

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

Michele Geffert has agreed to become our President Elect. Although a recent transfer to our club, she has many years of experience in Rotary, and will be able to do a great job as President when she takes office next June. We are lucky to have her as a club member, and even more lucky to have her assume the Presidency of the Danbury Rotary Club next June. Thank you, Michele for stepping up the plate so quickly as a recent recruit.



Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph



Tary's Rotary

Minute: In 1926, when Danbury Rotary first started, Danbury was known as the Hat Capitol of the Nation. At that time, RI only allowed one member

to have a single employment classification. Obviously it was an attempt to increase the diversity of professions in each club. If someone else with that classification wished to join, only the member holding the original classification could allow that person to join. Hence, a perfect storm—many hatting people, one classification for hatting. The problem was solved by Rotary International, Guiding Lights from Danbury and the Rotary Club of Bridgeport. Later creativity ensued, with the development of sub-classifications for each profession, enough to include the entire hatting industry. The initial fix must have worked since both clubs are still active today. Of course this is no longer a problem. Rotary International recognized that the classification limitation was without merit, was a drag on membership, and was eliminated.

Yours in Rotary Service, Tary

Speakers-

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,	Wpt, 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

Attorney Kathy Boufford Introduced the Club to a New Type of Law; Partial Representation. It Makes a Lot of Sense:

For those of us who have had to hire an attorney in order to obtain representation in court, the entire process was very expensive from the get go. One has to pay a large retainer, and wait for the attorney to call all of the shots. But with the program Attorney Boufford presented, we, the client, become an integral part of the legal



action—and can save a ton of money in the process.

A La Carte Legal Services is a unique approach to the law allowing the client to order up whatever legal service is required, paying only for that particular service. If one wishes to go Pro Se, they can be led by the hand by Kathy's law firm, from court filings, to the final disposition. They can provide legal representation for one day in court, and show the client how to enter his/her own motions. If paperwork is needed, it can be purchased, and hearing preparation can be purchased for a single, separate fee. Civil, Probate, and Family matters are all addressed, and they are always available when you find yourself in a legal pinch. Attorney Boufford can be contacted at 203-301-9050, or the program can be accessed on the website.

Regan Welsh, your Editor's daughter, pulls out her camera for another gorgeous New England Fall.





President Fred Kayal and Board Member Mark Havira sit in back of one of the birdseed wreaths we have for sale at \$20. Grab one before they are gone. They can be a great Christmas gift as well as a fun bird watching addition to the yard.

Sell Those Raffle Tickets: Time is Running Out! Bob Vetter encourages Jim Gargan to extend his list of potential raffle ticket customers.



SO THAT'S THE LIST OF PEOPLE YOU INTEND TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS TO. IT'S TOO SHORT, JIM.



WIN AND LOSE, WIN AND LOSE--

Keeper of the Cards Wins, then Loses Again. Bob Vetter is lucky at ticket pulling, but unlucky as a card shark. Oh well; there is always next week, Bob. *PS: You just lost out on \$270.*

What did we do before cell phones during lunch pauses in the action? My guess is we talked to each other.



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Officers 2018-19

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| President- | Dr. Fred Kayal |
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No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06
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Service Above Self

Stuff We Really Don't Need:

For between \$500 and \$700 you can have your favorite pet stuffed and freeze dried. Reportedly there are some folks who are so attached to their pets, they sleep with them after they're gone. No kidding, and Roy Rogers had his horse, Trigger, stuffed. Still, if you have owned a dog, it would be nice to have a low maintenance pet—like one that's been stuffed, or would it? You be the judge. (Photos are of our beloved late German Shepherds Abby and Henry as puppies. May they rest in peace—not on a shelf). *PS: English philosopher Jeremy Bentham was stuffed, and sits in a glass case in a hallway at the University College, in London. He has been there since 1850. Had he been a Rotarian, and Rotary had been around in 1850, he would be our oldest visible member.*

