

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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District 7980

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### From the Editor's Desk:

What a week at the luncheon. In addition to the speaker, we were informed of Ridgefield Rotary's big fund raising concert, being held at the Ridgefield Playhouse, April 13<sup>th</sup>, we honored our Student of the Month, Ronald Caba from Abbott Tech., and we presented Ann's Place with a check for \$5,000 the sum of which is being matched by the District. Also, we inducted a new member into the club, Steve Kahn, a pilot, film producer, and all around great guy who will surely be one of our most prized members in the years to come. It was a very good week, indeed.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

### Tary's Rotary Minute:

As I read the old Spokes, I notice that various Rotarians have perfect attendance. I haven't been aware of any of those currently in the club who fit that description, but there could well be few. Perhaps we should institute an attendance contest, with a prize for the best attendance for the year. Any incentive that would boost club attendance would be a plus.



### 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

### Amber Alert:

- 4/8 Stepping Stone Museum, Norwalk
- 4/15 10 am tl 2 pm, Hawleyville Fire Dept, Newtown

**Luncheons:** 4/11 Marrion Lynett, Max Your Wellness, 4/18 Tara Galand, Send out cards

**Your Editor Pulled out the King of Clubs for the Weekly Draw:** Everyone eat your heart out. It was worth \$340.00. Not a bad investment for buying a \$5. 00 chance every week.



### Ellen Meyst and Bob Port of the Danbury Schools and Business Collaboration Introduced our Club to the Importance of School Mentoring:

Mentoring makes a difference. The mission of DSABC (Danbury Schools and Business Collaborative) is to help our students to achieve personal and academic success through school based mentoring. Our speakers both pointed out the long term effects for those students who are mentored, and the satisfaction the mentors receive in helping a struggling student achieve his potential. Not only do mentored students improve their school performance,



*Pres. Frank, Ellen Meyst, and Bob Port* they develop more self confidence, end up with a better attitude about education, and often decide to attend college—a goal few of them ever expected to achieve.

Established in 1997 the DSABC has provided over \$185,000 to students participating on the program. If you would like to be a Mentor, the program email is [contact@dsabcmentors.org](mailto:contact@dsabcmentors.org). You'll be glad you did.



**Frank Speaks at WestConn:** Pres. Frank recently addressed the Management Information Systems Club at WestConn, and was pleasantly surprised. Frank wrote our newsletter, "I spoke tonight at the MIS Club and had a lot of fun." Danbury Rotary

*Jason Gregorio* recently gave the club a grant of \$350 *Pres. Miss Club* which is being used to defray the cost of Microsoft certification in selected areas for club members.

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**Steve Kahn becomes a Member:**

We were more than pleased to induct Steve Kahn into the Club. Steve, a film maker, is a licensed pilot for



both small aircraft and helicopters. He also is an expert in drones. He is a valuable addition to the club. Get to know Steve. He is a man going places.



**Visit from WestConn Rotaract**

(L to R) Kit Sathong, Pres., Danny Men, Hao Nguyen, Kenny Nguen and Karim Naba. The fifth person is visiting Rotarian, Allen Sapir.



**Ronald Caba, from Abbott Tech, is our Student of the Month:**

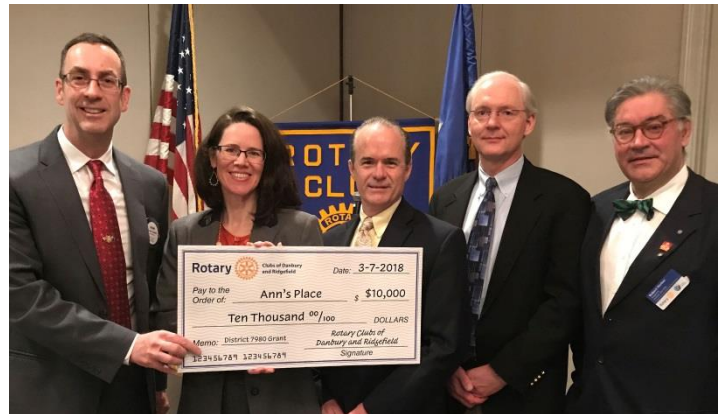
Ronald is a remarkable young man. Soon to graduate, he will be attending UConn in the Fall. He is a member of the National Honor Society, is 6<sup>th</sup> in his class, has volunteered for practically every program in the school, and is well liked by all of his teachers and classmates. He is very special. *Photo: Fran Chappa, HAT Social Worker, Ronald, and mother, Candida Santos.*



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**Check Presentation to Ann's Place**



When the club visited Ann's Place, we noticed that the second floor was cavernous—but bare. We think we have fixed that with a check of \$5,000 from our club and the Ridgefield club, with a bit of frosting on the top. Rotary District 7980 has matched our gift. Very nice, indeed.

*Photo: Pres. Frank, Pres. Danbury Rotary, Shannon Cobb, CEO of Ann's Place, Matt Doyle, Director of Development Funding and Ann's Place, Raier Gonet, President of Ridgefield Rotary, and Robert Herbes, Ridgefield Rotary*