

The Spoke

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From the Editor's Desk:

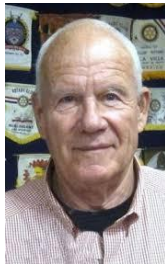
Our Rotary Club is in Zone 3 of District 7980. Zone 3 includes Danbury, Newtown, Ridgefield and Tribury (Woodbury, Southbury and Middlebury). This is important to know, because the cooperation between the Zone 3 clubs is common—and by the way, our current ADG of Zone 3 is Chris Hoefel.

Our various clubs frequently ask each other for funds, especially when attempting to obtain a grant from the District. Such is the case this week. Trumbull Rotary would appreciate a donation of \$5,000 from our club as part of a package to secure a \$50,000 grant for help with the Bridgeport Mission. This is the kind of thing we do. Remember, Ridgefield and Derby-Shelton gave us help with the Nicaraguan grant we recently received for Carl's work. Ridgefield is in our Zone. Derby-Shelton is not, but that doesn't matter. We're all Rotary. The next time our Board convenes, we will take up the Trumbull request.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

Seeing a need, the Rotary Club of Danbury provided funds to help purchase several kidney dialysis machines for Danbury Hospital many years ago. At that time the hospital had 70 patients waiting to use them. In 1973, as medical costs shot up, it was fortunate that the U.S. Government agreed to fund 70% of the cost associated with using them. Today kidney dialysis continues to save many lives which would certainly be lost without these remarkable medical devices.



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Fri	7:30 am	Westport Sunrise (no longer active)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



Speaker Earl Crawford, of the Rotary Club of Pawling, N. Y., Informed us of What Things a Small Club is Able to do:

According to our speaker, the N. Y. Pawling Club is a go-getter. They support multiple fund raisers during the year, and are strong believers in providing support for the Rotary Foundation. In addition to a raffle, one of Earl's favorite fund raisers is a large glass jar, initially for loose change, but currently is stuffed with



dollar bills. When the jar reaches \$100, a check is issued to the foundation in one of the member's names. A while ago he was stopped in the parking lot by a member who told him, "I have this bag of change." It turned out to be \$261 in coins.

One of his favorite projects is Rotary's sponsorship of 75 recently naturalized citizens, who became citizens in a large gym. The tears flow, and the hugs predominated. More than 500 new citizens and their families showed up for the last event.

During the holiday season, the club works with the local



resource center, adopting a number of families, and providing whatever is written down on their Christmas list.

One of the more unique programs is a Corporate/Enterprise membership. The company pays \$640 for one membership, 3 of their members can now attend meetings (with one of the 3 holding full

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membership) and all meals are provided by the club. Four companies are now enrolled in this program.

So what can a club of only 23 members do? Just ask Earl Crawford. He will tell you.

Speakers:

- 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 Guildler, 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 2nd Amendment

We Inducted Two New Members, Today:

Dennis Perkins and Dr. George Northrop are now our newest club members. Dennis is a Bail Bondsman, and George a Physician who recently returned from Dubai. Get to know these fine gentlemen who will add substantially to the quality of our club---and they can be very helpful professionally. George can check out your sore throat, and Dennis will help get you out of jail. (Photo, left to right, Frank Scahill, Dennis Perkins, Dr. George Northrop, Delia Espinal, and Dr. Fred Kayal).



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No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06

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Overheard (of course not great due to a hearing problem) at the Luncheon. Weather prevails.



BUT IT'S A FACE CARD--

Still a loser, Anita



I'M JOINING THE BLUE RIBBON SERVICE CLUB IN AMERICA. WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN THAT?



I'M HAPPY TO HAVE LEFT FLORIDA FOR OUR GLORIOUS DANBURY WEATHER. IT'S SO STIMULATING!



YOU ARE CLEARLY JESTING ABOUT OUR WEATHER--



GREAT FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD FOOD!



M.C. AGAIN TODAY?

YES I AM-



WOW! TWO NEW MEMBERS--

--AND THEY'RE THE CREAM OF THE CROP--



THE WEATHER IS IMPROVING--

I'VE SEEN BETTER--