

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:



We lost the great scientist Stephen Hawking this week, at age 76, but few knew he was a good friend of Rotary. On 9/26/16 the English Rotary Club of Cambridge held a "glittering" auction for the

resettlement of Syrian refugees. Baron Jeffrey Archer of the House of Lords was the auctioneer—and the event was sponsored by Stephen Hawking as well as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. Notes were sent to the organizers by Hawking and the royal couple. Hawking tweeted, "Very best wishes for our Auction of Promises for Syrian Families." The Royals penned a note that read, "Hope the evening is a great success." This event was in the spirit of Tary's current column, although we don't know if our club followed up on the proposed project. In any event, we need a glitzy fundraiser like this one.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In 1979 our club was deciding on whether or not to adopt one of the boat people from Laos, providing passage to Connecticut and giving some measure of family support. Apparently many such families were having trouble adapting to our American ways. I'll try to find out if we followed through, but I don't think the club did.



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

Laurie Kenagy Encourages the Club to Support a Gem in our Community, the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra--

Our speaker this week describe the Ridgefield



Symphony orchestra as a "...professional orchestra founded in 1964 with the intent of enriching the cultural life of the citizens of our community."

Pres. Frank with our Speaker

The orchestra provides free family concerts, a school learning experience, master classes for musicians, and an impressive list of guest conductors.

The RSO is dedicated to increase the appreciation for music through community involvement and targets people of all ages and abilities.

The orchestra has a long list of sponsors, but obviously could use more.

We are lucky to have a cultural treasure of this magnitude, and we should all consider



Ms. Kenagy with Kristen Keil setting up a night at the concert hall.

The concerts are normally conducted at the Ridgefield Playhouse and the Ann S. Richardson Auditorium.

The RSO is fortunate to have Yugo Cohler as their Maestro—a conductor of eminence and skill.

If you want further information about the RSO, check out their website, or email them at emil@ridgefieldsymphonyorchestra.org.

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Amber Alert:

- 3/3 10 am to 2 pm Southbury Ambulance, 68 Georges Hill Rd, Southbury
- 3/24 Noon to 4 pm, Danbury Sports Dome
- 3/31 10 am to 2 pm, Prospect Fire Dept.
- 4/8 Stepping Stone Museum, Norwalk
- 4/15 10 am to 2 pm, Hawleyville Fire Dept, Newtown

Luncheons:

3/21 Younhee Shin will discuss the Korean Sprit and Culture Project; and on 3/28 we will be back at Chuck's for dinner, at 5:30 pm

Distinguished Guests:



We were pleased to see one of the past members of our club drop by for lunch, Bob Parks, a former

executive with the New-Times. Bob continues in Rotary, but never forgets our club when he comes to Danbury.

Maryanne Simmons, with Primerica also visited the club again, too. We hope to see both of you soon.



Happy Birthday to Pres Frank Scahill *It is the big 50 for Frank. Congratulations on achieving middle age.*

John Murphy Loses the Daily Draw, but Refuses to Admit Defeat:



A man who knows his way around the tables, refuses to roll over and give up, when he draws the losing card. Bob Vetter appears to be losing the battle over whether John has won or lost. Still, the truth is in the cards. Better luck next time, John.

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(Left) Past Pres. Tary Tarlton, incoming Pres., Dr. Fred Kayal, and Past. Pres., Dr. Mark Havira, discussing Fred's future role in the Club.



(Right) It appears that Tim Seibert and Anita Ragona are texting each other. We could be wrong; just a guess.

