

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

The club turnout for the Newtown Labor Day Annual Parade



was rather remarkable. Maybe it was the picnic; maybe it was the fact that our current DG, Larry Gardner, is a member of the Newtown club—and

maybe it has something to do with the glorious weather. Whatever the reason, it was a great testament to the commitment of our club to one of our special area Rotary clubs. Many thanks to all who attended this fellowship event.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In March of 1980 our club, along with the Danbury Cultural Commission, sponsored a program put on by the CT Opera Assoc., "Little Red Riding Hood." It was presented at 10 area schools over a period of one week. We understand it was a resounding success---as are most of our ventures into the arts.



Yours in Rotary Service, Tary

Speakers-

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

Amber Alert Schedule-

9/9 11 am to 4 pm, Brookfield Fire Dept.
10/20 9 am to 3 pm, Meridan Airport
10/20 10 am to 4 pm, Reed School, Newtown

Self Driving Vehicles are Coming, According to AAA:

Two of the officials of the Danbury AAA (Fran Mayko and Christine Lucsky) talked to the club about self driving cars, and the many services provided by AAA. Most of us are familiar with their trip planning, and the auto towing program. Little did we know they are into insurance (including student loans) and a myriad of other services related to travel.



Fran Mayko

computer. However the reality is:

-They eliminate the hazard of intoxicated, distracted, drowsy, and unskilled drivers. Self-driving cars are not distracted by cell phones.
-They increase the efficiency of the trip reducing fuel usage, traffic congestion, and even CO2 emissions
-They have the potential of saving a countless number of lives.

Within the next 20 months, Stamford will be introducing a fleet of self-driving shuttle buses, one of many pilot programs being planned throughout the nation.

Self-driving vehicles are coming. We need to get use to it, and embrace the technology.



Christine Lucsky



Mark Havira asking our guests where he could get a SDV



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Weekly Raffle—

Normally the Ace of Spades is a coveted card. Not today. It was the King of Clubs, so Jim Gargan missed out on the big one. Better luck next week, Jim. It is just a matter of time.



Happy Birthday, Ray Kish, and Happy Anniversary, Caryl and John Lucchesi--



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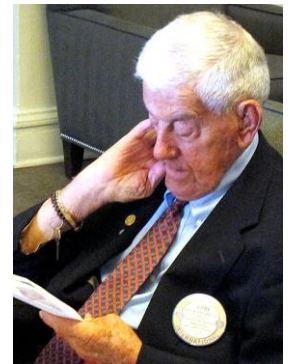
No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06

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John Lucchesi Gets Out and About-

John is now living in Maplewood Assisted Living, in Danbury. We are glad he was able to visit the club, today, for a photo of him reading the Spoke, and his wedding anniversary photo with Caryl. (left). If you are in the area, drop by and see John. He loves visitors.



Why there are Turkeys in Your Yard and Mine--

Wild turkeys were common in Connecticut when the first settlers arrived. However, a combination of factors (forest clearing plus several severe winters) eliminated the turkey from Connecticut by the early 1800s. From the 1950s through the early 1970s, attempts to restore them through artificial propagation failed. Success was achieved when wild turkeys were live-captured and relocated using a rocket net finally. This large, lightweight net is fired by rockets from a remote blind and pulled over turkeys that have been attracted to the area by bait. From 1975 to 1992, 356 wild turkeys were released at 18 Connecticut sites. Now they are virtually everywhere in our state, including the Editor's back yard in Redding.



Spoke 9/5/18 P. 3 The Newtown Labor Day Parade:



We participated in the Annual Newtown Labor Day Parade, this year, with one of the largest group of attendees from the Danbury Club showing up, in years. As has been the practice in the past, many politicians marched

with the participants, and a new addition was added—a picnic for the Rotarians that marched, following the parade. Newtown Rotary is one of the founders of this

unique event (the only Labor Day parade in CT) and the fact our Rotary District Governor, Larry Gardner, is a member of the Newtown Rotary made this year special. We were pleased to meet with Larry and wife, Sharon, a number of old friends from the District, including Tari Marshall-Day (with her Rotarian vehicle), Lynda Hammond, PDG Alan Hurst, PDG Ernie Luise, PDG Trish Pearson and PDG Colin Gershon to name just a few. It was a fun, fellowship event. We will be returning next year.



The Politicians



The Picnic

