

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

Our speaker today discussed a topic that spans more than burn victims. It includes all children with handicaps that suffer rejection by their peers, and cruel treatment by some adults (some parents, even today, refuse to let their children swim with children of color). Our country needs to embrace all children as equal, and deserving of our love and respect. Some of our most handicapped youth have grown up to make significant contributions to our society. Handicapped and disfigured children do not deserve to be scored. They need our compassion and understanding.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In 1964, our club was looking for a long term project. The club seriously considered sponsoring a "Half Way House" for youth in this area. Though a laudable project, a thorough financial analysis of the idea indicated that buying, maintaining, and staffing the "House," would be prohibitive, so the idea had to be shelved. At that time, the club was twice the size of our club today, and it still wasn't feasible. It's a shame that we are now in the position that our current goals have to be far more modest.



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:

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.

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Kathlene Gerrity, Executive Director of the Connecticut Burn Care Foundation, Informed the Club of Its Arthur C. Luf Children's Burn Camp, a Magical Place for Children who have Survived Burns:



Our speaker indicated that 95% of children who are burned, survive their burns—but the burn often create life changing disfigurement, and social rejection. The Children's Burn Camp provides a healing environment where the children are shielded from social disapproval and where they can experience many fun, social and

esteem building experiences. The children go swimming, fishing, hiking, and they even have a zip line that is 35 feet in the air. It is staffed totally by volunteers many of who are certified in their fields of expertise (nursing, firefighting, etc.).



The types of burns include: fire, chemical, contact with a hot *Cars can intensely burn* object and electrical, and 1,000 people are admitted to the hospital for burns, in CT, every year. Sadly, 16% of children who were burned were victims of child abuse.

Upcoming fund raisers include: Softball (Danbury AOH



8/24), Hockey (Webster Arena 9/13-14), Golf Tournament (Great River, Milford, 8/26) and a Palace Theatre Concert (9/21). Contact Ms

Gerrity for additional information. Her number is: 203-687-6147

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Thanks, Mark:
 Although Mark Havira was unable to attend the Gavel Dinner, Past Pres. Fred did not forget him. He received his award for his work on the Board of Directors this past year. We appreciate the time and effort our Board puts in to keep our club running. The small plaque is more than enough for the satisfaction we all receive serving on the Board.

Happy Anniversary:
 None of our birthday folks showed up this week, but two Anniversary members did, Bob Vetter (Sheila) and Jim Gargan (Jackie). Congrats to all four of you folks. Sheila and Jackie keep both of these guys running.



Amber Alerts:
 10/5 9 am-1 pm Home Depot, Danbury

Our Sgt at Arms, Ed Walsh, dutifully collects the Happy/Sad dollars, with a carefully eye toward change miscalculations. As we have repeatedly said in the past, one dollar is dated. Five would be nice, but we'll take whatever we can get. Thanks to all who gave this week, anyway.



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It would be nice if the four Rotarians to the left are offering to attend an Amber Alert Session to Bob Vetter, (sitting). Probably not, but we could wish. If you haven't attended a session try to do so. It is a very satisfying experience. Bob will be talking about Amber at next week's luncheon.