

The Spoke

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From the Editor's Desk:

Eighteen years ago, our country was attacked. The tragedy of 9/11 will be with all of us our entire lives. Today we salute all of those first responders who lost their lives and those who suffered toxic damage to their bodies during the massive clean-up. The price of freedom is never cheap. Tomorrow I will fly to SLC, Utah, and will ironically be safer flying there because of that horrific event in 2001.



Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

Life is all about change, and at Rotary change is part of the way we do things. We used to start the meeting with our singing but we were always off key, so we needed another tact...and the perfect choice was the 4 Way Test. We also used to have a special day honoring our past presidents, but now that nearly everyone in the club has served as club president, it seems a bit superfluous.



But there is one change that has not occurred; being fined by the Sgt of Arms for not wearing your Rotary pin, and that's a practice unlikely to change in the future.

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:

9/18 Jim Crossett, Synergy Home Care.
10/9 P. Scott Valley, Charter Oak Brewing.
10/16 DG Jack Solomon, Rotarian Heroes and Interact.
10/30 Ability Beyond, Off-site, 4 Berkshire Rd., Bethel.
11/13 Steven Harding, State Representative.
11/27 Thanksgiving Lunch with the Lions.
12/19 Christmas Lunch with the Lions, Thurs. off-site at the Lions.

Amber Alert

9/8 11 am to 3 pm. Brookfield Fire Dept.
10/5 9 am to 1 pm, Home Depot., Danbury.

Al Smith, of No Labels, informed us of a Group Dedicated to Healing the Rift between the Democratic and Republican Parties. An Impossible Task you say? Our Guest doesn't think so:

Our speaker, today informed us of a unique organization. Although there are 700 caucuses in the House of Representatives, this is one that may really be able to do



something, and all ready has. Through pressure of the caucus, Nancy Pulosi changed a number of rules that improve bipartisanship, and the caucus is not through pressing for

more changes. At this point in time, there are 20 Democrats and 20



Republican's on board but it is growing by the day. The rule for membership is a commitment to try to work with counterparts of the other party, and to keep the caucus number even between the two parties.



The House is an easier group to work with

than the Senate. Mitch McConnell is an immovable force, but the caucus has hope of a break-through at some time in the future. Our speaker made it clear, though. The voter is the only person who can make the change occur. Our speaker suggested that we email our Senators and Congressmen and tell them that gridlock in unacceptable. A hand across the aisle is essential.



Fred Kayal hit the Jackpot!

We didn't find out the actual amount, but it was huge! Really big! We emphasize this for future raffle players. It was pretty big, though, really. Kind of big.

Barry Rickert came to Lunch again. We hope Barry becomes a member. He would make a great Rotarian.



MC for the Day: Delia stepped up the plate, again in the absence of our president. Thanks Delia. You continue to look presidential.

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History of the Four Way Test--

The Four-Way Test, was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy.

Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of media worldwide. Don't just memorize it; live it.



- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**