

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:



The District Assembly was good—at least the single program on Media (Public Image) that I attended which was more a prescription for membership building using the media than anything else. One of the speakers, Jonathan Zuromski, has agreed to speak at one of our luncheons, and he is a person well worth hearing. I also attended the Paul

Harris luncheon, and the message was “give to the Rotary Foundation.” I saw a lot of old friends at the Assembly, including, happily, a few from our club. Michele picked up our Youth award.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:



Fund raising is always demanding but necessary Without it, we wouldn't be a service club. In September of 1962, our club had a very successful rose sale, Westport had a successful auction, and Wilton Rotary had the biggest little band in the world that came all of the way from Ireland...and the fee was a mere \$7.00. Fortunately, our shredding program did rather well, Amber Alert continues to add to the coffers, and our card raffle is a

solid mainstay. It has been a good year of fund raising, and Fred can be pleased with his Rotary year in office.

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:

- 6/9 10 am-2 pm, Southbury Ambulance, 68 Georges Hill Rd.
- 7/27 and 28 Village Fair Days, N, Milford, CT
- 10/5 9 am-1 pm Home Depot, Danbury

Dinner at Chuck's, which included an Introduction to the Everwonder Children's Museum, in Newtown:

It seems that our Fellowship Dinner is morphing into an extension of the luncheon. We have now had two speakers, both of whom were worth the intrusion, these past two months. This week we heard from **Meredith Christos**, Exec. Director of the Children's Museum in Newtown. It emphasizes the sciences, and the arts, and has many hands-on items. Meredith



estimates that a child could easily spend a couple of hours at the museum before boredom sets in. Check it out if you



have a child or grand child who might enjoy the museum

experience. The museum is at 31 Peck's Lane, about a mile below the flag pole.

Of course, most of the meeting involved texting, and fellowship. It was



another great evening at Chuck's. Meredith is a potential Rotarian. So is guest Dennis Perkins (sitting next to Mark in a photo below). It would be great if these two fine people come aboard.



Speakers-

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.

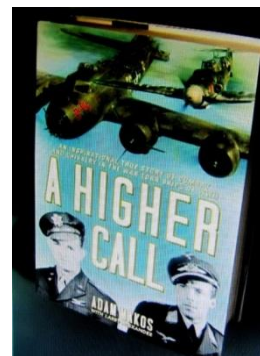
Want a Brand New Corvette? Mahopac Rotary, in N Y, has one Available for its Annual Raffle. See Jack Smoot, or access their Website for details. Tickets are \$100:



If there is a Unique, Humanitarian Story to be Told, Rotary is the Place to tell it! An Ideal Memorial Day Remembrance:



The remarkable story of former B 17 pilot Charlie Brown, and German fighter pilot, Franz Stigler, has been reported in a gripping book by Adam Makos. After years of both being silent about their unbelievable encounter, the two pilots found each other, became the best of friends, and went on a speaking tour together (Stigler had become a Canadian). Of course a number of Rotary Clubs welcomed them as speakers. As the story goes, 21 year old Brown was flying a shot up B 17 over Germany in 1943 containing a crew half of whom were dead or wounded, when a German Ace fighter pilot came across the crippled plane...and did the unthinkable. He escorted the plane across the border to safety. Stigler later explained that he thought of his late brother who was an ace pilot, but killed in action, in addition to a former German commander who told his pilots, "If you ever shoot at a helpless enemy pilot in his parachute, I'll shoot you down myself." Both men are now sadly gone, but this is a story of true humanity, perfect for Memorial Day.



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**WE PRAY TO GOD
TO ERADICATE ALL THE MISERY IN THE WORLD:
THAT UNDERSTANDING TRIUMPH OVER IGNORANCE,
THAT TRUST TRIUMPH OVER CONTEMPT,
AND THAT TRUTH TRIUMPH OVER FALSEHOOD.
Zoroastrian Prayer for Peace**

For a Fun Day: Join the Westport Sunrise Club, for the Great Duck Race, June 1st at 11 am. The ducks will be released at 3 pm at the Parker Harding Plaza. 3,000 duck go in the water, and first prize is \$5,000, with much better odds than CT Lotto. It's just \$20. Info on how to participate is on their website.

