

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

It's still time to sign up for the District Conference, the Paul Harris Luncheon, the District Assembly, or all three. The Paul Harris Luncheon will be on Friday, May 17th, the District Assembly/Conference is on Saturday with the Conference extending to Sunday. You can pay for the various parts, or the entire package which is a pleasant variation from past conferences, and much closer than most (Southbury). Also, we should have a nice little piece on www.publicaccessstudios.com. It is a video on demand, and you bring it up by clicking on the website, then clicking on Danbury, then clicking on video on demand, then finally clicking on community forum #270. Unfortunately, I could see Fred, Bob



and Michele sitting at a desk, but could not get it to play. Maybe we can get this fixed shortly. It is set to run 29 minutes, but we'll all have to be patient until the glitch is fixed. Finally it was nice to see one of Fred's grand daughters at the Board Meeting yesterday. I understand her input was invaluable to the discussion.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph



Tary's Rotary Minute: In 1963, the Henry Abbot Technical School was named by a member of the Rotary Club of Danbury, Bob Dobbs. Cleverly, the initials were "HATS," which was a way of letting the community know that Danbury was the hat capitol of the world at the time. The initials, HATS, remain, but sadly we are no longer the world's hat capitol. Some country in Asia that makes straw bonnets for the peasants probably is.

Yours in Rotary Service, Tary

Speakers-

- 4/17/19 Richard Dumbrill, How to grow Club Membership
- 4/24/19 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

Amber Alerts:

- 4/20 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Prospect Fire Dept., 26 New Haven Rd.
- 5/5 11:00 am-4:00 pm, Danbury Sports Dome
- 5/19 11:00 am-2:00 Hawleyville Fire Dept, 34 Hawleyville Rd., Newtown
- 6/9 10 am-2 pm, Southbury Ambulance, 68 Georges Hill Rd.

Daniel Hayes, Danbury Director of Veteran's Affairs, Let us Know that our City Cares about our Veterans, but the Funds Are Limited:

It is good to hear that our Veterans are remembered by the folks at Town Hall. Unfortunately, the funds are seriously limited for the huge task that our returning vets often face. According to our speaker he constitutes an agency of one, and serves only 20 hours a week at that. Still, he manages to help a good number of vets down on their luck, with financial gifts for fuel, housing, and food on a one time basis. He cited the high suicide rate among veterans,



Michele catches the Editor

helping his fellow veterans. We all need to do more for them. They have given so much to us.

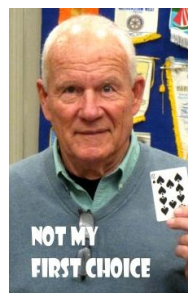
and indicated that far more is needed than is being provided, but if a vet wants to talk, at least he's there to listen.

Danny Hayes knows his clientele. He is a veteran of Desert Storm, a recipient of the Bronze Star, and a person who has committed his life to helping his fellow veterans.

Tary Tarlton Presents:

As we mentioned last week, as a new addition to our luncheon, Tary will now be presenting his Rotary Minute (see left column) prior to our publication of it.

We all can profit more from knowing more about the club's history, and Tary is there to provide a glimpse of it each week. By the way, he was the M.C. today in the absence of Pres. Fred.



Tary Tarlton Wins:

...and it was Tary who held the winning weekly raffle ticket, but alas, he pulled a losing card. More members need to buy the tickets. It makes the pot larger, and helps build up our club funds.

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.

There was a Marketing and Communications Event in Newtown, April 8 Our District had a traveling program for all members who wanted to increase our visibility in the community. It was held Monday, April 8th in Newtown. If any of our club members attended, let us know. A report would be appreciate.



An Important Message from the Easter Bunny!

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No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06
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Our Members are always Busy-- Around the Meeting in Pictures:



The truth be told. We just can't live without our cell phones or our coffee. Both are now essential to life. Also, we are delighted that attorney Vikki Filippakos (below) is going to join our club. Now she's a person in need of a phone. Don't call Saul, call Vikki.



Mark holds his cell phone in his right hand, ready for a texting. Kristen has her left hand on her phone, ready as well—yet Steve needs to send a message right now, as does Frank. But Michele not only



needs to send a personal note, she needs to confer with club member Tary in order to make the message clear.

