

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

We hosted two politicians today, but do not wish to slight anyone. Rotary has a policy of not endorsing candidates, but we welcome the opportunity to hear from all of them. Since the Republican primaries are so close, we felt that the club should also be aware of our own mayor who is running for Governor, again. He has been such a friend of Rotary, we felt that we needed to acknowledge his current run for the highest office in the state. We wish the best for all of our candidates, and hope they all gain some wisdom from the challenge though only one can win. Also, we want to remind you of Anita and Andy Ragona's pool party, **August 8 at 4 pm**, Bring the whole family.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

Our raffle is approaching, rapidly, and again Bob Vetter will be in charge. I looked back to 1985, and guess what? Bob was still running the raffle—and it was very successful. I wonder how long the ageing drum is going to last, with all of its workouts over the years. Let's make this the most successful raffle yet. It just takes a little more effort.

Yours in Rotary Service, Tary



Speakers:

- 8/1 Wayne Winskey, Brave Enough Fall, non-profit scholarships
- 8/8 **Anita's Pool Party, 4 pm**
- 8/22 **Tary's Lawn Party, 5:30 pm**
- 8/28 Stew Leonard tour, Off-site visit. Be there at Noon.
- 9/5 Mayko and Chris Lucksey, AAA, Danbury.
- 9/26 Dinner at Chuck's, 5:30 pm
- 10/24 Dinner at Chuck's, 5:30 pm
- 11/21 Lions at Ethan Allen

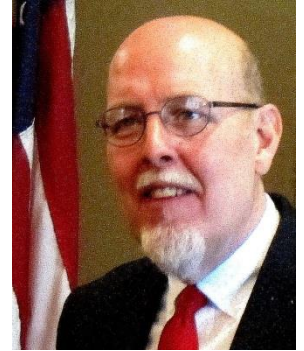
Area Make-ups-

- 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, Bernard's, 20 West Lane, Ridgefield
- Fri 7:30 am Westport Sunrise, The Westport Inn
- Fri. 12:15 pm, Wilton, Marly's Bistro

Vote Tuesday, August 14th

David Stemerman, Candidate for Governor, and Joe Markley, Candidate for Lt Governor told the Club why they should be Elected:

Joe Markley spoke first. He admitted that he has never supported a tax increase, and never will. He has fought all restrictions on constitutional rights, and all unnecessary mandates that restrict business. He is against nearly all gun control initiatives, and unabashedly identifies himself as the most conservative member of the state Senate.



Markley will be running against two other candidates, Jayne Stevenson, First Selectman of Darien and Erin Stewart of New Britain. Stevenson's main issue is who would be best to take over the state in the event the Governor could no longer serve.



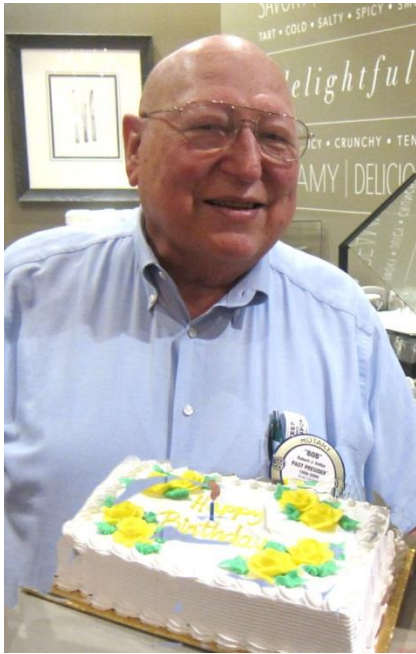
His other opponent, Mayor Erin Stewart is a longshot due to the struggles New Britain is having. David Stemerman, an attorney with degrees from Yale and Harvard, and a wealthy hedge fund businessman, has his eye on repairing the economy. He has detailed plans on how he could stop the job drain, deal with the troubled pension problem, streamline the government and free up enough capital to invest in

our flagging infrastructure. In addition, he would do this while reducing taxes, and eliminating the death tax. Kevin Rennie, a former Republican state legislator told the Hartford Courant that he had never met a candidate smarter than Stemerman. Like our own Mayor Boughton, he will be running against 4 other GOP candidates. May the best man/woman win, but he/she might not if you don't vote.



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Happy Anniversary, Bob and Sheila:



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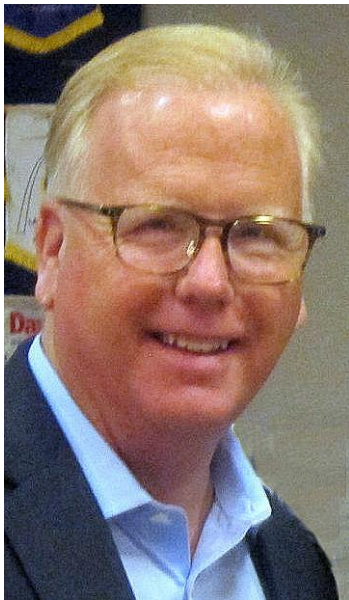
No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06
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The 3 young men below were visitors, and are obviously aids to our speakers. We will try to identify them, and print their names in an upcoming Spoke.



...And We're Not Ignoring our Own Mark Boughton:

It should be noted that our own mayor, Mark Boughton is also running for Governor—for the third time. Perhaps this will be the “charm.” Mark has been a good friend of



Rotary, and has participated in our scholarship program for many years. He has served as the Mayor of Danbury for nine consecutive years, and is a lifelong Danbury resident.

Mark has an M.S. degree, from WCSU, in Educational Psychology, and has served in the U.S. Army Reserve. His bio identifies him as a champion of education, an

individual deeply concerned with the infrastructure, and devoted to improving the quality of life of all of the residents of Danbury. He has led a successful effort to

produce one of the lowest unemployment rates in Connecticut, and has created a climate resulting in Danbury being singled out as one of the best cities in which to live in in the country.

Mark has a daunting task ahead with 4 other GOP candidates running against him. We wish him all the best. *Note: Rotary never endorses any candidate, but invites all of them to present their views to the club.*



Mark applauds Tiffany Saviano for her \$5,000 scholarship at our last Scholarship Luncheon.