

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

Although I may sound like I am beating a dead horse, I implore all of you to keep your eyes on finding new members. Think about people you meet during your daily activities, and individuals you have met in the past who would be ideal candidates for membership in our club. Take a few brochures out of the chest, and keep them with you on the chance you meet someone who might be interested in joining up. It's nothing less than our future.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph



Tary's Rotary Minute:

In the 70s, our club was a bit more athletic, and during one softball game we played with the inmates of the FCI (they limited their team to those under 40) pandemonium broke out during an unforgettable game. We had a little help from volunteers from other local civic clubs and it turned into a rare experience. The bleachers were filled with 400 inmates and guests, and the hooting, hollering and cracks were elevated above those words found in the News-Times sportswriter Brown's column. Every person remained in the bleachers until the last out. Of course they had no where to go that night---or I surmise many other nights to come.

Will we go back for another game some day? It depends on how many young people we can recruit into the club.



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

Ann Taylor Returns to Remind us of the Wonderful Resource we have in New Pond Farm, in Redding:

New Pond Farm is a treasure we all need to enjoy. It has grown from a few outbuildings to a facility that has activities that can serve nearly everyone.

The mission of New Pond Farm is to Connect People to the Land that Sustains us all. It was founded in 1985 by actress Carmen Matthews, and now has a litany of programs for adults, families, and children.

The facility is connected to all of the schools in the area, and even has a summer program for inner-city youths. It has caroling in the barn with animals, maple syruping, adopt a hive, birthday parties, a road race, an art show, garden tours, a golf outing, a harvest dinner, and 2 seasonal Shakespeare festivals. One of the most popular programs is the astronomy program. The facilities are available to local clubs and organizations, and can be rented out at a reasonable cost.



Speaker and Pres. Frank Scahill

New Pond Farms is a community gem. We need to get to know more about it, and Ann Taylor is one of the most charming people you will ever meet.

Upcoming Speakers:

1/17/18 Carl Bailey on his Grassroots Academy, and recent mission to Nicaragua.
1/31/18 On site visit at the Western CT Regional Hospice

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And the Winner/Loser of the Weekly Draw is Mark Haviara:

Although Mark drew an ace that may be valuable in Poker, not so in the weekly draw. The King of Clubs takes the big prize, so Mark ends up with \$10. He now gets 11 more chances at the big prize next week, though. Good luck, Mark. Maybe next week.



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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

What did we do Without the Cell Phone?

Kristen Keil, Sharon Gialo, Tim Seibert and Frank Scahill all found themselves busy with their cell phones. Of course there was the day that the only means of communication was the land phone. In the chance happening one forgets his/her cell phone in any town, good luck in finding a phone booth. Maybe you might grab hold of a carrier pigeon.



The photo to the lower far right, shows Pres. Frank displaying his prized maraschino cherry at the board meeting. He insists it was the best part of the sundae.

