The Sp@ke Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

We Need 2020 Vision: When we start out the New Year, we hope to have a certain clarity on what we hope for in the year to come. A "wish list" might be a beginning, so here is mine—

- Like Tary's wish for the club (see below) I hope we see a major influx of new members.
- Fund raising is always an issue. We
 need at least 2 new, innovative fundraising projects. I
 emphasize the fun in fundraising, because the best projects
 are the enjoyable ones. Amber Alert is a case in point; it is fun,
 involves good fellowship, and could save a life some day.
- More purely fellowship events would be great. One could involve a trip to New York's Freedom Tower. How many of you have been there? It should be something on our bucket lists. A casino bus trip might be fun, too, and a New York, or New Haven theatre trip would be nice, as well. Then, of course, there is always some member's back yard for a barbecue.
- Connecticut is the home of many well known authors, musicians, artists, scientists and other notables. We could partner with WestConn and have several forums on issues of the day. The admission could be used for WestConn scholarships. WestConn has two auditoriums at the Art Center alone.
- I always enjoyed the First Responder Award Banquet. Maybe we could work on setting another one up. Any takers?
- We need someone to take over our website and keep it updated. It is an important window to the community.
- We need more representation at the District level. The District has a lot to offer.
- I personally would like more members contributing to the Spoke. It's really a platform for everyone in the club. Note: There will be no meeting New Year's Day.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute: All Rotary clubs have a long standing policy of exchanging their banner with long distance Rotary guests. Our fellow Rotarian banners from afar are displayed at each luncheon. You should check out these many colorful flags to see how far away our members have travelled. Also I have a modest wish for the New Year—50 new members.



Yours in Rotary Service, Tary Tarlton

It was For the Birds, but the Squirrels Thought it Belonged to Them:

Our fund raiser bird seed wreaths were a hit. See below.











And thanks for the bird seed wreath--