

The Spoke

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From the Editor's Desk:

I have lost the love of my life, Jane. She was a very special person. Her obituary is on the next page. Any contributions should be made to www.lewybody.org, an organization dedicated to the finding a cure for her terrible disease.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

The Rotary International emblem is a gearwheel of six spokes connected to an outer gearwheel with 24 teeth, and a keyway in the shaft. The Rotary colors of Royal Blue and Gold, and the words "Rotary International" are printed in gold against the blue background. It represents over 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. Wear the wheel with pride.



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

Luncheon Events:

7/24 Dinner at Chuck's.
7/31 New Pond Farm Tour, with Ann Taylor.
8/7 Kathlene Gerrity, Ex. Dir., CT Burns Care Foundation.
8/14 Amber Alert, Our part, Bob Vetter.
8/21 Larry Gardner, PDG on his year as the DG.
10/16 DG Jack Solomon, Rotarian Heroes and Interact.



Sharon Gallo Explained the Value of Social Media to our Organization:



The use of social media has become essential to nearly all organizations, and Rotary is no exception. Sharon focused on 3 platforms: Facebook, Twitter and Linked-In. She noted that 350 million photos are

uploaded to the various sites every day, and informational sharing becomes nothing short of explosive. She pointed out that the social media is a great way to promote an organization, and inform the general public what that organization is all about—often becoming a key recruiting tool.

It is clear that all of us need to become more capable at using these electronic tools, and they can be one of the more important ways of getting the word out.

Jeff Kass told us About is Trip to Alaska:

Jeff and his wife, Fran, recently returned from Alaska and both had a wonderful time. He raved about the food and service received in route on the cruise ship, but found his train trip on the White Pass and Yukon Railroad somewhat harrowing (the wooden bridges looked like match sticks). He took



photos of the Fairway Market (owned by the Editor's cousin) but was unable to connect with any of his relatives, although he suspected that some of the rails he traversed were laid by your editor when he was a trackman on the White Pass & Yukon RR in 1954. We're all glad he returned alive.



Weekly Raffle: Marvin Paige held the winning ticket, but pulled a losing card. Still he has 7 more chances next week. If not, we'll keep the light on for him, until he returns.

Visitors:



(l to r) Leila Kayal, Eleana Assaff, and Donna El-Khoury.

We had 3 important visitors. Our past president's wife, Leila Kayal and 2 students we sent to RYLA. They both spoke briefly of their RYLA experience, which both consider a highlight of their lives. RYLA is one of our premier leadership building programs, and both students were encouraged to continue in one of our student Rotary programs.

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We Have Lost Another Member of our Rotary Family:

Our Rotary club has lost another one of its most loyal fans; my wife, Jane, to Lewy Body Dementia on July 18th. It has been a long, arduous decline, a death by a thousand cuts, but her pain and suffering are now over. Jane was born in Ashton, Idaho 82 years ago. Her father was a national award winning forester, and her mother an aspiring opera singer who opted to raise a family, instead. Her family has leaned heavily toward the helping professions. Her brother is a physician, 3 of her 4 children are physicians, a grandchild is in pre-med at UConn, her husband is a clinical psychologist, and she was a therapeutic dietitian. She was an expert swimmer, taught swimming, and for most of her youth was a lifeguard at her grandmother's plunge at Warm Lake Idaho. Both of us made scuba dives around the globe after she insisted we both become certified in scuba. She graduated from the U. of Utah, interned at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, did a clerkship at both the San Francisco Medical Center and Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, and was the Administrative Director of the Dietary Dept. at Filosa Care Center until her retirement. She also taught a course in nutrition at Norwalk Community College at one point in her career. With her help, we hosted a number of Rotary Exchange Students over the years, and she was a strong supporter of all of the things I did in Rotary. She was

thrilled several years ago when our club made her an Honorary Rotarian. Her dietary staff loved her. She had a prominent sign over her desk that read "If things go wrong, it is my responsibility; if things go right, my dietary staff deserves the credit." She was special. We will all miss her. She is survived by her husband, 4 children, 5 grandchildren, a sister and 2 brothers. Donations should be made, in Jane's name, to www.lewybody.org. There will be no calling hours, but we will have a special memorial service at some time in the future when her ashes will be spread.

Respectfully submitted by Editor Ralph S. Welsh, Jane's Husband.

