

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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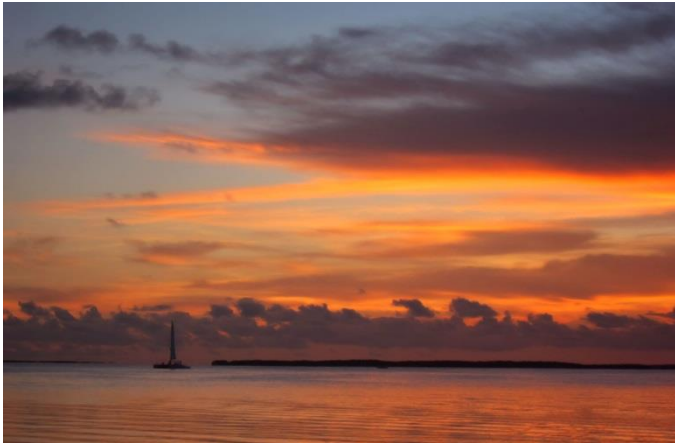
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From the Editor's Desk:

As this is written, a major Hurricane is heading toward Southern Florida, and a previous one has devastated Houston. On August 30th, DG Trish Pearson wrote a letter



Sunset over Key Largo Bay

asking all of the District Rotarians to participate in a fund drive for the victims of Harvey, but now with Irma bearing down on us, we have an additional obligation to help. I just came back from visiting Key Largo where the president of the Rotary Club, Dennis Caltegrone, described Key Largo as "paradise" in an email to me. Well, that was then. Now is now. Paradise is about to be shredded.

We should do something, and I am sure we will. Come to Wednesday's meeting, and find out what that is.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

How many of you know our club was instrumental in establishing the Renal Dialysis Unit at Danbury Hospital? Well, we were. We paid \$10,000 for the first two units, and thousands of dollars after that for maintenance. .



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

Michael DeGrosse and Timothy Braziel of the State of CT Department of Developmental Services Wants us to Become Parents, Again:

Are you willing or able to open your home up to a developmentally disabled child? That is the question our speakers asked of us. Community Companion Homes is a program developed to provide a loving and permanent home for a child or adult with an intellectual disability who needs placement outside of their current living environment. The providers will

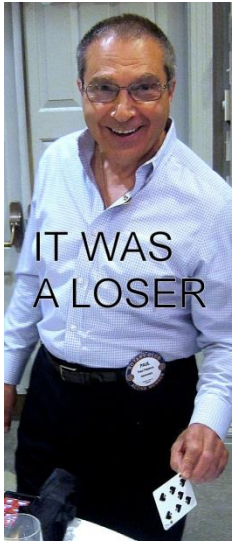


Rotary Pres. Frank with Mike DeGrosse, and Tim Braziel

be trained and licensed by the State of CT, and given total support services by the state. Our speakers insist that this is a wonderful opportunity to "give" to someone who needs a chance to live in a loving home, often after years in residential care with no family of their own.



It's a daunting sacrifice, but that is who we are. Any takers? If you are interested in this program, or might know someone who is, contact Kathleen Calo, CCH Manager at (203) 294-5025.



Paul Palanzo Pulls Pres. Frank’s Losing Card:



Paul Palanzo agreed to pull the card for ticket winner Frank Scahill. Alas, it was a loser. Frank accepted this disappointment with his characteristic demeanor (a wide, infectious smile). All we can say to Frank is to choose his card selection friends with more diligence and thought (a club member that has a high success rate

in pulling that “big” card).

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to---



Ray Kish, birthday, Josh Gregorio, birthday, Kristen Keil, 9 years married---and the remarkable Caryl and John Lucchesi who have now been married 65 years. .

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No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06

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Amber Alerts:

10/7/17 Home Depot, Danbury, 9 -1 pm.

10/15/17 Backpack Program, Haddam/Ellington 11 -3 pm.

Speakers:

9/13/17 James Forte, Reverse Mortgages

9/20/17 Allison Fulton on Suicide Prevention (tentative)

9/27/17 Dinner at Chuck’s, 5:30 pm. Bring a friend.

Mini-experiment: On July 9, 1945 (my birthday) I stepped out of the house and gazed at a myriad of crescent’s projected on our garage. Apparently the trees had acted like a pinhole camera, during an eclipse of the sun. I have verified that such an event can occur. In an attempt to duplicate this unusual phenomena, on 8/21/17 I poked a number of holes in a piece of cardboard, and projected the sun into the bottom of a cardboard box. The outcome can be seen to the right. Apparently the clarity of the different images is related to the accuracy of the pinholes (which I hastily made with the point of a pair of scizzors—not the best tool). Tinfoil and a pin would have been better, but the outcome was better than expected. I’ll do better with the next full eclipse on 4/8/24.

