

From the Editor's Desk:

It was a delight to hear from Brigid Guertin, the Executive Director of the Danbury Museum and Historical Society, again. What a wealth of information resides in the Main Street Museum, and the memorabilia keeps growing. Thousands of historical photographs are being carefully catalogued and digitized to provide easy access to researchers, and more material keeps coming in. Danbury has a rich history, going back beyond the Revolutionary War. The British claimed to completely burn the town down to ashes, but that was just political hyperbole. It galvanized the town to fight the British in any way it could, and became a supply depot for the Continental Army. Gen. Wooster is a name we are familiar with, but few of us knew that Gen. Benedict Arnold led a contingent to Danbury and saved it after it became a supply depot. We also heard the story of the hatting industry in Danbury, and a lot of interesting trivia only an expert, like our speaker, would know. Brigid will be back, and the story of Danbury will continue to unfold.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:



Back in 1982, while Ralph Welsh was club president, he urged all club members to attend all meetings. At the behest of the Board of Directors, he reported that 2 unexcused absences would generate a letter from the club warning that their membership was in jeopardy. We were also informed that the only way Rotary works is if we all are active participants. The former is toast. The latter is still true.

Yours in Rotary Service, Tary

Area Make-ups-

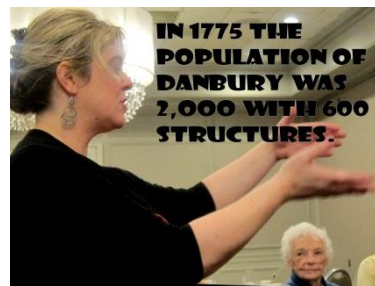
- Mon. 12:15 pm, Norwalk, Norwalk Inn
- Mon. 6:15 pm, Newtown, Newtown Country Club
- Tues. 12:00 pm, Wpt, Branson Hall at Christ and Holy Trinity Church
- Wed. 12:15 pm, Danbury, Ethan Allen Inn, Danbury
- Wed 6:15 pm Ridgefield Dinner Club, Bernard's, 20 West Lane, Ridgefield
- Fri 7:30 am Westport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

Amber Alerts:

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

Brigid Guertin, Executive Director and Historian of the Danbury Museum and Historical Society Took us all Back to Danbury's Beginnings:

The Historical Society has had 40,000 hits on Twitter. No wonder. The stories it has to tell would fill volumes. Our town has had such a colorful history, it is difficult to know where to begin, but our speaker knew, and the information was priceless. From a small farming community, to a supply depot during the Revolutionary War, to the vibrant community we are now, each episode in our history has helped to define the following ones. It is a story that never grows old, and Brigid Guertin is the perfect person to tell it.



No, King George III did not attend the fair. But I'm sure we would have had Rotary King's Day had they won the war.

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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.

Speakers-

- 5/8 Andrea Vanco
- 5/15 Tara Clancy, Author, Educator and Breathing Specialist
- 5/22 Dinner at Chuck's, 5:30 pm
- 5/29 Family and Children's Aid-- Off Site Visit; be there Noon sharp.

Gavel Dinner Coming Up Soon:



Wednesday, June 19th we will pass the gavel at the Ridgewood Country Club. A tux is optional. Cocktails are at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:30. Bring a guest but let **Caryl Lucchesi** know if you do when you inform her of your own attendance. It is the event of the year, so mark it clearly on your calendar.

The Spoke Editor Had the Winning Ticket, but Pulled a Losing Card:

I will not be defeated. I'm going for the big one next week. *Ralph, The Editor*



MY SON WALKS ON THE FIELD, AND THROWS A KID OUT

Proud Dad, Tim Seibert, drops a buck into the Happy/Sad bucket.



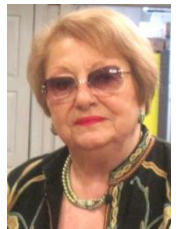
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Leila Kayal, Visits for Lunch:

We are always happy to have lunch with our President's wife. We are sure she is the power behind the throne.



Happy Anniversary Chris and Wayne Curtis; and a Happy Birthday to Bob Vetter and Mark Havira



Club Business is Essential.

