

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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### From the Editor's Desk:

We are down to the wire with the Card Raffle. The winning tickets will be pulled at the next meeting. There is a \$2,000 Visa Card waiting for some lucky ticket holder. You need to hand in your ticket stubs, and unsold tickets to Bob Vetter NOW. At worst, bring them to the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. We are still behind in sales. Consider buying another book yourself. It's not about taking a chance for a winner; it is all about contributing to the Club.

Also, Tim Seibert's Holiday funfest party will be the day after the raffle. It will start at 6 pm, and you need to bring an appetizer or desert, and a \$25 Chinese auction gift if you want to be involved in the gift exchange. Tim lives at 13 Pineview Drive in Danbury. We'll see you all there.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

### Tary's Rotary Minute: Thanksgiving has gone, and our



first joint meeting with the Lions is over. I searched my past files back to 1982, and discovered a continuity of joint holiday meetings of our two clubs that probably extended beyond that time. The Danbury High School Choir participated in many of the meetings at the Lion's venue. It would be nice if they are lined up again

for the December get-together. I'll have to check it out. After all, what is Christmas without the carols?

Yours in Rotary Service, Tary

### Speakers-

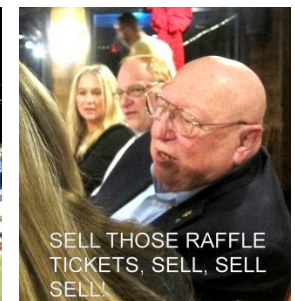
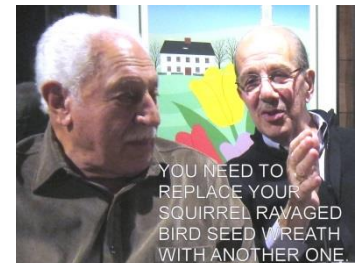
- 12/5/18 Card Raffle
- 12/20/18 Lunch at the Lions, Anthony's Lake Club (A Thurs.)

### 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

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### Our Meeting at Chuck's, this Week, is Presented with Minimal Comment:





You can still purchase a remarkable Holiday Bird Seed Wreath, for only \$20. They really do draw the birds—in droves, but put them where the squirrels can't get them. They love them, too.



Our Trust can make money every time you buy something from Amazon. Here's the link to show how you can be a contributor to our Scholarship Program: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-6098669>. Speak to Frank Scahill if you need additional help in setting up your account.

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**Rotary**  
THE FOUR-WAY TEST  
of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

**Gone but Not Forgotten:** Obituaries are the legacy of a person's life. They are usually somber, and factual, but now and then one catches our fancy; e.g., irrelevant, obsessive detail is sometimes, included, such as this recent obit: "He was born in the upstairs hospital of the old Richfield Commercial and Savings Bank building, located on the North East corner of 100 North Main Street ..." Others are just odd, such as: "Mary passed away on March 23, 2018 in Mesquite, NV. She was born April 1, cough, cough..." Others state the obvious, including this one: "Ron passed away on May, 27, 2018, as a consequence of having lived to the age of 97." Others are brutally honest. This obit states: "She spent her childhood in the community raising hell with her beloved brother and partner in crime and to say she was unique is quite an understatement. As one of the first female truck drivers in our state, she proudly embraced the moniker her fellow drivers bestowed upon her - "Wacky." As above, four letter words were occasionally used for emphasis, such as an obit that describes the departed as: "...the best damn cook you could ask for." But still my favorite appeared in the News-Times a number of years ago, clearly a typo, indicating that the deceased was buried with "Full military horrors."

**Maintaining Perfect Rotary Club Attendance is an Accomplishment Achieved by Few, and Requires an Obsession with Never Missing a Luncheon over One's Lifetime in Rotary. The following is an Ode to Perfect Attendance, with a Casey at the Bat Slant:**

