

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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District 7980

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From the Editor's Desk:

Let's all make an effort to attend the Conference/Assembly of District 7980, to be held virtually in our backyard. It will be held in Southbury, at the Heritage Hotel and Conference Center, May 17-19. The cost for 3 days is \$329 plus \$50 extra if one also attends the Paul Harris Luncheon on Friday. We used to have a Danbury Rotary Cocktail evening at the conference, and ought to reintroduce it this year. Danbury Rotary needs to show we are here.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:



In 1965 attorney John Sjovall, a law partner of Judge Julius J. Bielizna, gave our club a riveting talk on the U.S. Constitution, pointing out it was truly remarkable that a legal document adopted in 1787 could have survived so long with so few amendments. George Washington doubted it would last 20 years. Still Connecticut was well ahead of the Feds, adopting the first constitution of the Colonies in 1639 (287 years before our club was founded) known as The Fundamental Orders.

Connecticut currently operates under a 1965 State Constitution vastly different from the original—and all references to Christianity have been removed.

Yours in Rotary Service, Tary

Speakers-

- 3/13/19 Caitlyn Landry on Guiding Eyes for the Blind
- 3/20/19 Corrienne Gagliardi, CT State Gift Officer
- 3/27/19 Dinner at Chuck's
- 4/22/19 Mike Anderson, Ridgefield Rotary's Flag Fundraiser
- 4/22/19 Dinner at Chuck's
- 5/29/19 Family and Children's Aid-- Off Site Visit

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

Carol Spiegel, Outreach Director of the Danbury Palace Theatre, Offers the Palace as a Potential Club Fundraiser:

Opened on 9/6/28, the 1,999 seat Palace Theatre was the brainchild of developer Charles Griffing. It had a full pipe organ, two grand pianos, a nine-piece pit orchestra and marble everywhere. At that time it was booking vaudeville acts and motion pictures. During its time Jimmy Durante, Liberace, and even touring Broadway Shows did the Palace. Ultimately it was purchased by Warner Brothers, and most recently the DaSilva family. Sadly, it became a bit shabby, and closed in 1995, but in 2008, Joe DaSilva Jr. announced plans to restore the theatre, it was done, and it hosted the CT Film Festival in May of 2008. Further renovations are continuing, and the theatre is available for community fund raising opportunities.



Ms. Spiegel opened the club up to a brainstorming session, with options from a Comedy Club night to an Antiques Auction. Apparently the possibilities are limitless, but the club will have to decide. The theatre will help with publicity, but the club needs to purchase the concessions, insurance, and parking lot attendants. The concept has possibilities, and we need to think this one over. By the way; Ed Asner will be performing at the Palace on April 7th at 3 pm.



Lobby Statue



Our speaker with Pres. Elect Michele Geffert

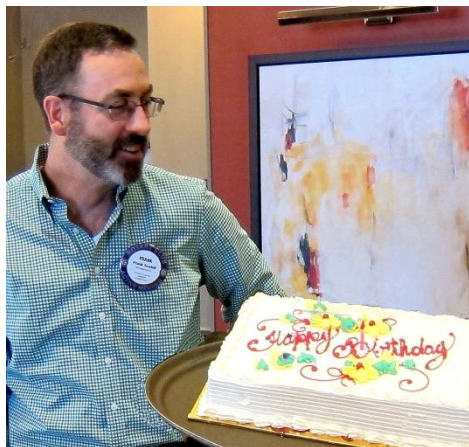
Delia Espinal Wins the Small One



Tary did not hold the winning ticket. For a change, this week. Delia Espinal did, but it was only worth \$10. Delia responded with an appropriate “Oh well,” following a 6 of Spades card draw. Still, there will be another drawing next week, and the week after. The chances of winning increase with the passing weeks, and the pot grows, as well. Good luck in making it a twofer next week, Delia. One never knows does one?

Happy Birthday, Frank:

Frank Scahill, Jr. is now a year older. Keep up that healthy lifestyle, and we will keep that “50 Years in Rotary” trophy warm for you.



Paper Shredding Fund Raiser: We will be shredding paper from 9 am to Noon May 4th in the parking lot of Chuck’s. Bring your own boxes to be shredded, and tell all of your friends. It should be a productive morning as well as a fine fellowship event.

Amber Alerts:

- 3/31 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Stepping Stones Museum, Norwalk
- 4/20 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Prospect Fire Dept.
- 5/5 11:00 am-4:00 pm, Danbury Sports Dome
- 5/19 11:00 am-2:00 Stony Hill Hawley F.D.

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