

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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April Fool Issue--Stuff Happens:



Frank Scahill insists that it's a little known fact that one can remain thin on gobs of ice cream and maraschino cherries if that is all they eat in small portions. According to Frank, "I've tried it, and it works for me."

During a senior moment, **Wayne Curtis** forgets what he was going to say (it was a beloved quote of Hillary Clinton's).



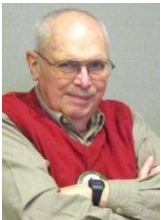
Allison Fulton exhibits palpable disappointment when she hears that Anita's pool party has been cancelled again due to weather. Her favorite pastime is doing back flips off the diving board.

Visibly shaken, **Anita Ragona** indicates that she and Andy are going to build a structure over their pool, so weather will no longer interfere with future parties. It will feature a retractable roof.



Jeff Kass becomes glum when he hears that another party has been cancelled—the lobster-fest planned by Tary Tarlton. We understand that this was necessary due to potential bear attacks.

Tim Seibert insists that one of our speakers wasn't all that boring, just before he briefly dozes off.



Marvin Paige insists that he nearly convinced Jimmy Carter to join the Republican Party when he and his family met him in Plains, Georgia. Marvin even tried to bribe him with a peanut butter sandwich.

Steve Kahn takes a photo of the Editor, causing his camera/phone to break, catch fire, and then turn bright red.

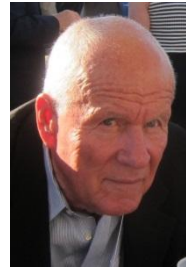


Bob Vetter still takes his water with a lemon wedge in spite of the obvious gustatory consequences.



Our president, **Dr. Fred Kayal**, decides that he will no longer order his water with a lemon wedge.

Ray Kish laments his exit south every winter, remarking, "It's a habit. When I am down there, I really miss the cold, the snow, the black ice, and the impressive blizzards we have here in Danbury."



Tary Tarlton has asked the editor to stop taking pictures of him. According to Tary, "Each new one makes me look older."

Dr. Mark Havira, retiree of Sperry Rail, laments the fact that an occasional speaker, "...goes completely off the rails. These are rails that can't be repaired."



This photo shows **Dr. Nels DeAlmeida's** reaction when asked if he agrees with Ray Kish, that Danbury has some of the best weather in the world.

Banker **Delia Espinal** feels that most of what our speakers say is so true that it can be "...taken right to the bank."



Kristen Keil in mulling over where she can discover a few more interesting new speakers she has an epiphany—at the FCI...among the criminally insane.

Jim Gargan agrees with Ray Kish. His forays to the south are out of sheer habit. He loves Danbury weather.



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Ed Walsh, Sgt at Arms, assumes a Benito Mussolini posture thinking about ways to extort more happy/sad dollars out of the club members.

Pres. Elect **Michele Geffert** leaves the luncheon armed with

her cell phone and a large packet of raffle tickets she expects to sell by phone that day.



John Lucchesi

bemoans the fact that the traditional coat and tie is rare at Rotary today, believing that large fines should be mandatory for non-tie wearers (women, children, guests, servers and infants included).



Your Spoke Editor, **Ralph Welsh**, insists he will always be non-judgmental. He firmly believes that all Rotarians are similar to the residents of Lake Wobegon—where all of the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all of their children are above average.



Area Make-ups: No Fooling-

- Mon. 12:15 pm, Norwalk, Norwalk Inn
- Mon. 6:15 pm, Newtown, Newtown Country Club
- Tues. 12:00 pm, Westport, 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

Rotary Club of Danbury: No Joking--
Officers 2018-19

President-	Dr. Fred Kayal
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Dr. Mark Havira	Tim Seibert
Tary Tarlton	Frank Scahill
Allison Fulton	Dr. Ralph S. Welsh

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Predictions for the Future:

- Global warming will reverse itself due to the remarkable efforts of the world to end greenhouse gas emissions.
- Danbury will return to be the hat capitol of the nation.
- Rotary Pres. Kayal will soon ban the use of cell phones at all meeting, except for himself.
- Our Rotary club will soon pass the Lions in membership.
- Putin will pull a "Warren Buffett," and give all of his billions to charity.
- The NFL will pardon Tom Brady for his suspension, and hereafter deflate all footballs according to his specifications.
- Nancy Pilosi will be Trump's running mate for the next election closing the divide between the two parties.
- A spaceship with tiny human beings possessing really big eyes will land in Danbury soon. Rotary will actively recruit the entire crew.
- Curling will become the most popular sport at the next winter Olympics.

A not-so-funny observation: Many Government Officials Seem to have Adopted the 4 Way Jest—All too many are April Fools for the Entire Year.

Reading the news today, one has to wonder if any of our lawmakers have ever heard of the 4 way test. It seems that for many their motto is sadly the following:

- Can I manufacture lies that sound like the truth?
- Will the laws I sponsor be fair to me regardless of how they might harm the national interest?
- Can I find ways to take advantage of other nations, and avoid developing any good will or better friendships with the opposition party?
- Will the laws I sponsor be beneficial to me?

