

The Spoke

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From the Editor's Desk:

Again, I want to spotlight the magnificent Christmas bash at the Kayal's, on December 20th. The party begins 6:30 pm, at Fred and Leila's, 9 Ohenyaheah Place, in Danbury. Please let Fred know how many people you are bringing so they can plan, accordingly. Also, bring more appetizers. The deserts are doing fine, but we're short on the appetizers. Also, bring a \$10 exchange gift (Chinese gift swap. It's a hoot). Do not miss this event. It is a terrific and fun fellowship activity and the Kayal's put on a party to talk about the remainder of the year.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

Getting speakers for our weekly meetings has always been a daunting task. Think about it. Thirty six meetings a year. We have to marvel at how Kristen Keil does it—especially since she takes it personally even when a speaker fails to show due to no fault of her own. She does a great job. Let her know how much we appreciate the work she is doing, and continues to do.



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-

12/13/17 Cynthia Emiry Roy on our Regional Hospice
12/20/17 Christmas Party at Fred's. No meeting at the hotel.
12/21/17 **Thursday** Annual Joint Holiday Luncheon with the Lions. Noon at Anthony's Lake Club.
1/3//18 Attorneys Richard Land and Alyson Mancuso.
1.17/18 Carl Bailey presents updates on his Grassroots Academy, and recent cleft palate mission to Nicaragua

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

We Had a Double Header This Week: The Annual Raffle Ticket was Pulled, and the Student of the Month was Honored:

The all important fundraiser was completed this week with our SOTM pulling the winning tickets.



The Winners Are:

-Grand Prize, a \$1,500 Visa card: Our Ethan Allen waitress, Linda Stillman. Let's hear three cheers for this one.

-1nd Prize, a \$750 Visa card, Carol Kabak.

-2nd Prize, a \$500 gift card to Home Dept, Tary

Tarlton.

-3rd Prize, a Week-End at the Ethan Allen Hotel, Carley VanWattum.

Our congratulations to the winners. Bob Vetter will have a full accounting of the raffle next week.



Guests:



David Sapir (Left) and Kathy Hanley (Right) enjoyed the luncheon with us today. David is a visiting fellow Rotarian.



Jeff Kass did not make the cut for the Future DG:

Jeff was philosophical about not being selected. Of course there is always next year.

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John Lucchesi makes 90 a Week ago:

In the photo, John is describing the size of the letters that greeted him at the door for his 90th birthday celebration. Obviously the family is impressed as are all of us. This month Jeff Kass celebrates his birthday, as does Fred Kayal. Congratulations, to all three.



Our Student of the Month is Taylor Li:

Accompanying Taylor to her honoring was her Guidance Counselor at Immaculate High, Robin Moravsky, her mother, Kathleen Whitmere, and her



father, David Whitmere.

Taylor is a most remarkable young lady, as has been all of our Students of the Month. In addition to having been one of our RYLA participants, she is a member of the Honor Society, and according to her mentor and Guidance Counselor at Immaculate High, "Taylor is the ideal student. She is dependable, articulate, extremely bright, and an avid

proponent of community service. She was voted President of the International Club, has participated in volleyball as well as track and field, and has the ability to grow, learn, and make this world a better planet. I am so grateful to the Rotary Club of Danbury to honor this wonderful young lady today."