

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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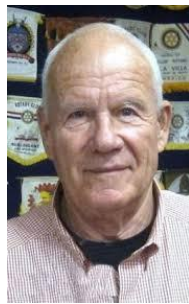
From the Editor's Desk:

Come to our Holiday Party, next week, December 11th, 6 pm at **Armando's**, in Bethel just past Target on Rt 6. Fee is \$20, and bring a Chinese exchange gift if you want to participate in the Chinese gift event. We suggest an item around \$20 in value.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

We are always in search of new programs, and I discovered another one started in 1964. A decision was made to encourage our members to spend some time with ill patients at Danbury Hospital. The task was fully embraced, mostly by our retired Rotarians. It was reported that they found the experience very rewarding.



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:

12/19/19 Christmas Lunch with the Lions, off-site at the Lions, Anthony's Lake Club. **Note: this is a Thursday.**
 1/15/20 Ralph Welsh-- Some remarkable events in a lifetime of one individual.



Our first significant snowfall of Winter--

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR 12/7/41

Sgt Jim Antonelli, and Officer Joe Pooler of the Danbury Police Dept. Showcased their K9 Program, and it is Special!

Perhaps one of the most informative and interesting programs of the year was presented today at our noon luncheon. We heard from two of Danbury's finest, and met one of their K9 Corps dogs, Dirk.

The Danbury Police Dept. K9 Corps began with one dog, and now has 4 highly trained Shepherds with 24 hour coverage. The dogs are born, raised, and initially trained in Europe, and purchased at \$14,000 per animal.



Officers Antonelli and Pooler

narcotics, but Shepherds are capable of all 3 tasks although they track sniffing the ground, and Bloodhounds can pick up a scent in the air.

Due to strict guidelines, the use of dogs is a very special activity. Dogs can not enter a car during routine stop, but they can walk around the outside of the car, and smell narcotics inside the vehicle.



The Danbury Police Dept. chose to use German Shepherds because they are considered to be "all purpose dogs." Bloodhounds are best at following scents, Labs are best at sniffing out

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Although the dogs are trained to attack, this is now rare. The introduction of the Taser made that possible, and limited the possibility of injuries and lawsuits as well.

Not all dogs make the cut. It takes a “special breed” to become a member of the elite Danbury K9 Corps.



Happy Birthday Jeff Kass, and Happy Anniversary to Leila and Fred Kayal. We wish them many more of these special events to come. You just can't have too many of them.



The Danbury Police Dept. had our attention--

And the Card Raffle Winners Are:

- \$2,000 VISA Card: Doug Mann**
- \$750 VISA Card: Nels DeAlmeida**
- \$500 Gift Certificate, Michael Jewelers: Anthony DiCaprio**
- Overnight Stay with Meals, Ethan Allen Hotel: Theodore Blum**

Congratulations to all of you, and our many thanks for your supporting the Rotary Club of Danbury.

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

Bob Vetter consoles some of the losers. We can't all win.

