

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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District 7980

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From the Editor's Desk:

What a great experience it is, each year, to meet the best and brightest students one can find. Over the years, our club has given thousands upon thousands of dollars to deserving recipients in our area, all of whom are destined to make a name for themselves in and outside of our community. There are few



things in life as valuable as a good education, and we are fortunate in helping these young men and women obtain theirs. Today our Rotary club, the Savings Bank of Danbury, and the Union Savings Bank invested \$21,500 in the future. It is money well spent. Good luck to all of the recipients. They are, indeed, the best of the best.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In 1965 one of our members, F. Burton Cook, was asked to run for the position of District Governor of the old Rotary District 798 (now 7980). He successfully served with distinction as our DG for the 1973-74 Rotary year. Burt Cook was associated with WestConn, and participated as one of the future DGs at the District Conference that was held at Yale University in 1965.



Speakers:

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

6/11/17 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

The 2017 Annual Rotary Club of Danbury Scholarship Luncheon:

What an event! Dignitaries, parents, and a remarkable group of students had lunch together in honor of nine very unusual young men and women.

Olivia Hantsch of New Fairfield High School maintained a 4.395 GPA while working 2 jobs, and participating in a litany of organizations on campus. Stephanie Chimbo of Immaculate High, participated 10 years in Carl Bailey's Grass Roots Tennis Program, maintaining a 4.1 GPA, while being outstanding in every way on campus. Ryan LaPera of Abbott Tech had a 3.9 GPA. Alexis Lucas, of Danbury High, was a national cheerleader champion and created a scholarship program for foster children. All of the remainder had equally impressive credentials and volunteer commitments—a most impressive group, indeed.

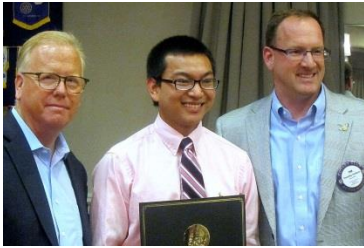


WestConn's Dean of Students w Dir. of Comm. Relations, Dr. Walter Cramer and Paul Steinmetz

As Dr. Walter Cramer, Dean of Students at Western Connecticut State University told the group, "These awards are not only for scholarship, they are for leadership in addition to all of the other wonderful things these young men and women do. These are the best individuals our society can produce."

The scholarship/leadership winners were:

-\$2,500. Nichole Mora, Henry Abbott Tech, Savings Bank of Danbury Scholarship.
-\$2,500 Lourdes Chimbo, Danbury High, Union Savings Bank Scholarship.
-\$2,500 Rachel Dionne, Danbury High, Union Savings Bank Scholarship.
-\$2,000 Kittikom Sathong, WestConn, Robert Vetter Family Scholarship, (student overseas visiting parents).
-\$2,000 Danny Men, WestConn, Edward Baruch Memorial Scholarship.
-\$2,000 Ryan LaPera, Henry Abbott Tech, Danbury Technical School Scholarship.
-\$1,500 Stephanie Chimbo, Immaculate High, Service Above Self Scholarship.
-\$1,500 Olivia Hantsch, New Fairfield High, Service Above Self Scholarship.
-\$5,000 Alexis Lucas, Danbury High, Danbury Rotary WCSU Scholarship.



Danny Men, WestConn, Edward Baruch Memorial Scholarship, with Mayor Boughton and Committee Member Tim Seibert



Olivia Hansch, New Fairfield High, Service Above Self Scholarship, with Mayor Boughton and Committee Member, Tary Tarlton

Alexis Lucas, Danbury High, Rotary WCSU scholarship, with Mayor Boughton and Committee Member, Dr. Fred Kayal



Rachel Dionne, Danbury High & Lourdes Chimbo, Danbury High, Union Savings Bank Scholarships, with Michele Bonvicini, Union Savings Bank, (far left) and Mayor Boughton



Stephanie Chimbo, Immaculate High, Service Above Self scholarship, with Mayor Boughton and Rotarian Carl Bailey



Nicole Mora, Abbott Tech, Savings Bank of Danbury scholarship, with Delia Espinal, Rotarian and Executive with the Savings Bank of Danbury

Ryan LaPera, Abbott Tech, Danbury Rotary Technical School Scholarship, With Mayor Boughton, and Anita Ragona, Co-Chair of Committee.



Wayne Curtis and Anita Ragona, Co-Chairs of Scholarship Committee (left) Dr. Walter Cramer, Dean of Students, WestConn and our Keynote Speaker, (right)



The Winners- (L to R) Delia Espinal, sponsor, Lourdes Chimbo, scholar, Michele Bonvicini, sponsor, Ryan LaPerra, scholar, Wayne Curtis, Committee Co-chair, Stephanie Chimbo, scholar, Dr. Fred Kayal, sponsor, Olivia Hansch, scholar, Anita Ragona, Committee Co-chair, Danny Men, scholar, Tim Seibert, sponsor, Nichole Mora, scholar, Tary Tarlton, sponsor, Alexis Luca, scholar, Rachel Dione, scholar.

