

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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### From the Editor's Desk:

As before, I want to spotlight the wonderful Christmas party at the Kayal's, on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The party begins 6:30 pm, at Fred and Leila's, 9 Ohenyaheah Place, in Danbury. 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 \$20 exchange gift (Chinese gift swap. It's a hoot). We previously suggested a \$10 gift, but \$20 is now the agreed upon amount. Do not miss this event. It is a terrific and fun fellowship activity and the Kayal's put on a party that is one to talk about.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

### Tary's Rotary Minute:

Last week I talked about the fine work Kristen Keil has been doing as our Speaker Chair. This week I would like to address the rather thankless job of writing and editing the Spoke. Ralph Welsh does this job with little help, and with remarkable reliability. Like the postman "Neither rain nor snow nor gloom of night stays this courier from completing his appointed rounds," he has not missed one week of publication since 1/4/06. I think this might be some kind of record. Both Kristen and Ralph do a remarkable job. We are fortunate in having such dedicated Rotarians who are completely reliable, excellent at their jobs, and neither of whom misses a beat.



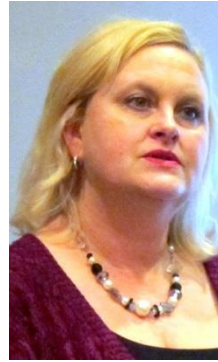
### Area Make-ups

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-

12/20/17 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

### Linda Pinckney of our Regional Hospice, Reiterated Much of What we Learned on our Recent Visit—and More:



The Regional Hospice is one of the shining gems of our community. The facility is remarkably attractive, warm and homey—a far cry from a sterile hospital environment. The Hospice provides in-house and in one's own home nursing and palliative care for those individuals who are in the last

months of their lives. Few seem to realize Medicare has a hospice benefit, and for most of the residents there is no cost at all for this very special care.

If one qualifies for the Hospice Benefit, palliative care can be provided in the comfort of one's own home, up to 24 hours a day.



*Speaker with Pres Frank*

In addition to direct patient services, Hospice provides short term inpatient care for pain management, spiritual care, respite care, and grief and



*Waiting to chat with the speaker*

bereavement counseling.

The facility provides 12 private patient suites with private bathrooms. Previously, Danbury Hospital provided several hospital beds, but this program has been eliminated.

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One can still be admitted without the Hospice benefit with the cost similar to a hospital stay.

This is truly a major community asset of which we all can be proud.

**Guest:**

Fran Kass, Jeff’s wife had lunch with us today. When asked if she supported Jeff having another run for the DG, her answer was clear: “Not on your life.” Jeff was philosophical about not being selected. Of course there is always next year, Fran’s position notwithstanding.

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

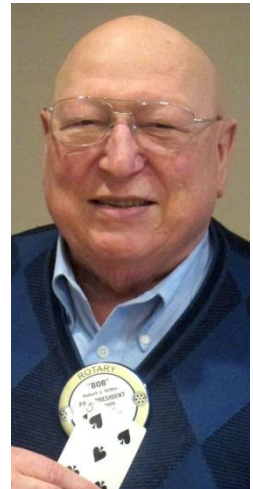
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**Bob Vetter, Won Again?**

Hey! The Keeper of the Cards pulled the winning ticket, again. Hmm. This requires an extensive investigation. In any event, he was unable to find the winning card for the big one. Keep it up, Bob. You are bound to win big, soon.



Our Sgt at Arms is squeezing out the last few dollars from the members before he departs for his Florida home. The pot was dedicated to John Lucchesi’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, so the pressure was high. Ray Kish tells Nels not to complain, Mark Havira looks a bit flustered when told, “You can do better than that,” and Marvin Page turns to Vickey Applegreen to express his relief Nels did not empty his wallet.

