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From the Editor's Desk-



On Wednesday, our club participated in its 92nd Passing of the Gavel Dinner. As has been the case in the past, **Caryl Lucchesi** organized the evening and a grand time was had by all. PDG Brian Amey installed the officers for next year, and our incoming president, Dr. Fred Kayal, gave a short but comically entertaining play on words about the club and what Rotary is all about. Fred will be a great president as was Frank. We accomplished a great deal this year, and this progress will continue under the wise guidance of Fred.

President Frank's last task was the granting of several awards. Your Editor, Past Pres. Ralph Welsh, was given a Club Service Award and a Paul Harris pin with a note of appreciation for his work publishing the Spoke and his other efforts in behalf of the Club. Vicky Applegreen received the Outstanding New Member Award for her work with our youth and her embracing the Student of the Month program. Past Pres. Bob Vetter was honored with the Service Above Self award for his unselfish years of devotion to the club with the Amber Alert program, the raffles both large and small, and his availability to help the club in any way. Last, but not least, Frank honored Past. Pres. Tary Tarlton with the President's Award, and a Paul Harris pin. Frank saw Tary as "the voice of reason" throughout his term. All of the recipients were identified as "pillars of the club."

In addition to the above, for their unwavering service to the club two additional Paul Harris awards were granted, one to Anita Ragona for her demanding work finding our outstanding scholarship winners as a Co-chair of the scholarship committee, and Kristen Keil who has found us a remarkable group of Students of the Month; Kristen also continues to provide us with the great speakers we have had at luncheons over the past few years.



PDG Brian Amey swears in the new Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Danbury, Rotary Year 2018-19. The evening was grand and festive. Thanks, Caryl, for another great evening.

(Left to right) Pres. Fred Kayal, outgoing Pres. Frank Scahill, Allison Fulton, Tary Tarlton, Mark Havira, Anita Ragona, Tim Seibert, Ralph Welsh, Jeffery Kass and Bob Vetter. John Murphy was unavailable for the photo. We also have a new Sgt at Arms, Ed Walsh.



The Award Recipients:



Ralph Welsh, Club Service



*Vicky Applegreen,
Outstanding New Member*



Bob Vetter, Service Above Self



*Tary Tarlton,
Club President's Award*

Additional Honors:



(Left to Right) For her work with the Scholarship Committee and Board work, Anita Ragona was given a Paul Harris award. For her work with scheduling speakers, Student of the Month program, and Board work, Kristen Keil was also given a Paul Harris Award.

Swearing in our new Rotary Club of Danbury President, for the Rotary year 2018-19:



PDG, Brian Amey, inducts Dr. Fred Kayal as our new Pres., while Frank Scahill prepares to pass the gavel.



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More photos from this very special evening with minimal comment:

