



The Spoke

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Passing of the Gavel Issue

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From the Editor's Desk-

On Friday, our club participated in its 91st Passing of the Gavel Dinner, at the Ridgewood Country Club. As has been the case in the past, **Caryl Lucchesi** organized the evening and a grand time was had by all. Caryl has been a mainstay for years in planning the event. We just can't thank her enough, and her Paul Harris award is a token of what the club owes her, both for this event, and her tireless place at the table checking everyone in at the Wednesday luncheons.



President John Murphy discussed his year of accomplishments, which were many (planning for a new Westerner's baseball stadium, Amber Alert, Scholarships, fund raising, student of the month, etc.) to name a few projects.

Our new Club Officers for Rotary Year 2017-2018 are: Frank Scahill, President, Dr. Fredrick Kayal, President Elect, Dr. Mark Havira, Secretary, Tary Tarlton, Treasurer, and Dr. Nels DeAlmeida, Sergeant at Arms.

The new Board of Directors are: Allison Fulton, Anita Ragona, Dr. Nels DeAlmeida, Robert Vetter, Tim Seibert, Dr. Mark Havira, Dr. Ralph Welsh, Dr. Fred Kayal, Tary Tarlton, and Kristen Keil.

Past District Governor Brian Amey installed the officers, and presented the Paul Harris Fellow awards. Incoming Pres. Frank Scahill was installed by PDG Brian Amey as the new president of the Rotary Club of Danbury for the 2017-18 term. Although we did not have a band and dancing as we had in the past, it was a great evening.

The 2017 recipients of the Paul Harris Fellowship award were: John Murphy, Tary Tarlton, Wayne Curtis, Caryl Lucchesi, Frank Seibert, Kristen Keil, Anita Ragona, Nels DeAlmeida, Tim Seibert, Bob Vetter, Allison Fulton, Ralph Welsh, Fred Kayal, and Mark Havira. A wonderful time was had by all.



(Left to right) Outgoing President John Murphy, with wife Donna, incoming President Frank Scahill being inducted by PDG Brian Amey, and Frank Scahill displaying the result of his moment of passage to the presidency of the Rotary Club of Danbury.



PDG Brian Amey hands out the awards to the winners of the coveted Paul Harris Fellow award:

The Paul Harris award is the highest award a Rotarian can receive. For each award, the club donates \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation in the name of the recipient. Those who are given the award are felt to be individuals who have contributed to the club in some way that is deemed extraordinary.

Incoming Board of Directors:



New Board Members Present: Dr. Nels DeAlmeida, Anita Ragona, Dr. Fred Kayal, Dr. Mark Havira, Tim Seibert, Tary Tarlton, Dr. Ralph Welsh, and Bob Vetter. Allison Fulton and Kristen Keil were absent.



Ralph, Jane and grandkids Jason, Josh and Erin



Caryl talks to Tary



Frank, Chris, and Wayne



Chris, Wayne, Tim and Jennifer



Vickey and Dale



Fred and Andy



Paul Tim and Tom



Sheila and Jane



Evelyn, Anita and John



Anita, Evelyn and Leila



Enjoying our Fellowship

More photos from the event--



Tary's Rotary Minute-

Rotary International has a song book, and song 23 was composed by John Sharp, a summer visitor of our club (snowbird). We all agreed to stop singing because we were so bad.

