

The Spoke

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From the Editor's Desk:

Growing up in rural Vermont, Rotary founder Paul Harris developed a love of the outdoors, and especially trees, according to the April issue of the Rotarian. I was struck with his poetic writing about the trees he studied in winter, penning, "Some of the recesses of the forest were like great cathedrals, and the tall spruce trees with their branches bent to the ground by their burden of snow were like titanic ventured monks bowing low." The Nor'easters allow us to picture such scenes today. Last summer our RI president Ian H.S.



Mel Coonrod



Riseley challenged every Rotarian to plant a tree by Earth Day. Since my late father-in-law Mel Coonrod was a U.S. Forest Service forester and head of Timber Management in Region 4, I believe our family fulfilled this wish a long time ago. Mel developed a tree planting system used today resulting in better than 90% survival. He received a citation from the Secretary of Agriculture for this work. Also, he is responsible for the planting of nearly a million trees during his lifetime. His early plantings are now tall forests gracing several of the Rocky Mountain state's federal lands. Remarkably, he was able to plant mature forests he could later admire in his lifetime.

Snow Day: The Luncheon Was Cancelled--

Amber Alert: 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

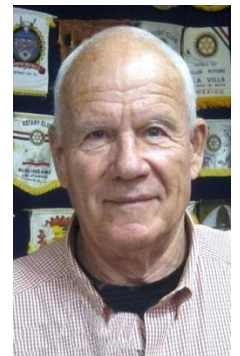
Luncheons: 3/28 Chuck's for dinner, at 5:30 pm; 4/4 Bob Port and Ellen Meyst, Danbury School and Business Collaboration; 4/11 Marion Lynott, Promoting Wellness; 4/18 Tara Gallant, Send Out Cards.

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

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In 1979, with Joe Bolduc President, we were told that our club was "way up the Paul Harris pole" having ten Paul Harris Fellow's. At that time this apparently was rather unusual for any club with less than one hundred members. We have always supported the Rotary Foundation, and we always will.



Allison, Frank and Anita Doing Board Business:

