

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

We have now completed one month of President Frank Scahill's Rotary year, and it is destined to be a good one. Frank has a new iPhone that has a photo resolution better than the Editor's camera which will serve us well in the Editor's absence. I like that. In addition, we are adding new members on a fairly regular basis, and that is always good news. Peter Maier will be on board soon, and he will be a highly valued member of the club.

Don't miss the fellowship get-together at Tary Tarlton's August 23rd. The last time we met there, we all had a fabulous time. Tentative time is 6 pm. Directions will follow, later.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In July of 1980 the Scholarship Committee was faced with a dilemma. Should we select one candidate of a set of identical twins, or both. Their credentials were remarkably similar, and the Committee contemplated, "In good conscience, can we choose one, and reject the other?" After close consultation the decision, and obviously the fair one, was to take both—Ida and Rita Magliocco. So which one was the original choice? This is not for disclosure



Speakers:

8/9/17 Dr. Mike Murphy, Chiropractic Medicine

Amber Alert

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 ValleyBkfld 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

WestConn Professor Kevin R.C. Gutzman Discussed his new Book, Thomas Jefferson: Revolutionary. It was a Remarkable Story about a Remarkable Man:



Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, he established the University of Virginia, attempted to bring our Naïve Americans into our society, championed public education believing education should be for all and not just the privileged few, and was a champion of not only freedom of

religion but the right to have ideas contrary to the government. He insisted that the people were the government—not vice versa. All public officials were accountable to the people and no man was above the



law or completely in charge. He was as much our founding father as was George Washington.

Dr. Gutzman has both a JD and PhD, is the best selling author of 4 books including a history of James Madison, and is Chairman of the Department of History at Western Connecticut State University. He lives with his son in Bethel, Connecticut

Visitors:

Peter Maier (left) and Matt Lopes (right) visited our club today. Peter will be joining, and Matt is contemplating becoming a member. A hearty welcome to both.





Pres. Frank checking out the photographic quality of his new iPhone.



not your big day, John.

And the Small Winner of the Weekly Raffle Was:
 John Murphy.
 John won \$10 worth of future chances at the big one. Good luck next time.
 This draw was



Chairman of the Membership Committee, Josh Gregorio Hard at Work:

Is Josh looking for new members on his iPhone? We believe his is. Good luck, Josh. We know you will find those elusive folks, eventually.

Your Editor (right) visited the Key Largo Rotary Club while vacationing there. The speaker, Mark Thompson, (left) gave a moving speech on the Special Olympics. Pres. Dennis Caltagirone is next to him.



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What do you do when you come out and find a vulture on your car? Did activating a car alarm work? Nope. You just have to walk up to him, and shoe him off. This event took place in the Everglades National Park. The Editor's son Scott is at the far left (upper right corner).

And what do you do when you come across a toilet seat farm in Key Largo Bay jetskiing? You take a picture of it, of course (lower photo).

