

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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District 7980

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From the Editor's Desk:

The day our current DG spoke to our club, we lost another outstanding Rotarian who was also the husband of our most recent Past District Governor, Trish Pearson. Glenn will be missed by all of us who knew him, and were inspired by his devotion to Trish and his beloved Rotary. Visiting hours will take place on Sunday, October 7th from 3 to 7 P.M. at the West Haven Funeral Home, 662 Savin Avenue. A Mass will be held at 11 A.M. at Saint Thomas More Church, 268 Park St., New Haven, CT. Donations can be made to the Orange Club Foundation, P.O. Box 894, Orange, CT 06477.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In line with President Kayal's message, let us start this Rotary year by building bridges of fellowship in our own club, not only at the luncheon, but through our community services and by supporting our various social functions. Its not hard, its fun, and it brings us all closer together.



Yours in Rotary Service, Tary

Speakers-

10/10 Lucy and Laura, The Undies Project
 10/17 Jeff Gill, Sr Choice to Live at Home
 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-

10/6 9 am to 1 pm., Home Depot
 10/20 9 am to 3 pm, Meridan Airport (10/27 rain date)
 10/20 10 am to 4 pm, Reed School, Newtown



DG Larry Spoke to our Club, and his Message about Increasing membership was Seminal. He Reminded us that Intellectual Appeals to Increase Membership are far less Effective than Those that are Straight from the Heart:

When we join a Rotary Club, there is always a key moment that we are hooked, and become a truly dedicated Rotarian. For Larry it came while he was serving as his club president. Searching for an international project, he decided to provide funds for a water project in India,



proposed the idea to the club, it was agreed upon, and a nominal sum was issued to complete the program



and he went on to other "more important" issues— until a photograph came across his desk of a woman half way around the world, with a "haunted look" on her face that suddenly gripped him. She was from a tiny little town that now had life saving water filters provided by people this woman did not know. It suddenly struck Larry that his hasty decision to find an international project had made such a

We have a new flag profound difference in the lives of people in a town he had never heard about. That was the day Larry became a true Rotarian.



For those of us who have been in Rotary for many years, those ...and new District pins special moments are more common than one realizes.

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The most inspirational stories are heard at the District gatherings, and the fact that the District Assembly and Conference will be combined this year, and will take place in Connecticut (Heritage Hotel and Conference Center in Southbury, May 17-19th) is a dream come true. No one needs to miss this combined event. Attendance at these events is what helps to make a Rotarian a true believer in what we do.

Larry also clarified the issue of static membership over the last 20 years. Though membership has remained flat worldwide, in some areas of the world it is growing leaps and bounds, and many clubs are more successful in recruiting and keeping members than others. We need to learn from their success, and the District is attempting to do this, and pass this on to those clubs that are struggling.

We need to spread the word better. Let's get to it.



Nels has an Anniversary; Michele has a Birthday:
 Congratulations to Nels DeAlmeida, and to Michele Geffert on their respective red letter days.

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**We Lost Another Very Special Rotarian,
 Glenn Pearson. Our Deepest Sympathy to**

Trish: It was a little more than a year ago, PDG Trish and her Rotarian husband Glenn had lunch with us during one of her routine DG club visits. Glenn was a Coast Guard reservist, graduate of the University of New Haven, a successful businessman, Rotary District Chair, and reportedly the best lobster cooker in town. He died unexpectedly at Yale New Haven Hospital—a terrible shock to us all. He leaves his loving companion, Trish, who he met at 16, a son Patrick, daughter in law Jessica, and granddaughter Hannah. We will all miss him.

