

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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### From the Editor's Desk:



Life is never static, and we never know what the

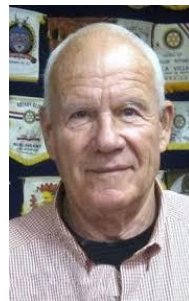
future will hold. Another jolt came with the death of John Lucchesi. He nearly always wore a coat and tie, and was a regular attendee until stricken with progressive dementia. We all loved to hear him tell the story about building his yacht, and appreciated the fact that he rarely missed a meeting. A regular worker at the Amber Alert programs, John was always there when we needed him. Rarely do we find a person as loyal as he was to Rotary, and few of us will be Rotarians for 50 years. He will be missed.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

### Tary's Rotary Minute:

We in Rotary always try to do things a little different. In 1965 we experimented with a light lunch donating the savings to the Danbury Red Cross; it was a clear winner with the people at the Red Cross. It might be something we could periodically do in the future.

Just a note about John Lucchesi. He was truly one of a kind. Rest in peace my friend. 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Fri	7:30 am	Westport Sunrise (no longer active)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:

2/12/20	Michael "M. J." Durkin
2/19/20	Earl Crawford, the Rotary Foundation, and giving
2/26/20	Dinner at Chuck's
3/4/20	Herm Sorcher, the Danbury Ice Arena
3/11/20	Susan Ahlstrom, Secrets of Well Being
3/18/20	Bill Guilder, Danbury Westerners
3/25/20	Dinner at Chuck's
4/1/20	Mel Brickman, Long Term Care
4/8/20	Bob Roman
4/15/20	William Starbuck, Cyber Security
4/29/20	Off Site Visit—TBO
5/6/20	G. Kenneth Bernhard, Evolution of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amendment

### Lisa Siedlecki of Jericho Partnership, Reminds us of How Much this Program Contributes to our Community:

The mission of the Jericho Partnership grew out of the recognition there are a lot of "hurting people" in our community who just need a gentle little lift to get their lives back on track. The Partnership works with "children at risk," teen mothers, the homeless, people from the poorest neighborhoods in need of food and clothing, and virtually anyone who needs a helping hand.



The Partnership has a K-12 school mentoring program, a K-12 Summer learning program, offers pediatric health care, an addiction and recovery program, job training for the homeless, clothing for low income families, and recreational



Lisa with our Fire Marshall

Barry Rickert

services for youth and adults...and they can't do all of this without volunteers. We are fortunate to have programs like this in our town. If you want to help out this faith based program call

Lisa at  
203-791-1180



Tary Tarlton and ADG Chris Hoeffel listen

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**A TRUE ROTARIAN IN EVERY LETTER OF THE WORD, PAST PRESIDENT AND MUCH MORE, JOHN LUCCHESI PASSED AWAY FEB. 6<sup>th</sup> at 92—GOD SPEED, JOHN LUCCHESI. YOU'LL BE MISSED.**

We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to Caryl. Both she and John have been part of our Danbury Rotary family for over 50 years! That's quite remarkable, and both have been hard working members of our club. Caryl assures us she will continue being a part of our Rotary family.

John was born 11/27/27. He attended Danbury High School, and the University of Conn., and ultimately became the President of Barrett Roofing and later the Chairman Emeritus of United Roofing and Sheet Metal.

Not only was he active in the Rotary Club of Danbury being a past president and multiple Paul Harris Fellow (and one of the runner ups to be District Governor), he served on the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America for many years, and received the Silver Beaver Award. He was also honored with the Mary Dolce award presented to him by Bishop William Lore of the Bridgeport Diocese. In addition to all of the above, John was a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, past president of the United Way of Northern Fairfield County, Chairman of the Downtown Danbury Committee, and on the Advisory Board of Immaculate High School.



John was a life member of the Lake Candlewood Power Squadron achieving the rank of Senior Navigator. We, of course, know that he

built his own yacht which was one of the loves of his life.

He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Caryl Albert Lucchesi, daughter's Kimberly Marshall, and Caryl Lucchesi, sons David and John, and 22 grand children and great grandchildren.

For those who wish to visit the family, visiting hours at the Hull Funeral Home will be Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm. The funeral will be held Mon., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am, at St. Joseph's Church, 8 Robinson Ave., in Danbury.

Donations to the Rotary Club of Danbury in John's name would be appreciated.

