

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:



Every time the club takes a trip to a community program, we are always amazed. This was especially true of Workspace, an educational center in Bethel, Connecticut. It is

a program difficult to describe, with so many components to it that it boggles the mind—3 D printers, mechanical



Rotary Pres. Frank Scahill and Executive Director and founder of Workspace, Catherine Fraise

bots, a theatre, and all sorts of places and items for the creative mind, for children K through 12. It's just an amazing place.

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In September of 1980, we had a rose sale fundraiser. We expected it to be modest, but we sold 500 dozen at \$5.00 a dozen, paid \$2 a dozen initially, and made \$1,500 dollars. The dollar then was the equivalent of \$3.15 today.



Area Make-ups

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| 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 Had Lunch at Workspace, in Bethel, Ct: What a Community Treasure it is--

The Australian founder and Executive Director of "Workplace" was a Rotary Scholar, skydiver, and physics teacher whose dream was to establish a Montessori high school in the area. She was concerned that the "hands on" experience was lost when children raised in the Montessori program entered high school, since no such programs were available in the community. However, her plan broadened when the building in Bethel became available and she decided to create a program for all children who wanted a creative, hands on experience.



With the help of her successful businessman husband, she purchased the cavernous building the program now occupies, and proceeded to develop Workspace. Their vision was to build the most vibrant learning community she could, where children could discover who they were, find their voice, unleash their



passions, get new skills, do enormous projects, contribute meaningfully to the world, and create for themselves the best life, ever. Does it do all of this? Our tour of the facility indicated that it probably has the potential. This is a summer and after school program and is still not at the break- even level. Ms.

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Fraise hopes to achieve “break-even” by adding additional students soon.

If you know a bright, creative child who would like a unique learning experience, Catherine Fraise can be contacted at 203-397-6626.

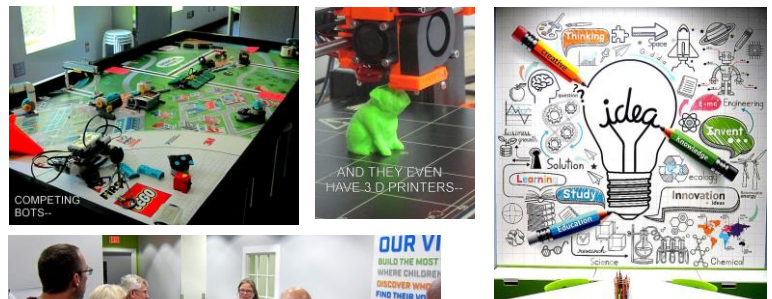
More Photos of the Tour of Workspace:



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No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06
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We Lost Another Former Club Member and a Giant in the Community, Karl Epple:

When Karl was active in the club, he was always there, and always ready to serve—but it was hardly limited to Danbury Rotary. The CEO of Helicoil, he was a Board Member of Hospice for 21 years, Chairman of The Greater Danbury Funders Group, a Director of the Savings Bank of Danbury, Former Chairman of the United Way, and was a Chairman of the Board of Danbury Hospital. He was a graduate of MIT, and is survived by his wife, Nancy.

