

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

It was a great year, with Pres. Fred Kayal, but this week the gavel has been passed. Our new club president is now Allison Fulton, and she has



THE GAVEL IS PASSED!

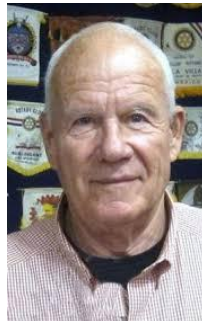
graciously agreed to pick up the gavel for a second time. Unfortunately, Michele Geffert who was in line to be president had a job transfer, and Allison picked up the challenge on very short notice. We know she will do a great job, but she needs our support. Welcome to the presidency of the Rotary Club of Danbury, Allison. We are all behind you



Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

I wonder how many people or Rotarian's know that we used to be able to get ROTARY license plates for our automobiles. I have seen them and I do remember that our District tried to get them about ten years ago, and I think that we had to have at least 100 people who were interested. I wonder if we have an interest now. Let me know, and I will find out how make this work.



Yours in Rotary Service, Tary

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:

7/27 and 28 Vilage Fair Days, N, Milford, CT
10/5 9 am-1 pm Home Depot, Danbury

No meeting at Chuck's next week. District Gavel Night is the same night.

Thanks, ADG Chris Hoeffel, for a Good Year: Chris has been on the job and always available. We thank him for his service. We'll see you at lunch, soon, Chris. Keep up the good work.



The Rotary Club of Danbury Gavel Dinner was held again at the Ridgewood Country Club, and as Usual it was an Affair to be Remembered:

Our new Rotary year began tonight when the gavel was passed. As is our custom, our District officers officiated— President Fred Kayal thanked all of the members who helped him out during the year, noted the fine work of the Scholarship Committee Chaired by Wayne Curtis and Anita Ragona, gave a hand to Carl Bailey and his remarkable cleft palate work in South America, and his Grass Roots Academy here, and talked about Bob Vetter and his dedicated family who have conducted the Amber Alert Program year after year.



John and Caryl Lucchesi. Caryl coordinated the event

He also thanked Ralph Welsh for the Board and Spoke, Frank Scahill for so many tasks he has done, Tary Tarlton who is a giant source of wisdom, and his own family including all of the club members who participated in the Shredding Project, then handed out 3 Diamond Service Awards. He grinned broadly when his wife Leila received a Paul Harris Award, then gave each of his Board member a citation, and was surprised to be handed a crystal object of beauty for our District Youth Service Award.

PDG Brian Amey handed out the Paul Harris Fellow Awards and our current DG, Larry Gardner, inducted Allison and the Board of Directors into the 2019-20 Rotary year. In a final tribute to the accomplishments of the club year, ADG Chris Hoeffel addressed the gathering. The awards given were:

-Board of Directors Award: John Murphy, Michele Geffert, Allison Fulton, Mark Havira, Frank Scahill, Anita Ragona, Robert Vetter, Frank Scahill, Edward Walsh, Tim Seibert, Tary Tarlton, and Ralph Welsh.

-Diamond Service Award: Ralph Welsh, Tary Tarlton, and Robert Vetter.

-Paul Harris Fellows: Tary Tarlton, Fred Kayal, Frank Scahill and Leila Kayal.



The Diamond Service Award Recipients:



With Pres. Kayal, Ralph Welsh, Tary Tarlton, and Bob Vetter.

Paul Harris Award Winners:

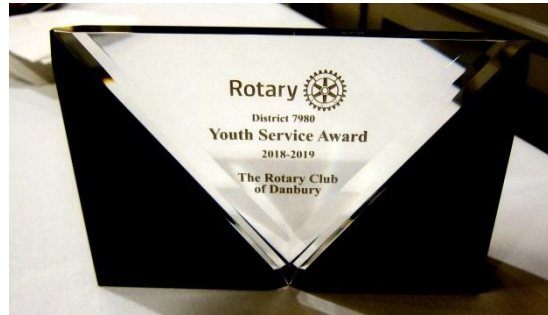


(Left) With PDG Brian Amey, Frank Scahill, and Tary Tarlton. (2nd) With Brian, Fred Kayal, Leila Kayal, then they celebrate.

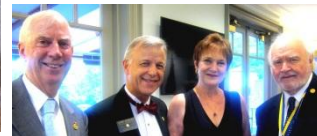
New Board of Directors (only includes those present):



Dr. Ralph Welsh, Anita Ragona, Dr. Fred Kayal, Allison Fulton, Frank Scahill, Tary Tarlton, Robert Vetter, & DG Larry Gardner leading oath.



Golfer Tim



The New Officers for Rotary Year 2019-20 are: Pres., Allison Fulton; Pres. Elect, Delia Espinal; Sec., Mark Havira, Treas., Frank Scahill; Sgt at Arms, Ed Walsh. **Bd of Directors** are: Fred Kayal, Frank Scahill, Anita

Ragona, Jeff Kass, Tary Tarlton, Delia Espinal, Bob Vetter, Mark Havira and Ralph Welsh.