

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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District 7980

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From the Editor's Desk:

To reiterate, the next significant district event will be the Changing of the Guard, held at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven, at 6 pm on June 27th. Of course the Danbury Passing of the Gavel will be the following day, but this event is very special, and as many people should attend as can. We have two cars going. Let Frank Scahill and Ralph (me) know if you plan on attending. This is always a festive event, with a special cocktail hour, and good fellowship.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

On June 2, of 1965, the we hosted the members of the Henry Abbott Tech National Honor Society. The Rotary Club of Danbury has always had a special relationship with Abbott Tech. Their former principal, Jack Robinson, was a former club member, and Bob Dobbs, also a club member, was on the team that made the decision to change the name of the school from the Danbury Trade School to Henry Abbott Technical School.



Speakers:

6/7/17 Scholarship Luncheon

6/14/17 Open

6/21/17 Frank Scahill, our new Rotary website

6/28/17 **Passing of the Gavel Dinner, Ridgewood CC, 6:30 pm.**

Amber Alert

6/4/17 Brookfield Fire Dept, 11-3 pm.

6/11/17 69 Stony Hill Road, Bethel, 10-2 pm

6/25/17 City Center Danbury Noon to 4:00 pm

7/28/17 New Milford Village Fair Days, 10- 4 pm

7/29/17 New Milford Village Fair Days, 10-4 pm

10/15/17 Parmelee Farm, 465 Rt 81, Killingworth, 11-3 pm

Area Make-ups

Mon. 12:15 pm, Norwalk, Norwalk Inn

Mon. 6:15 pm, Newtown, Newtown Country Club

Mon. 6:00 pm, Housatonic Valley Bkfld Town Hall, Rm 129

Tues. 7:15 am, Ridgefield Sunrise, Prospector Theatre, 25

Prospect St. Second Floor

Tues. 12:00 pm, Westport, Branson Hall at Christ and Holy

Trinity Church

Wed. 12:15 pm, Danbury, Ethan Allen Inn, Danbury

Wed 6:15 pm Ridgefield Dinner Club, Stonehenge Rest.,

35 Stonehenge Rd (off of Rt 7) Ridgefield

Fri 7:30 am Westport Sunrise, The Westport Inn

Fri. 12:15 pm, Wilton, Marly's Bistro

We Visited Henry Abbott Tech for Lunch, and Boy Were We Impressed:

Most of us have passed Abbott Tech heading to the mall, or to Danbury Hospital. Who would have thought such a remarkable facility existed within the confines of this very impressive school?

HATS is a school for virtually everyone—future auto mechanics, electricians, hairdressers, draftsman, and printers. But it is more than that. It is a very good college preparatory school. Some of the leading businessmen in Danbury went to HATS. It has become so popular, it is now unable to accept everyone who applies. The



Andy Ragona, Jessica Rizzo, Mike Rizzo and Anita Ragona enjoy a fantastic student prepared meal.



closing of other technical schools in the area has made the school an essential element of the community.

Its gleaming, festive painted lockers and hallways, impressive entrance and dedicated staff are a wonder in themselves. But little did we know it has a fully functioning restaurant open to the public, and run by a world class chef, Mario Longo. We were fortunate



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to have lunch there, and were invited back at our leisure. Just call Chef Longo at 797-4460 x4435 for an appointment. The meals are prepared and served by students from their culinary arts program, and ours was delicious.

For those who missed this luncheon, eat your hearts out.



GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FRAN CHAPMAN INTRODUCES A TRULY HAPPY CHEF LONGO



OUR GUIDES, CLARA, ALAN, CHRISTIANO, AND ARNOLD

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