

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

What a week. The few brave souls that attended today's meeting had to find roads that weren't blocked by trees or downed powerlines. Steve Kahn's neighbors had to cut up a large tree to allow him to make it to the meeting. The Lucchesi's were essential confined to their home due to the storm. Is this the new normal in weather? We hope not, but Spring seems to have eluded us this year. Let's hope for a better turnout next Wednesday at Chuck's.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

Our club was started in 1926, the same year that John Lucchesi joined (just a joke, folks; it probably seems that long to John). However, it reminds us that in eight years our club will be 100 years old. Has anybody thought about what we should do to celebrate? How about a big birthday bash with streamers and confetti, while we do something special like giving out extra scholarships? Maybe we could rent a railroad car and all go to Evanston, Illinois, present RI with tidy sum for the Rotary foundation, and say hello. Or we could rent the Amber Room, and invite the town to a festival of—whatever. We can let our minds wander, but reality will set in soon enough and decisions will eventually be made. We do have time to plan. We expect John to still be with us then, and may even chair the event.



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:

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

Linda Baker, Former School Guidance Counselor, and now a Counselor for Teachers and Staff, Tells us about her Unique Project, "Supportive Systems."

We all know how stressful teaching can be, but there is help for those on the front line working to make our schools a better place for our children.



Linda Baker views herself as a catalyst for helping our teaching personnel become more secure, creative, and enthusiastic about their profession.

Ms Baker has developed a strategy counseling teachers, using interesting devices and techniques for enriching the teaching process. Her technique is called ECL



(Emotional Well-Being, Creativity and Learning) and she works in collaborative groups. She insists

that her interventions have decreased teacher turnover, and participants have encouraged their peers to become part of the program.

She admits that this project is relatively new, is partially funded by a small inheritance, and grants from the various schools.



We wish her well. Teachers need emotional support, too..

Luncheon Speakers:

5/23 Dinner at Chuck's at 5:30 pm
5/30 On site visit to the Police Station. Be there at Noon.
6/6 C.D. Peterson, Fly Fishing we assume
6/13 Tess Goldhagen, Research and Bus. Development

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Rotary Foundation Reception in Ridgefield--

DG Trish Pearson is encouraging us to attend one of 3 area RI Foundation Thank You receptions. The closest is at the home of Allison Stockel, 78 Olmstead Lane, in Ridgefield, on May 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Jeff Kass attended last year, indicated no one asked him for money, and the fellowship was great. RSVP by May 13th, by calling Colin Gershon at 203-782-7798 or emailing him at:

cmg@gershonlaw.com.



Winner/Loser of Weekly Draw:

Bob Vetter, Keeper of the Cards, Still Can't find that Supercard in the Deck--

Good try, Bob. Of course you did win two more chances at the big one, next week.

Passing of the Gavel- June 27, Ridgewood CC:

Cocktails at 6:30. Dr. Fred Kayal will be inducted.

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No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06

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District 7980 Changing of the Guard:

Our former ADG Larry Gardner will be inducted as DG Tues., June 19th, at Anthony's Ocean View, 450 Lighthouse Road, in New Haven. Cocktails at 6 pm. Larry was one of the best ADGs we've had. Let's give him our support. RSVP required, larry@jgardner.com.

The Annual District Conference is being held in Burlington, VT, June 1st to the 3rd. Try to attend. This is Rotary at its best.

More on Founder Jason Gregorio's MIS Club Being Honored—email to Grandpa:

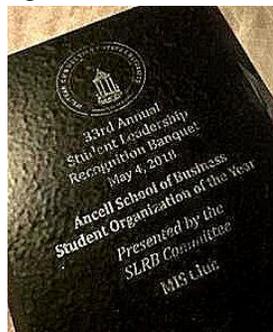
Hey Grandpa:

Sorry I'm late in getting this message you; I totally forgot with all of the excitement.



On May 4th the WCSU SGA held the Student Leadership Recognition Banquet at the Amber Room in Danbury. My club (the WCSU Management Information Systems Club or MIS Club for short)

won the Ansell School of Business Student Organization of the Year Award. Winning the award was based on a vote by the



SGA Council; they made the decision using each student organization's Annual Report. Apparently our report was the best. Attached is a copy the document and a picture of the award. In addition, the Ansell School of Business just received its AACSB Accreditation, placing it among the top 5% of business schools in the country.

Please thank the Rotary Club for its support. I'm sure it helped.

The next time you see me, I'll probably be walking across a stage to accept my degree!

Jason

(Jason is the grandson of Spoke Editor Ralph Welsh, and brother of Rotarian Joshua Gregorio. Danbury Rotary is a sponsor of the club and has given them financial support).