

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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### From the Editor's Desk:

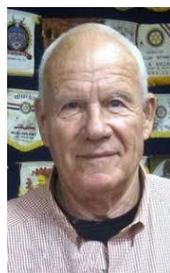


Our visit to the brand new Newtown Community Center became particularly memorable when our Past District Governor, Larry Gardner, stood at the podium, pointed his finger at Tary Tarlton, and remarked, "There's the man who personifies Rotary." We couldn't agree more. Tary has been the glue holding our Club together for the last 10 years and more. Even I, your Editor, rely on his e-memos regarding all of our meetings and important events, his reliable submission of "Tary's Rotary Minute" for the Spoke, and his ability to consistently sell more Card Raffle tickets than any other club member to name just a few of his contributions to the Club. Yes, indeed, Tary (whose nickname is the last 4 letters of Rotary) personifies Rotary to the Nth degree. Thanks Tary, for all that you do for our Club. A statue of you in front of the Hotel would not be too much to honor your service to our organization.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

### Tary's Rotary Minute:

In 1942 the Rotary Club of Danbury sponsored a Boy Scout Troop. Our meetings were held in St. James Church, on West Street, at the time. Remarkably, the Church took over the troop 5 years after it was created, and it is still active even today.



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

### We Had no Speaker this Week, but We had something more Important: the Addition of a New Member, Barry Rickert:



Barry Rickert was inducted as a new member, this week, and the Club members could not be more pleased.



Barry is the retired Fire Marshal of both Danbury, and Southbury. He and his wife



Judy have three sons, Barry, Brendan and Brian. Their late dog was named Bernie. Barry met his wife at a fire where she was serving soup and coffee at a wagon, and it was apparently love at first sight—for him not her. Initially he made a pass at her, and was told to "go back and work on your fire." It was only at another function that he was able to establish what ultimately became a life long partnership.



We now expect Barry to "fire up" the club. Welcome aboard, Barry. Roll up your sleeves—and have fun.



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**Barry Rickert did not hit the Jackpot, but he has 7 more Chances next week—**

Our newest member held the winning ticket, but unfortunately, pulled a losing card. Maybe your luck will change next week, Barry. You can take satisfaction, though, in knowing you made a \$5.00 contribution to the

Club.

**...and MC for the Day--**

**Again:** Delia Espinal presided again this week in the absence of our president. Thanks Delia. You are looking more presidential every week.



*Jim Gargan refuses to be labelled a Snow Bird. He insists he goes to Florida half a year to take advantage of the sun—which shines there a bit longer than here due to its proximity to the equator. Who would have figured that?*



**Luncheon Events:**

- 9/25 Dinner at Chuck's.
- 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**

- 10/5 9 am to 1 pm, Home Depot., Danbury.
- 10/19 10 am to 4 pm, Reed School, Newtown
- 10/26 9 am to Noon, Newtown Bank, Dolan Plaza



*Bob Vetter reminds the troops to get selling those Raffle Tickets!*

**The Beginning of our Airforce, 110 years ago: A Young Man from CT Was Key to it All:**

On July 30, 1909, at Ft. Meyer, Virginia, Orville Wright and a first lieutenant from the Aeronautical Division, Benjamin Foulois, took a Wright Model A airplane for a speed test on its final qualifying flight. It successfully flew south for a 10 mile round trip. The craft reached an altitude of 400 feet and averaged 42.5 miles per hour. This was a daring experience for Foulois, who had followed the flight of another Wright plane that crashed in September of 1908 killing Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge and severely injuring Orville Wright. Three days later, the plane belonged to the U.S. Army. Soon, the flying program moved to a field in College Park, MD, and it resumed in Oct. 1909, with the Wright Brothers training more men on how to fly. On, Oct. 26, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Fred Humphreys became the first Army officer to solo.

Born in Washington, CT, Foulois had a colorful career, ultimately rising to Brigadier General, offending nearly everyone in Washington, DC while pushing everyone to develop airpower. He finally persuaded a reluctant Congress to pass a \$640 million bill for airpower, which was the largest appropriation ever passed by Congress at that time. His tenacity in pushing the use of airplanes in combat has resulted in his being recognized as the true father of U.S. Airpower.

Gen. Foulois died on April 25, 1967, was buried in his hometown of Washington, CT, and received a final honor—a flyover of USAF jets in the missing man formation.



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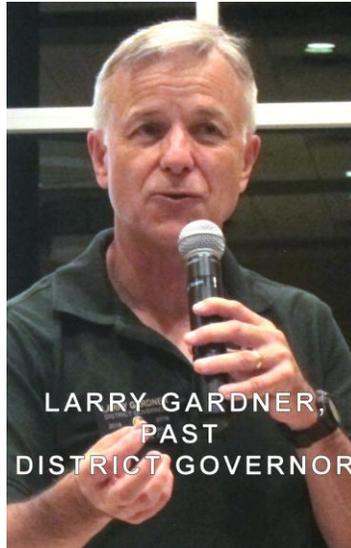
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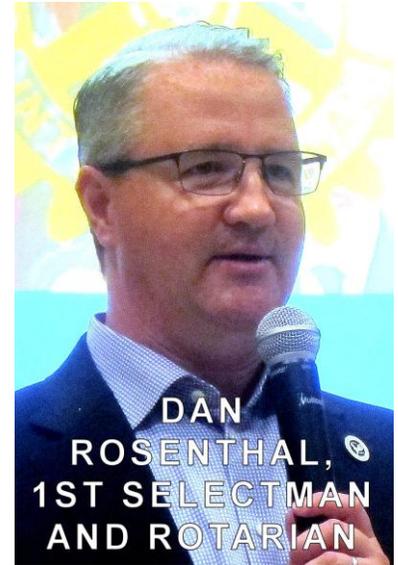
A "Membership" Trip to the Newtown Community Center: A Unique Center Open to All--



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AND ROTARIAN



Allison Fulton tells the story of our club, a story of which we are all very proud. We do a lot, and we will do much more in the future.

Tary brought Perry Salvagne and his wife, Linda to the event. Perry was a club member years ago, and will probably return. We hope so.

The Center is huge (46,000 sq feet) and has a Senior Center attached. The entire facility is open to everyone, so suit up, and hop into one of their 3 pools for \$10 a dip.

