

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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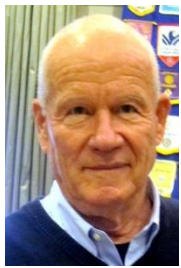
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### From the Editor's Desk:

As the new year draws closer, we need to review what we did last year, and make plans for the year to come. Rotary accomplished a lot in 2018, but we need more members to revel in those accomplishments, and be able to do more. Let's all resolve to find a new member for the club. It starts with a luncheon visit. The club will take it from there. So let's all ring the New Year in with the shout "I will bring a friend to lunch, who I believe will be a good Rotarian!" Let's get to it, gang. Without members, we have no club.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

### Tary's Rotary Minute:



While glancing over some earlier Spokes, I discovered 5 in a row, issued in 1983, featuring a paragraph or two about a new member. It might be worth investigating a membership column telling the club something interesting about one club member each month. These same Spokes discussed the problem of fundraising, and

membership; these, of course, are the issues problematic to the club today. As we move forward, we always seem to be stuck with the problems of the past.

Yours in Rotary Service, Tary

### Speakers-

- 12/20/18 Lunch at the Lions, Anthony's Lake Club (A Thurs.)
- 1/16/19 Lindy Cyr, Habitat for Humanity
- 1/23/19 Speaker needed; suggestions accepted

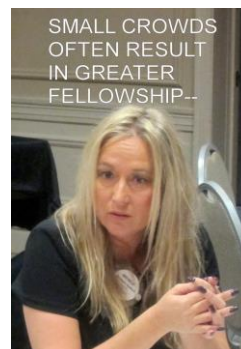
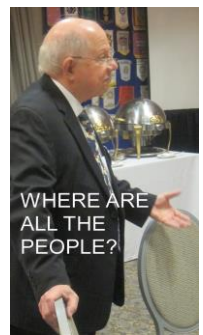
### Area Make-ups-

- 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

## Service Above Self

### Due to the Holidays, the Meeting was Intimate (a very small crowd), but Fun

**Nonetheless:** The captions on the photos were overheard, but not well. The Editor has a hearing problem. Still we talked about the dangers riding a motorcycle, desalinization, and the fact that NYC water is not Kosher due to a tiny crustaceae that lives in the water. Really. Look it up.



### Weekly Raffle:

Tary held the winning ticket, but pulled a losing card. He unsuccessfully tried to insist that duces were wild due to the size of the crowd.

**On the Mend:** Jane Welsh will be released from Meadow Ridge Convalescent Home next Friday, after suffering a broken hip. Your Editor wishes to thank all of you who have expressed concern about her recovery.

**Our Board of Directors in Action:**  
We work hard, and we get things done.



**Taste of Ridgefield:** \$50 per person, \$25 for kids; 1/27/19; two sessions, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, and 4 pm to 6 pm. Buy tickets online at [www.ridgefieldrotary.org](http://www.ridgefieldrotary.org).

**Contribute to our Club:** 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.

**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?

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**On a whim, I decided to see if I could photograph some individual snowflakes:** When we had a brief snowfall this week, I took my camera outside and focused it on the windshield of my car and was amazed that individual snowflakes could be photographed. A commonly held belief about snowflakes is that no two snowflakes are alike. However, in 1988 Nancy Knight, an expert on snow working at the National Center for Atmosphere Research in Boulder, Colorado, found two identical snow crystals while studying snow from a storm in Wisconsin, using a microscope. Still, identical snowflakes are extremely rare.

Snowflakes Come In 35 Different Shapes, Scientists Say. While nearly no snowflake is exactly the same as another on a molecular level, it turns out that all snowflakes fall into different identifiable categories.

Snowflakes nucleate around mineral or organic particles in moisture-saturated, subfreezing air masses. They grow by net accretion to the incipient crystals in hexagonal formations. The cohesive forces are primarily electrostatic. In short, they are always six sided.

They come in various sizes as one can see from my windshield photo—one as large as a dime has been observed.

The next time you brush the snow off of your windshield, remember that you are brushing off thousands of remarkably beautiful creations of nature.

