

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

Again I want to encourage everyone to attend the historic Four-District Conference coming April 26th. One needed to register before the last-minute rates kicked in on April 8th. 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:

In March 1965, Perry Salvagne (Past President --his son was a member) advised our club that the Rotary District Conference on April 3rd would be held at the Yale Law School, entries had to be in by March 21, all members and their wives were welcome to attend and there were to be nine study sessions followed by dancing in the evening. At the conclusion of the meeting, all were granted a degree in law (just kidding).



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

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

Luncheons

4/26/17 Dinner at Chuck's, 5:30 pm

Amber Alert

5/7/17 Danbury Sports Dome

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Club Member Delia Espinal Informs the Club on the Many Community Activities her Bank, The Savings Bank of Danbury, is Involved in:



In addition to being an organization that provides a full array of banking products for individuals and businesses, the Savings Bank of Danbury is a valued contributor to community projects and resources.

The SBD has participated in our Scholarship program year after year, but few of us realized that it has donated more than 1.4 million dollars

in grants to agencies over the years including \$326,000 to local agencies in 2015 alone. It logged 10,000 volunteer hours in 2015, participating in the Brass City Harvest, Cultural Alliance of Western CT, the Jericho Partnership, the Community Culinary School of Northwest CT, the Hillside Food Outreach, the Salvation Army, made baskets for Family Aid, contributed to the Mobile Food Pantry, and adopted a family at Christmas.

Few banks in the country have this kind of community record of involvement. Our hats are off to the SBD. It is truly a trusted and valued asset to our community, and we're equally fortunate to have Delia as one of our club members.

Fun at the Board:

Being on the Board of Directors is a great way to learn about Rotary—and have fun doing so. It's also great to see Bob Vetter (hand on chest) free of hip pain, and fully back in the saddle, again.



Isabelle Applegreen, RN, Founder of Elderly Care Givers, is Our Luncheon Guest:



We did not know that our newest member, Vicky Applegreen, was the daughter of the founder of her organization, Elderly Care Givers. We are pleased to have Isabelle as our luncheon partner, and hope to see her again, soon.

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.

WE HOPE ALL OF YOU HAD A JOYOUS EASTER WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY AND GOOD CHEER!

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Anita Drops by for Lunch:

Great to see Anita Ragona, again. She insists she will be attending more meetings in the future, but who can forget her terrific party this year? That was well worth a few missed luncheons.



Note: Many thanks to Josh Gregorio who covered this week's meeting in the Editor's absence.

