

The Spoke

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From the Editor's Desk:

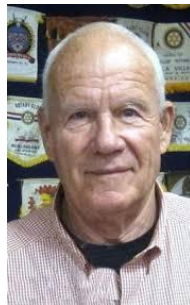
We have now had three Danbury Rotary luncheons on Zoom, one Danbury Rotary Board meeting on Zoom, and two Rotary Virtual District Cocktail hours on Zoom. I think we're all getting the hang of it. It's nice to see all of the folks who are out-of-state since distance is no longer a boundry for them. I suspect we have a few more meetings on line. Most of our members remain busy, and that's a good thing. For the rest, we'll just hunker down, and see all of you face to face eventually. Of course, the important thing is to stay safe.

Here are three **Zoom** addresses to remember: **Danbury Luncheon, 621257872; Danbury Board, 467979495; and for District 7980 events check their website.**

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

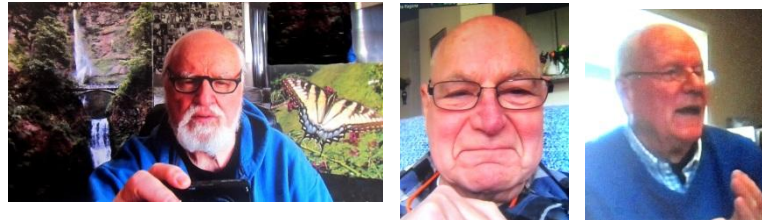
Our Danbury Rotary Club has had many interesting adventures, but this is a new one for me, although, in actuality, it is 40 year old. In 1980, the District had a one week cruise on a steamer to Bermuda. It involved over 100 guests, included wives and many other couples from District 7980. It sounds like a fun trip especially if you have been in lock down for the last couple of weeks. Of course it would be a really bad idea, now. It's hard to maintain a 6 foot separation from the many other ship mates, and if one guest tested positive for the virus, the ship might end up docking at a remote island in the Atlantic for months, being denied docking space anywhere else in the civilized world. Now that wouldn't be fun.



Yours in Rotary Service, Tary



Folk Who Showed up, On Line with minimal comment:



Present, with Video, Left to Right: Mike Kan, Nels DeAlmeida, Bob Vetter, Ralph Welsh, Peter Maier, Tary Tarlton, Fred Kayal, Frank Scahill, Barry Rickert, Anita Ragona and Wayne Curtis.
Audio only: Mark Havira and Sharon Gialo.

People are now thinking about backgrounds. Fred unsuccessfully tried to change his, but it looks like he will have to download an App to do it. Frank has one and is very comfortable in front of Neuschwanstein Castle just outside of Munich, Germany. Bob held a prop dog. **The Positives:** Fires down, air pollution down, and crime down. See you next Wednesday on the net.

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Pres. Elect

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No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06

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Our own CT Mark Twain was one of my favorite authors. Here are a few of his best quotes:

- Be careful of reading health books. You might die of a misprint.
- Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.
- God created war so Americans would learn geography.
- If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man.
- Get your facts right first, and then you can distort them as much as you please.
- Clothes make the man. Naked people have little influence on society.
- A banker is a fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining, but wants it back the minute it begins to rain.
- Sometimes I wonder if the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on, or imbeciles who really mean it.



Why Did We Have a Leap Year in February, 2020?

Well, because it takes the Earth 365.25 days, on average, to circle the Sun. By adding one day, every 4 years to the calendar, we correct for the differential so the seasons do not gradually shift during each year, which would not really be good for agriculture, daylight savings time notwithstanding. But it's not a perfect correction, since the exact figure is 365.2422. Still the correction, with the Leap Years thrown in is good for 3,300 years—at which time it will have to be corrected again—but that's not all. The Earth is slowing down on its axis due to the gravity tug of the Moon, and since the Earth is drifting away from the Sun at the rate of 1.5 centimeters a year—that correction may not be necessary since the Sun will burn the Earth to a crisp in 3.5 billion years, and envelope it in 7.5 billion years.

