

The Spoke

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From the Editor's Desk:

We now enter a new year, but the Rotary year is already half over. Amazing how fast time flies. We have a lot to do this year, and we clearly have the club enthusiasm to do it. Next week we will hear from Carl Bailey whose work with the Grassroots Academy and the Nicaragua initiative inspires all of us to be more like Carl. He has accomplished more in his lifetime, in humanitarian work, than seems possible. Don't miss this luncheon.

We need more fund raisers. Any ideas? All suggestions are welcome.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In the 1977 December Spoke I read that the nominating committee placed me in as Secretary for the year starting 1978--- but they did give me an assistant secretary. Without the assistant I would have been doomed.



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:

1.17/18 Carl Bailey presents updates on his Grassroots Academy, and recent cleft palate mission to Nicaragua

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Attorney Richard S. Land Outlines the New Trump Tax Initiative—and it Brings Some Real Surprises to All of Us:



You could hear a pin drop during our speaker's presentation. Little did we know that the new Tax plan will affect all of us in ways we had not realized.

First of all, the average person will probably lose \$23,000 in tax deductions—but if he/she is not a wage earner, that person will receive \$20,000 in tax credits. If you work for a hospital, for example, you will not get that deduction, but if you own your own business, you will. Why is this provision in the law? No one knows.

We all have heard about the demise of the estate tax, a gift to those in the upper one percent of the population in wealth. Of course, you have to die to get it, but it is a nice gift to your family.

There are many other changes we don't have the room in this newsletter to mention, but suggest that you go to the web and check this law out, or talk to your tax man.



Alysen Marcurio

It sure was not that massive tax cut the president promised, but it sure is a nice windfall for the wealthy.



Our speaker Attorney Land, his associate Attorney Marcurio, and our intrepid president, Frank Scahill

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Keeper of the Cards Bob Vetter Wins the Weekly Draw Again:

Hey! What's going on here? Still he only won the small prize, not the big one. Therefore, the pot keeps growing and next week could be your day. Keep buying those tickets. We need the money—and just possibly you will pull that coveted King of Clubs and walk away with a fistful of cash.



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Happy Birthday, Tary and Caryl: Tary Tarlton and Caryl Lucchesi will be one year older this year. Caryl deserves special recognition making 88 this month. Congrats to both of these distinguished senior citizens. Two better Rotarians were never made.

Luncheon Guests: Two prospective Rotarians visited our club this week, Paul Helfer and Roger Stewart. Paul is a satellite specialist and Roger is the District Director of the Boy Scouts. We hope to induct both of them into the club, soon.



"Hi! I'm Kristen, the person who scheduled you."

A Week Your Editor Was Reminded of how Short Life Is:

This week I read about the deaths of two of my Salt Lake City South High classmates (at 81, you read the obits just to make sure you're not in there). They both went very different paths. Fay Satterfield Ellison (upper left) was among a small group of us who were awarded a two year Masters scholarship in Rehabilitation Counseling at the University of Utah. Fay went on to be a greatly loved school counselor and a lifelong friend.

Jessie Caperon Mugleston (upper right), a diminutive high school cheerleader, married her high school baseball hero, the late Bob "Muggs" Mugleston (lower left) immediately after graduation. She later led her six children into show biz as the Mugleston Family Band—which achieved acclaim as one of the first bands to appear on the Dick Clark American Bandstand without a recording. They also played at the Flamingo in Las Vegas and had one minor hit record.

My senior year I was the Photo Editor of our yearbook (lower right). Sadly my two co-editors, twins Jan and Jean Stout, are now also gone; and unhappily, it was reported that Fay suffered dementia the last 5 years of her life. I know what that is all about. Life is short. Have fun while you can. Rotary is one way to do it. *Photos from 1953 and 1954 South High School Yearbooks.*

