

The Spoke

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From the Editor's Desk:

As we move into summer, vacations, yardwork, and rocking on the porch watching the grass grow begins. Unfortunately, some members decide to take time off from attending the Rotary luncheons. Please do not become a Rotarian slacker. We need all of you at the club, every week. After all, you might miss an interesting speaker, a unique meal, or an old friend who drops by that week for a make up for their current club in a far off state. We need all of you, and hope to see most of you next week.

Tary's Rotary Minute: On that special day, July 4th, the day for which we celebrated our Independence last week honoring those patriots who gave their lives for our freedom, we must also remember that Rotary, like our freedom, isn't an abstraction that rests somewhere out there, or in conventions, or central office but in our clubs. Just as every member of an organized, free society gains its legitimacy from its family, so every Rotarian gains their Rotarian legitimacy exclusively by virtue of being a member of a club. Be proud to be a Rotarian, and I hope you all had a wonderful 4th of July. **By the way, come to my lawn party 8/22 at 5:30 pm.** The Board suggested a fee of \$25 per person. Bring the family.



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:

7/27 11 am to 4 pm N. Milford Fair Days
7/28 10 am to 4 pm N. Milford Fair Days



Filson Thomas Explains Why Everything Falls and Rises on Leadership:

Our speaker today was Leadership Trainer and Executive Coach Filson Thomas. He believes that everything a company accomplishes goes back to leadership.



To achieve leadership, our speaker insists that we have to be cognizant of two basic propositions:

- 1- What are your personal growth plans to develop yourself?
- 2- What are you doing to develop your team?

He emphasized the fact

that a company can not grow randomly. The leader must have goals, direction and intention. Without intention, every venture is doomed to fail.

He suggested that we all have a dream, and unique skills. We should pursue that dream, utilize our special skills, get into the zone of intention, and stay there. Knowing one's self is critical. One should always build on one's strengths.

Our speaker's final point should be obvious: People do not want to pay for "average." So the message is clear: Know your strengths, focus on developing your team, work with your strengths, get into your special zone and don't give up.

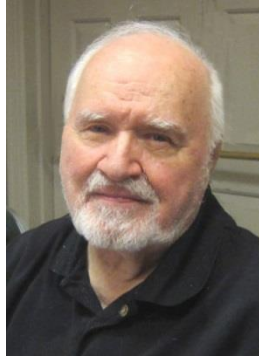
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Birthday:

July 9th, your Editor, Ralph, reached the ripe old age of 82. As luck would have it, the July birthday cake was only available July 4th, a day we did not convene. Anyway, it's loaded with carbs. We are all now wondering who ate the cake. So here is my photo, sans cake. It will have to do.



Visitors:

Two more members of the WestConn Rotaract Club attended our meeting this week. They were: Baki Izzat and Hao Nguyen, We're always happy to see them aboard, and look forward to future visits.



Our speaker with Baki and Hao

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He Won/Lost Again:

Our keeper of the cards, Bob Vetter, held the winning ticket again this week, but he just can't seem to find the big winner in the deck. Still, Bob gets two more 3-ticket chances next week. If he pulls the winning ticket next week, there will be an investigation, I have no doubt.



Speakers:

- 7/18 Keith Wolf, Junior Achievement.
- 7/24 Off site, Westerners Baseball, Rogers Park, playing the Keene Swamp Rats, 6:30 pm.

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No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06
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Note: 12 ½ continuous years of the Spoke; we're proud of that.

Stuff We Really Don't Need-

Bubblehead dolls of important sports figures are frequently given away as come-ons in ballparks around the country. Now, as luck would have it, you can have a bubblehead made in your image. Yes, in your image with all of the body imperfections removed. It is the perfect gift for a VIP. Just \$65 and the postage is free. Who can beat that?

