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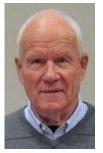
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# From the Editor's Desk:

Little did we know the extent and comprehensive nature of the Brookfield Craft Center. I regret the fact I had to miss this meeting, but I see we had a good turnout, and I gratefully appreciate the write-up and photos Frank Scahill provided for the Spoke. When I'm unavailable, I always find a member willing to step up to the plate. That's who we are. That's Rotary.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

# Tary's Rotary Minute:



In the early eighties there were Rotary license plates in Connecticut. I still remember them, but have not seen any, lately. Apparently to get things started we had to have a minimum of 100 orders and our two Rotary Connecticut districts could not get enough interested Rotarians to fill the orders. Perhaps we could try again at

some point in the future. It is a rather simple way of engaging in a community PR project. Tary

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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

# SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Our Trip to the Brookfield Craft Center Introduced the Club to One of Our Community Jewels:



Over 2,000 people a year visit the Brookfield Craft Center. People come from all over the country to attend classes, most of which span more than a day in order to learn about crafts and the community. Grants are available for those

with children strapped for cash.

There are six building, all of which are vintage (3 are over 200 years old) so they require constant upkeep. Both old and new crafts are available, including a new digital art center which was possible through several generous donations. The weaving studio was built in 1964, and was furnished with donated looms. One can learn to make jewelry at the jewelry center, and the number of crafts one can learn is myriad including pottery with 3 large kilns. The 17 Century Miller House will soon be restored for extended meeting space. In 1999 a Forge Center was added and doubled in



size due to a grant in 2017. Forging classes are on weekends. Expansion is always at the forefront. In 2003 with a grant and a mortgage the building across the street was purchased to house the glass studio and turning

*CEO Howard Lasser* glass studio and turning center. The Brookfield Craft Center is a jewel in our community.



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11/21 Lions at Ethan Allen

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-Don't take anything apart to see why it doesn't work while it is still under warranty.

-If you don't agree with anyone else, maybe you're just thinking creatively outside of the box...but maybe your idea is really stupid.

-If you didn't carefully listen to the speaker, restrain yourself from asking the speaker a question.

## Why the Four Way Test is Particularly Important Today. An Open Mind is the Pathway to Truth:

Years ago, in psychology, it was believed one could determine one's personality traits by feeling the bumps on the head. Phrenology is long gone, but much of the ignorance that created this type of thinking remains. No, you can't diagnose one's personality by feeling head bumps, and no one believes the Earth is flat anymore (at least practically no one). But there is an anti-science mood in the country that can only result in bad outcomes. When politicians take on positions not carefully rooted in science, they push the whole world backward. Rotary has always been a champion of the truth, and always will be. It is part of the Four Way Test. As philosopher George Santavana so wisely once said, "Those who can not remember the past are condemned to repeat it." The facts of science are learned from repeated repetitions of carefully controlled experimentation. Opinions are no more than guesswork. Political opinions are even worse, since they are fashioned to manipulate the believer, and close the mind. (The 4-way Test: Is it the truth; is it fair to all concerned; will it build good will and better friendship; will it be beneficial to all concerned) ...

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