

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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### From the Editor's Desk:

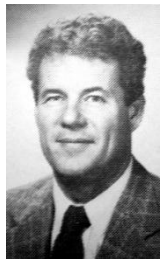
Two years ago, my daughter Regan took her two children to Europe as a graduation gift to my granddaughter Erin who had just completed 4 years at UConn. During their visit to Paris, they toured the magnificent Notre Dame Cathedral not knowing it would be reduced to a burned out



shell two years later. What a loss. Our guest speaker, Richard Dumbrill, said that he teared up when he heard the news. Of course Rotary will be part of its reconstruction, although it will be small compared to the billion dollars already committed to the rebuilding efforts. One does not have to be a Catholic to feel the loss of this architectural wonder. It's so sad, and just before Easter.

*My grandchildren, Ian and Erin Davies, In front of Notre Dame, 2017.*

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph



**Tary's Rotary Minute:** Governor's Day used to be a very special annual occasion. One of those momentous events happened in 1965. After lunch at the New Englander Hotel, we all went to the Danbury Fair, rode in the fair parade around the oval, had a seat in the grandstand, and listened to a speech given by the governor who at that time was Abe Ribicoff.

Among the special people in attendance that day were our wives, many politicians, and WCSU's Dr. Ruth Haas. Alas, the fair is



now gone, and so is Governor's Day. By the way, I found several pictures from the past in an old family album. Enjoy.

*After talking to our club, Thomas J. Dodd, Allied Prosecutor during the Nuremburg Nazi trials, is presented a hat by Ellis A. Tarlton, my father and Club President.*



*My grandfather was very proud of his grand touring car, as well he should be. My dad seems happy with it, also.*

Yours in Rotary Service, Tary

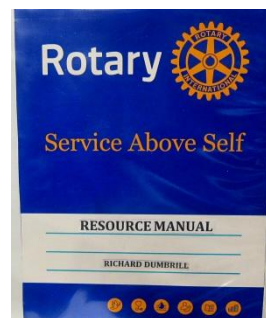
### Richard Dumbrill of the Rotary Club of Orange, Provided us some Sage Advice on how to Build Membership:

No one in Rotary doubts the importance of recruiting new members to the club. Without a constant input of new members, the club would grow old, and die. Of course membership building is not easy, and it requires the involvement of every club member to make it work. Fortunately, Richard has put together a manual, soon to be on line, with a short but comprehensive view of Rotary, its goals, and what it does---and it also gives some great tips on membership building.



Among a few of Richard's tips on recruiting are:

- 1 Encourage every member to bring in a new member; if only half succeed, you are way ahead of the game.
- 2 Bring members of the family to the luncheons; maybe one will join.
- 3 Encourage all members to learn more about Rotary so they can bring the message to others.
- 4 Assign a mentor to each new



members. Member retention is as important as member recruitment. 5 Assign a committee to identify good Rotarian, and send individuals out to contact them. Richard doesn't think the use of letters do much good.

6 Talk to others in "club rich" membership. Find out how they recruit.

7 Use the media. People do look at it.

If a strong effort to recruit is made, he feels it will succeed.



*The club listened. We will respond.*



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**Paper Shredding Fund Raiser:** We will be shredding paper from 9 am to Noon May 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Substitute Sgt at Arms, Vee Filippakos:

Transfer Rotarian Vasiliki Filippakos grabbed the tub and quickly went after the cash, and a fine job she did. Thanks, Vee. You will be a valued member, soon, we hope.



### Speakers-

4/24/19 Dinner at Chuck's  
5/29/19 Family and Children's Aid-- Off Site Visit



### Guest:

Casey Phillips visited us today. We hope he returns soon, and considers club membership.



### Mark Wins, then Loses:

Mark Havira held the winning ticket, but pulled a losing card. Keep trying, Mark. The big pot of gold is within your reach.

### Rotary Club of Danbury

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*No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06*  
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### 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.

### 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

**HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE**



### There is a Kid in All of us, and it Comes Out on Easter:

Easter traditions are some of the most satisfying ones of the year. From the time your Editor was a toddler, the family got together at the kitchen table and colored Easter eggs. Then on Easter morning, we went on an exciting search for our Easter Baskets, festooned with a ribbon, fake grass, a large chocolate bunny and candy of all types, sizes and colors...and of course a number of colored eggs from the previous night before. Then it was off to Grandma Hattie's house for a sumptuous Easter dinner, and though they said little, Uncle Reddick and Aunt Fannie were always there. Grandpa Ervon's favorite morsel was the turkey's tail. Go figure that one out. When we went to church on Easter morning, it was always decorated with white Easter lilies, and red ribbons...and the family attended in our Sunday best, but the sermon was not the most important aspect of Easter to a little kid. Coloring the eggs and finding our Easter baskets were, and though there are no more little kids in our home, egg coloring will always be a part of our Easter.



*Easter, SLC (L to R) Ed Fairbanks, late cousin who owned the Fairway Market in Skagway, Alaska; Byron Welsh, retired copywriter and my brother still in SLC, UT; yours truly; and cousin Ray Fairbanks, a retired engineer now in California. Our dog Mitzie is checking out one of the Easter baskets.*