

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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### From the Editor's Desk:

Two important events are coming up in December. The first is the Annual Raffle at Ethan Allen. The winning ticket will be pulled December 6<sup>th</sup> at the luncheon. You can sell tickets up to the last few days, but it is best to give all of your stubs and unsold tickets to Bob Vetter now! The winning prize is a \$1,500 Visa card.

The second event is the magnificent Christmas bash at Fred and Leila Kayal's, on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The party begins 6:30 pm, at Fred and Leila's, 9 Ohenyaeah Place, in Danbury. Please let Fred know how many people you are bringing so they can plan, accordingly. Do not miss this event. It is a terrific and fun fellowship activity.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

### Tary's Rotary Minute:

One of the Avenues of Service, Vocational Service, is often ignored, but is still important. RI sponsors a project called "Vocational Service" with the goal of introducing the Rotary spirit into our respective vocations, professions and fields of activity. Quoting from the RI brochure, "The Rotarian communicates to his customers, colleagues, competitors and his suppliers in his business or profession the ideals of Rotary and in turn conveys to the members of his/her club the ideals of his/her vocation."

We need to investigate this area of service more. It is the cornerstone on which Rotary was conceived.



### Area Make-ups

Mon.	12:15 pm,	Norwalk, Norwalk Inn
Mon.	6:15 pm,	Newtown, Newtown Country Club
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

### Upcoming Speakers-

12/6 Off site, Lion's Breakfast, 7:30 am at Anthony's Lake Club..

12/6 Our Annual Raffle. Please have your tickets and cash in a week before the raffle, and SELL, SELL, SELL.

### We had Lunch at Ann's Place this Week. It is an Impressive Facility Specifically Dedicated to Serve Cancer Victims and Their Families:



Shannon Cobb, Lynn Stubbs, and Adele T. with Matt Boyle

Nearly all of us know someone who have or have had cancer. It is a terrible disease that not only affects the victim, but the entire family.

Ann's place was conceived and dedicated to helping the victims, wives,



husbands, children and caregivers deal with this tragedy. Their brochure, in part, read: "Our clinical social workers, facilitators and wellness experts provide a host of services aimed

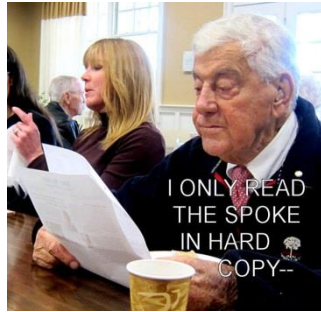


Getting ready to tour the facility

at improving quality of life during and after cancer." The facility relies on the generosity of donors and volunteers.

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The program has over 15 support groups, and an extensive “Wellness” program involving meditation, art, music, horticulture, knitting, Yoga, Tai Chi, Relki, nutrition workshops, healthy steps, garden and labyrinth, and a library.



Pres. Frank with Matt Boyle, and CEO of Ann’s Place, Shannon Cobb.



Our tour guides were Shannon Cobb, President and CEO, Lynn Gildea Stubbs, Volunteer Coordinator, and Matt Boyle, Director of Development.



We were all impressed. We are lucky to have such a giving program in our community.

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*No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06*

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## Our Fragile Planet:

(Left) Several years ago I took this picture at the mouth of a tidal river on Lake Erie. It is a sad commentary on what we have been doing to our waterways. A number of years ago Congress approved a yearly \$300 million program to clean up the Great Lakes. The current administration attempted to gut the program, but the funding was recently restored by the House.



(Right) I took the tic-tac-toe airline contrail photo on a return trip from Rotary several years ago. I later discovered that airplanes are the worst type of transport green gas polluters. The good news is that we are likely to be able to buy a ticket on a 100 passenger electric plane within the next 20 years.

