Our historic Four-District Conference is THREE weeks away. I encourage you to register before the last-minute rates kick in on April 8th and before our room block is released at the Omni on April 6th. (Group Code 042417rotaryclu) I've attached a Word document with details about what we're doing. It's going to be a fantastic event, with Rotary International President John Germ at the Friday dinner, WaterFire on Friday night, Lauren Templeton at the Saturday dinner and multi-district Youth Exchange students. The House of Friendship will be a great place to see what other clubs are doing and to find project partners." We need a headcount of who is going.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

Paul Harris, who founded Rotary in 1905, realized in 1935 that Rotary needed to keep pace with the progress happening in society, and said, "The world is a changing place and Rotary International must be prepared to change with it. Keep in mind that NO organization is greater than its individual members." We must adapt and adjust. It keeps an organization fresh and relevant. Danbury Rotary must be part of that change.



Newtown Rotary Has a Golf "Classic" at Tashua Knolls Golf Club in Trumbull, 5/15/17:

Can we get together a foursome to support Newtown's Annual Golf Fundraiser? If you have any questions, contact Joe Hemingway at 203-270-7060.

Luncheons

4/19/17 Dalia Espinal, Rotary Member Speaks
4/26/17 Dinner at Chuck's, 5:30 pm

Amber Alert

5/7/17 Danbury Sports Dome



Susan Salamone tells the Club about a Drug Crisis in our Backyard:



The DCBY is a nonprofit community action organization had its inception when our speaker lost her son to an overdose in 1995. Her tragic story galvanized her to action, and personal crusade to fight the growing drug epidemic in our community.

The new face of the drug crisis is the addition of fentanyl being added to heroin which greatly increases the risk of respiratory distress and arrest, coma and death. In our region, overdose deaths have more than doubled since 2015.

Recently an incredibly powerful form of fentanyl has been added to the mix which is a general anesthetic for elephants and other large animal.

We can make a difference. Through interdiction, community awareness, reduced stigma and quick intervention lives can be saved. Her words of warning should encourage the club to double their efforts in support of Allison Fulton's Suicide Prevention Initiative, since many drug deaths occur in suicidal users. Her website is:



www.drugcrisisinourbackyard.org .

The invocation is an integral opening of every Rotary Club. Some clubs have substituted a "Word of Wisdom" but the intent is the same...to remind us that we are all in this world as one.

Vicky Applegreen is Inducted into the Club.



Our newest member is Vicky Applegreen. She's the director of a program that provides in-home help for the infirm. We are pleased to welcome her aboard, and

trust that Vicky will become one of the more valued and active members of the Rotary Club of Danbury.



The Gavel Dinner is Quickly Approaching: Look for your Invitation in the Mail, and Respond Immediately:

As in the past, we will meet for the Passing of the Gavel at the Ridgewood Country Club. We will join together on Wednesday, June 28th, and cocktails are at 6:30 pm. The fee this year is \$60, and you won't get any better entertainment and fellowship anywhere for the price. Let Caryl Lucchesi know that you plan to attend, and respond to the mailer as quickly as you can.

John Lucchesi continues to be a lone wolf when it comes to the Spoke. He still needs a hard copy, no longer using a computer to download it since retiring. Perhaps the club should purchase John his own personal computer, so he can again receive the Spoke electronically.

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Charming Visitors Attending Rotary Today. The Two Grandchildren of Dr. Fred Kayal:



Our luncheon was graced with two lovely young ladies, Sophia and DeAnna Kayal. Tary encouraged Fred to train them to become Rotarians. Fred appears to feel that this type of schooling might be a bit premature, but he'll consider it.

