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From the Editor's Desk:

The February issue of the Rotarian is filled with stories of courage and commitment. The article *After the Storm* is a must to read. It tells a number of poignant activities by various Rotary Clubs in Puerto Rico that have reached out to remote communities that were essentially forgotten following Hurricane Maria. It also has useful info for those who do a lot of traveling. For instance, did you know you can find any club in the world by accessing the web at <u>www.rotary.org/locator</u>? It really works. I tried it. The Rotarian contains a wealth of information at your fingertips, each month. Read it. You will like it. Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:



In the early eighties, in fact 1983, one of our club directors, Dr. Tom Nipper, decided to have a club assembly and the topic was the "Funding of Rotary projects," still an important one today. This, of course, involves many decisions we have to make each year, and I suspect that we do not always make the best decisions in giving out our funds. The list of organizations we

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support is quite extensive and we probably should engage in more follow-up to make sure our dollars are well spent. Of course there is one area of giving we know goes to a worthy cause—the scholarships. We can all be proud of that.

Yours in Rotary Service, Tary

Speakers-

1/30/19 Off site visit to Danbury Family and Children's Aid, Noon sharp 2/6/19 Carol Freud Spiegel; history of the Palace Theatre and how it can be a club fundraiser

Area Make-ups-

12:15 pm,	Norwalk, Norwalk Inn
6:15 pm,	Newtown, Newtown Country Club
12:00 pm,	Wpt, Branson Hall at Christ and Holy Trinity Church
12:15 pm,	Danbury, Ethan Allen Inn, Danbury
6:15 pm	Ridgefield Dinner Club, Bernard's, 20 West Lane,
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7:30 am	Westport Sunrise, The Westport Inn
12:15 pm,	Wilton, Marly's Bistro
	6:15 pm, 12:00 pm, 12:15 pm, 6:15 pm 7:30 am

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Dinner at Chuck's Provided with Minimal Comment:

We enjoyed another fine evening of fellowship at Chuck's, and were surprised to see our constant traveler of mercy, Carl Bailey, put in an appearance. Fresh back from a trip to Bolivia involving 37 medical personnel, he will be addressing the club, soon, regarding their accomplishments there including hundreds of heart warming photos. We can't wait to hear that wonderful story of help and courage.



(*l to r*) Michele Geffert, Pres. Elect, and her husband Gary; Carl Bailey, Past Pres. Tary Tarlton: Pres. Fred Kayal, and Tary's wife Adele Tarlton (an honorary Rotarian).

Close up, Carl Bailey and Club President Dr. Fred Kayal happily display Rotary banners from two clubs assisting Carl in Bolivia, San Lucas and Sirari.









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Too Much of a Good Thing: Yesterday it was reported that the Eastern Atlantic Ice Shelf is melting at an alarming rate, spelling trouble for coastal communities worldwide. Although essential to life on earth, too much water can spell trouble for millions of people. But for the photographer, ice is a magical substance that takes many forms, and most are a thing of beauty. The following are some examples from the Editor's recent foray into the many artistic forms ice can take.

















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