

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:



MONICA MULHOLLAND

In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited 3 women to become members. RI immediately reacted by revoking their charter. The action went all the way to the Supreme Court, and RI lost. In 1989 RI's Council on Legislation voted to eliminate the "male only" provision, but it

hasn't ended there.

Several weeks ago, the Rotary Club of Queensland, New Zealand just made a transgender woman their president, Monica Mulholland, and of course it became international news. Obviously change is just the nature of things.



Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In 1985, for a Service Above Self project, we helped Pope John Paul II Center push wheel chairs from 9:30 am to Noon, and 1 pm to 7 pm, with an hour off between. No wages, no fringe benefits, and no severance pay, but it brought us many thanks and a feeling of self worth that can't be matched. Our nursing homes are always in need, and volunteers are more than welcome.



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:

- 4/22 10 am to 2 pm, Hawleyville Fire Dept., Newtown
- 5/6 11 am to 4 pm Kids Expo., Danbury Sports Dome
- 6/3 11 am to 3 pm Brookfield FD
- 7/27 11 am to 4 pm N. Milford Fair Days
- 7/28 10 am to 4 pm N. Milford Fair days

Dr. Spyros Smith Introduces the Club to a "New" form of Medical Practice; Concierge Medicine--

We were introduced to Concierge medicine, by our speaker, Dr. Spyros Smith. It is an added on perk for more personalized care, and the fee is out of pocket but modest. If you are in the program, you will never be on a waiting list, being seen immediately or within a day, and not by a Nurse Practitioner but your own personal physician. Some say this is the way medicine used to be practiced, but got lost in insurance, hassels,



long waits, and red tape. Insurance is still accepted, but the availability of the doctor is the key. No more hello, here is a script, goodbye, but real quality time with the doctor. If you would



Dr. Martin Williams, our Speaker, and our future pres., Dr. Fred Kayal

like personalized medical care, and some time to talk with Dr. Smith or his associate, Dr. Williams, check out the Danbury Medical Group, 132 Main Street, and tell them Rotary sent you.



Speaker and Pres. Frank

Luncheon Speakers:

- 5/9 Younhee Shin, Korean Culture
- 5/16 Linda Banker, Supportive Systems
- 5/23 Dinner at Chuck's at 5:30 pm
- 5/30 TBA Possible visit to the Police Station.
- 6/6 C.D. Peterson, Fly Fishing we assume
- 6/13 Tess Goldhagen, Research and Bus. Development

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Birthday Fellas:



Bob Vetter and Mark Havira celebrate their birthdays this month.

Congratulations, and many more birthdays to come in the future. We can see that Mark

is much happier celebrating his birthday, than losing at the card draw (see below).

Dr. Mark Havira Held the Winning Ticket, but Pulled a Losing Card:

Close, but no cigar. Wrong color, wrong face card, wrong day to win. Better luck next time, Mark...but you did win \$10 toward next week's draw.



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No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06

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Spring weather is here. What a great day!



The speaker had the Club's rapt attention.