

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

It's urgent that we start selling the raffle tickets in earnest. It is our largest fund raiser of the year. If we don't sell enough of them, we may have to cut the number and amount of scholarships we give out every year, and that would be a shame. Think hard about who you might sell some to. We need the funds.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In July of 1965 we had 99 club members, with one additional member being inducted that month.

The speaker that week in July was Jim Ottoway who narrated a film sequence involving pictures of the Vietnam War. John Lucchesi brought his daughter as a guest that day.



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:

11/27 Thanksgiving Lunch with the Lions, Ethan Allen.
 12/19 Christmas Lunch with the Lions, Thurs. off-site at the Lions.

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Michael Mackniak, of Guardian Ad Litem Services, Informed us of the Important Services this Program Contributes to the Community:



Guardian is a program to protect the rights of people living with mental illness. It was formed in 2001 as a partnership between the Probate Court, the Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Chief Forensic Psychiatrist's office, and Yale University. The ultimate goal is to improve services for people living with mental illness.

The project sponsors two programs: The Melissa's Project, and the Conservative Care program. Melissa was a real person with mental illness who was nearly beaten to death behind the Danbury Library galvanizing her family to action. The Conservative Care program serves as a road map to families guiding them to the



services available to them in the community.

Guardian has become a



spokesperson for the mentally ill, and will work with anyone who wants information, or clarification on issues relating to those with mental illness. Coordination of care is essential, and in the past has been wanting to say the least. Guardian works to coordinate the care of the mentally ill between doctors, hospitals, family, courts, resources, fiduciary matters, the law, the community at large, and available benefits.

Guardian is a shining example of another valuable resource our community has, yet few know about.





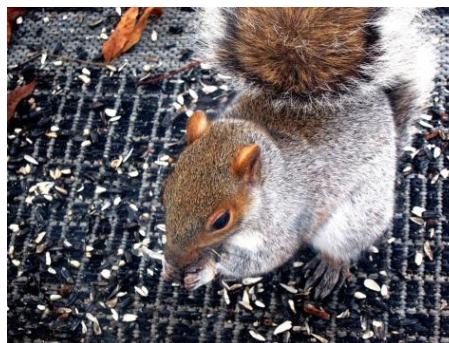
Ed Walsh had the winning Ticket, but Pulled a Losing Card:

Ed deserves better. As the inveterate collector of Happy/Sad dollars, he deserves a big break with the weekly raffle. Sure, he gets six more chances at the big one, but as our Sgt at Arms, he deserves the big one sooner than later. Better luck

next week, Ed. You have 7 more chances if you take them all at once so take the plunge. Who knows. You may strike it big.

The Holiday Party has been Set: It will be at Armando's, in Bethel. Fee will be \$20 (\$40 a couple). Festivities Start Dec. 11th, at 6 pm: Bring a \$20 Chinese exchange gift.

Buy your bird seed wreaths, now. The birds love them, but so do the squirrels, so hang them high, and hope the squirrels don't get them (see pic at bottom, right) before the birds do. Only \$20 a wreath, and they make great gifts.



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-Man with wooden leg's house catches fire. He burns to the ground.

-Two cannibals are discussing their meal of two men of the cloth they boiled in a pot. One turns to the other, remarking, "they just don't taste right." The second responds, "I suspected that. They are both Friars."

-Man breaks his pledge when he falls into a vat of Bud Light.