

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:



How does one summarize the key events in one's life after living 83 years? I found out one doesn't. Part 2 will be presented at some time in the future—we hope. *(This picture courtesy of Frank Scahill, who has been doing a marvelous job keeping up our website, among so many other things he does for our club).*

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In October of 1977 several fundraisers are worth mention. First we sold 650 dozen roses, yours truly in charge of that project. Next, we spent two days in a booth at the Danbury Fair. Due to rain, people had to come inside, and that increased our profits. We also celebrated Governor's Day, entertained the Governor, then took him to the fair. I believe Linda was our waitress at the time. She continues to be on the mend, at home, with the broken shoulder she suffered at work, previously mentioned. She is still accepting get well cards, which can be dropped off at the hotel.



Yours in Rotary Service, Tary

Make-ups-

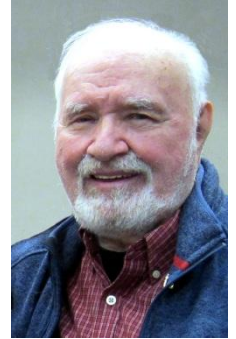
Mon.	12:15 pm,	Norwalk, Norwalk Inn
Mon.	6:15 pm,	Newtown, Newtown Country Club
Tues.	12:00 pm,	Wpt, Branson Hall at Christ and Holy Trinity Church
Wed.	12:15 pm,	Danbury, Ethan Allen Inn, Danbury
Wed	6:15 pm	Ridgefield Dinner Club, Bernard's, 20 West Lane, Ridgefield
Fri	7:30 am	Westport Sunrise (no longer active)
Fri	12:15 pm,	Wilton, Marly's Bistro

Speakers:

1/29/20 Marybeth Cale, on Autism
 2/5/20 Michael "M. J." Durkin
 2/19/20 Robert Ronan, Control Systems Sustainability

Some Key Events in the Life of Your Editor, Ralph Welsh:

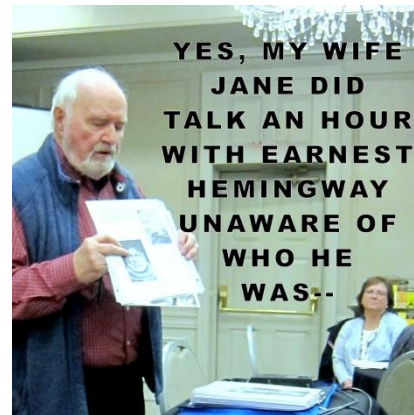
Everyone has stories to tell. If they didn't, cocktail parties would be boring, and just a place to get intoxicated. So I decided to look at a few interesting aspects of my life, and the more I looked back, the more I remembered. Of course I fully realize my life experiences have far more meaning to me and my family, but there are a few I thought interesting enough to share—



including the town being hammered with baseball sized



hail, being nearly cut in half after stepping between two railroad cars, being caught on the road during a tornado, my



wife's visit with Earnest Hemingway, our harrowing experience being caught in a flash flood, discovering my grandparents' house on fire in time to put it out, finishing my PhD the same day JFK was shot---and more. I have to admit

that reflecting on one's life is a humbling event. But I suspect we all do dumb things, like stepping between two box cars.

I believe that every club member has a story or two to tell. I encourage each one of you, to grab a pen and pad and start jotting down your memoirs. You will all be surprised of the events you haven't thought about for years. Now all of you, get going. Write that stuff down.

Dr. Mark Havira held the winning Ticket, but Pulled a Losing Card—but his Granddaughter is a Winner, Annette Bretton, 15 (right)



Still, Mark, you have 7 more chances next week to secure that \$100 plus prize.

We need more people participating in the weekly draw. It used to be a significant money raiser. Not so much, lately.

Visitors: Perry Salvagne (soon a member again),

Alon Sapir of the Tribury Club—and two members of the Ralph Welsh family, Granddaughter Erin Davies-Welsh, and Daughter, Dr. Regan Welsh.



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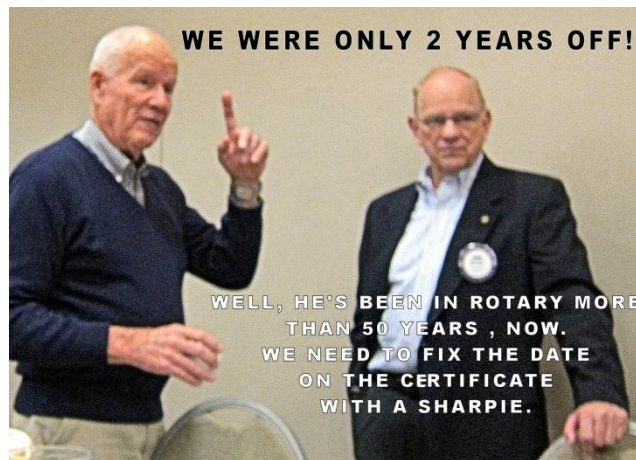
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1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Some Reactions to the Talk Today (Just Educated Guesses).



Perry Salvagne probably reflects the overall feelings of the club following today's presentation.

