

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

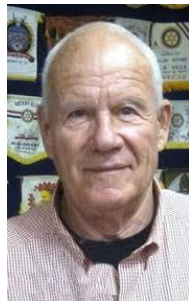
As we begin a new year of the unknown, let's hope for peace and prosperity for all.

It was a delight to see Perry Salvaign return to the club. He assured me he planned to renew his membership and become a full participating member. Caryl Lucchesi has also returned for full club participation—and just in time to celebrate her 90th birthday. That's a real enviable milestone for the rest of us. Bit by bit our club is growing. Let's all see that it continues to do so.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In the past our club has periodically hit the road. We have visited the UN, made a gambling trip, and went on a fishing boat, just to mention a few. In June of 1964, a large group of us went to the New York World's Fair aboard two buses, and while there had lunch at the Frontier Palace Restaurant in the Texas Pavillion. Following a full day of adventure, we boarded our buses at 6:30 pm, and returned to Danbury. It was a day of fellowship, fun, and education all rolled up into one. I invite any of you to propose another out-of-town adventure. Any takers?



Yours in Rotary Service, Tary

Make-ups-

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| 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| Fri | 7:30 am | Westport Sunrise (no longer active) |
| Fri. | 12:15 pm, | Wilton, Marly's Bistro |

Luncheon Events:

1/15/2020 Ralph Welsh, on a life of adventure.

Maureen Decker, CEO of Volunteers Open Worlds, Presents a Strong Case for Becoming a Volunteer:



Our club had always valued volunteerism, and our speaker pointed out that being a volunteer not only helps the agency and clients we volunteer for, it provides benefits for the volunteer. Not only is it deeply satisfying, it improves a person's social skills, enhances their connection to their

community, and elevates the perception people have of their own organization.

Our speaker decided to create VOW after her own 30 years working for Non Profits. She works closely with



The message resonates with the club

many community based programs and firms to place volunteers, all of whom have many diverse interests. She pointed out that volunteers are needed to help the hungry, help children, assist the disabled, help veterans, work in shelters, and assist the elderly. If you want to do shelter work, there are a variety of tasks available. Kitchen work? They have that. Working in the garden? Yup, they have that too. Providing comfort and advice to the elderly? Sure. That can be arranged. The tasks are endless.

If you have a few spare hours during the week, contact Maureen. She will find just the right place for you—but always let everyone know you are volunteering in the spirit of Rotary. You can call her at: 203-512-2804.

Just a friendly reminder: Some folks have not paid the \$20 for their bird seed wreaths. Their donation would be appreciated.

Bob Vetter held the winning Ticket, but Pulled a Losing Card:

The keeper-of-the-cards just keeps having mixed luck. Good tickets: Bad cards. Oh well, Bob. You do have 7 more chances next week for the big one.

Birthday Kudos with a Special Milestone Having Been Reached by one of our Birthday Honorees:



Tary Tarlton and Caryl Lucchesi both had birthdays this month, but Caryl's was really quite special. She hit the big 90. Wow! It's a mark set for all of us to achieve. Hubby John is not doing so well, according to Caryl. They did go south for the holidays to visit the family, which apparently was a good experience for both.

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Guests: Perry Salvaign is no stranger to the club, having left, and now returned. We'll have a job



for him soon. Patrick Delehanty is looking us over as a potential new member. We would love to bring him aboard. Cross your fingers.

Since 1/4/06 we have issued 729 weekly Spokes without a miss! We're that obsessive--

Change is Always an Issue for Our Weekly Raffle Guru, Bob Vetter:

But Bob always seems to find it somewhere (in his pants pockets, in his jacket or a place of which we are unfamiliar with.

We need more people participating in the raffle. Three tickets are a mere \$5.00, and you can get a bonus ticket if you put down \$10.00. It is my suspicion that Bob would even be able to change a \$1,000 bill...just a guess. I think he would find it in his sock.

