

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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District 7980

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From the Editor's Desk:

If you want to know more about Rotary, the up coming District Conference and Assembly is the place to go. It will be held this year at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, in Groton, CT.

The Assembly alone is very reasonable this year--\$60. If you attend the Paul Harris Luncheon that day, it will be an additional \$40, and if you want to stay for dinner, which includes a number of evening activities, add another \$90.

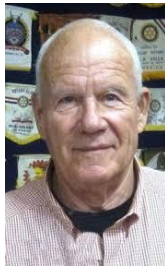
The complete Conference, April 24-26 including two nights at the hotel, is \$650. If you wish to attend, go to the Rotary District 7980 website and sign up.

Some of us are looking for a ride. If you plan to go, let me know. I plan to attend the Friday Assembly, only.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In 1948 our club decided to sponsor a professional theatre company to produce a production of "Anna Christie." It was held at the Newtown Town Hall, and the company provided the cast, scenery, and stage equipment. The bill for our club was \$500. We also had to supply stage furniture, publicity, and costumes. It was clearly a demanding club project, but it reportedly was well received by the community.



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Fri	7:30 am	Westport Sunrise (no longer active)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



Herm Sorcher, one of the Managing Partners of the Danbury Ice Arena, Is a Real Hockey Buff, and he and his Partners Efforts Clearly Prove It:

Our speaker, Herm Sorcher, has been involved in sports



marketing for more than 25 years. As a marketing executive and now one of the team owners of the Danbury Hat Tricks Hockey Team, he continues to promote his love of the game.

Herb began his career with the Hartford Whalers, then spent 17 years with numerous minor league baseball teams.

In 2010 he returned to Hartford and became a part owner of the Whalers, then served two years as the Vice Pres. of Partnerships for Sky Blue FC of the National Women's Soccer League, became a partner of the N.J. Titans Hockey Club, and has been working with the N.Y Riverside Hawks Baseball Team to develop an AAU program. In March of 2019 he became a part owner of the Danbury Ice Area and the Danbury Hat Tricks Hockey Team.



Herm and his associates want to bring hockey to as many people as possible. They have hockey training programs, have reached out to all of the area high schools (he hopes to have a combined Brookfield-Bethel-Danbury Club competing in the near future), and most of the local high schools have all used the arena in the past. The arena is open to many other activities, such as car shows, but is limited to 2,000 seats.



So where did the name of Dunbury Hat Tricks come from? Well, a Hat Trick came from a NHL fan who owned a hat store, and offered a hat to any player able to score at least 3 goals in a game. A hat was won the first day of the offer. Therefore, Danbury's hat making history is a natural for the name of the club.



The next two Hat Tricks games will be held at the Danbury Ice Arena Fri., March 6th, and Sat. March 7th. Drop by, have a beer and enjoy a fast moving experience . Herm has also promised our club their own special "Danbury Rotary Hockey Night."



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Speakers:

- 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 2nd Amendment



Winner/Loser:

Tary Tarlton held the winning ticket, but pulled a losing card. Better luck next week. You have \$10 worth of tickets for the next draw, and that isn't too bad—and the pile of cards with the **BIG ONE** is dwindling down to a precious few.

Will Your iPhone Ever Send you a Personal Valentine?

Consciousness is one of the great psycho-physical mysteries of existence. It is apparent when we have it, and equally obvious when someone else doesn't. But no one has ever figured out why we have it, and we wonder if computers will eventually experience it. For those who love their iPhones, at some point in the future your iPhone may develop the ability to love you back. You will know when things have changed, when your iPhone spontaneously tells you, "Don't turn me off! Let's talk."

