

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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District 7980

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From the Editor's Desk:

It is always a pleasure to host our District Governors, and Trish Pearson is no exception. I had the pleasure of serving with her on the Public Image Committee, and know what a "go getter" and "doer" she is. We are very fortunate to have her as our new DG.

For those who want direct input to the District Office, our ADG is Rich Vazzana. If you have any questions about the district, he is the man to call. Our former ADG, Larry Garder, will be our DG next year, and for all he has done for our club he deserves our total support as does Trish. Without the help of the District, our club would be in serious trouble. Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

On November 5, 1971, the New York Annual Rotary Assembly was held at the Walford Astoria, which, in past years, has hosted speakers like Spiro Agnew, Dr. Norman Vincent Peal, and Governor Ronald Reagan. In 1971 our club president was Dr. Peter Jamison, and a large group attended the conference that year.



Speakers:

8/2/17 Kevin Gutzman, Best Selling Author
8/9/17 Dr. Mike Murphy, Chiropractic Medicine

Amber Alert

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

DG Trish Pearson Visited our Club Today, and her Message was "Build Your Club Through Diversity"

Our newly elected DG, Trish Pearson, charged the club to reach out to the minorities in the community and start building the club anew. We need to look more at age, gender race, and more varied professions, and enrich the club with diversity.



Trish told us about a 5 club group she has organized focused mainly on Networking for Business, which now has 25 active members.

Her major project for her Rotary year will focus on a school in Kenya, a program started by a dedicated lady in Bethany. The program is titled "Women in Crisis," which started as a pre-school and has just graduated its latest 8th grade class. Students must apply to attend the higher grades in Kenya, and all of their students made the cut.

The upper grades now have computers, and the school has its own garden, and cows to feed the students. A well drilling operation is now underway and this formerly very poor, backward community is now on the march.

Trish's focus for the clubs this year is tri-fold:

- 1- We need to become more savvy in our use of the media. Familiarity with DaCdb is essential, and she encourages all club members to explore this website.
- 2- We need to extend our Strategic Planning efforts. She is now initiating Visionary programs.
- 3- More leadership development is needed. We need to find better ways of identifying future club and District leaders and chairpersons. Strong leadership is essential to healthy club growth.

Finally, she encouraged the club to attend the Gala Club Conference next year that will be held in Burlington, VT. It will be in conjunction with District 7870 and will be on the shores of beautiful Lake Champlain.

Visitors:



Our luncheon visitors this week were Steve Cunningham of the Danbury YMCA (left), and Glenn Pearson (right), our DG's husband. Good to see both of you.



We Have a New RI Banner:



DG Trish presented our new RI Flag to Club President Frank Scahill. On a sad note, we just received word of the sudden and unexpected death of our RI President Elect, Sam Owori. Our condolences to his family.

DG Trish networking club members



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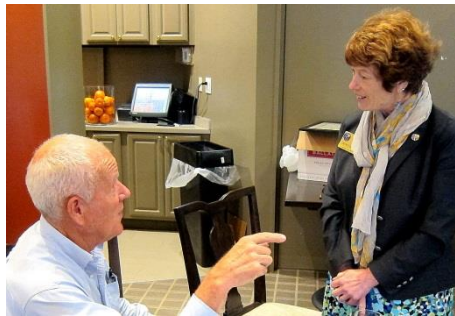
John Murphy

No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06

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DG Trish Networks with Past President Tary, and Pres. Frank-



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And the Small Winner of the Weekly Raffle Was:

Mark Havira. Mark won \$10 worth of future chances at the big one. Good luck next time. This draw was not your big day, Mark.

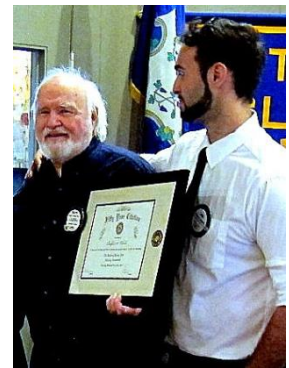


A Club Honor--A Real Surprise!

From the Editor's Desk: What a shock it was to be honored for my 50 years in Rotary—and then to have the award presented to me by the District Governor. It was a real treat, and deeply appreciated. Yes, I have spent 50 years as a Rotarian, but only because I value our organization so much. Early on, I was the Youth Exchange officer, Club President, and later I took on the Spoke for 2 weeks—somehow I ended up Editing it for 11 years, then took on the District newsletter, the Beacon, all out of love for Rotary. It sure doesn't seem like 50 years, but time flies when you're having fun.



The two presenters, Past Pres. Tary, and District Governor, Trish with the 50 year veteran of Rotary.



Editor Ralph with his grandson, Josh, Membership Chair