

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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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

### 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

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### 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 center. The Brookfield Craft Center is a jewel in our community.



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