

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

Today we had our visit from DG Jack Solomon. His message was clear. We must put a special effort into club growth. It is always a special meeting when our DG comes for lunch. He always brings with him a wealth of information about Rotary, and what Rotary is all about. Thanks for your service to Rotary, Jack. Being District Governor is a demanding task with all of the club visits only part of the requirement of being the DG.

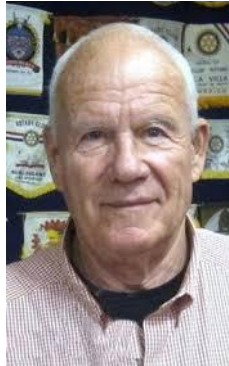
Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

Our Club has been involved in numerous functions and activities but one event recently caught my attention. Did you all know that we sponsored a fashion show, and Caryl Lucchesi was one of the models?

Second, I must apologize for reporting that the Pettengill award was an individual award. PDG Larry Garder caught the error—it is really a club award, and I thank him for the correction—and in keeping us accurate.

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 Alert

10/19 10 am to 4 pm, Reed School, Newtown
10/26 9 am to Noon, Newtown Bank, Dolan Plaza

The Four Way Test

Rotary



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?

DG Jack Solomon Visited our Club Today: He Wants all Clubs to be More Innovative in Building Membership:



Our District Governor was clear. Membership needs to be front and center in all clubs. He talked about creating more membership models, expanding Interact and Rotaract clubs, examining different meeting times, and even involving our

families more. He feels that activities involving other community agencies and groups are a good way to introduce others to Rotary, and feels that many of our service projects expose others to what we do in the community. He mentioned meal packing is not



Jack chats with newest member, Barry Rickert



When the DG speaks, we listen and it can be expanded to include other groups outside of Rotary, exposing our values and activities to others. He feels a

only a community and international service project of value, but one that has a great fellowship component to it,

Membership Committee is essential to every club, and should be active and innovative.

Jack praised the work we are doing, and was very receptive to Carl Bailey's request for District funding of his Nicaragua cleft palate and burn center work.

He told us of our special relationship to the UN. We were there at the beginning. Who knew that? Clearly Rotary and the UN have similar goals, so we are a perfect fit.

Jack will be back. We thank him for his service.



Carl Bailey is in need of funds for his humanitarian work in Nicaragua. Frank Scahill is working night and day to secure him a District Grant.

Luncheon Events:

- 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.

The Memorial in Maine for my Wife, Jane Welsh, was Perfect—

On October 13th, 19 family and friends some of whom traveled from California, gathered at our Toddy Pond property, in Maine, and paid tribute to my loving wife, and Honorary Rotarian, Jane. The leaves were at their peak, and the weather remained good. We cemented a granite plaque with a message she left for her children on a rock facing the lake, then congregated at a large farmhouse, had a lobster dinner, perused a photo scrapbook of her life, and then went to the pond to roast marshmallows, and shoot off some fireworks. We then watched my grandchildren launch 19 floating Chinese lanterns with written inscriptions from the guests, from a boat out on the darkened lake. Her ashes were spread from a Chock full of Nuts coffee can, at her whimsy request. Visits to various parts of Maine followed.



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Newest Member, Barry Rickert, is presented his certificate today by our MC for the day, Delia Espinal.

Our Luncheon guests were



Rotarian Alon Sapir, and Jeff Kass' better half,