

# The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

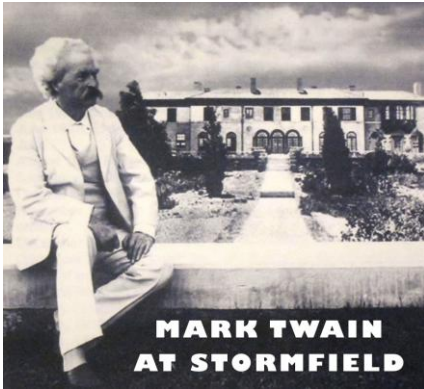
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## From the Editor's Desk:



Did you know that Mark Twain died in Redding, CT, on 4/21/10? He was fond of saying, "I came in with Halley's comet, and I expect to go out with Halley's comet"—and that he did. Although born

in 1835, our next door neighbor, the late Ziggy Anderson, used to bring him groceries to his second home *Stormfield*, in Redding, CT. Ziggy frequently arrived to discover Twain having lunch with a famous person, or two, and Thomas Edison even made a movie of Twain's time at *Stormfield*.

Twain once told the N.Y. Times, "*Stormfield* is the most out of the world and peaceful and tranquil and in every way satisfactory home I have experience of in my life." Tragically, it burned to the ground in 1923, but much of his library is still housed at the Mark Twain Library, in Redding---with his own personal comments written in the margins.

Ralph

## Tary's Rotary Minute:

In December of 1979 our Danbury Rotary club had their Wednesday meeting with ten bright eyed and slightly nervous past and present Rotary exchange students, each giving us their unique and life changing experiences.

In essence the message was that a year in a foreign country does more to mature a teenager than any other available life experience; they were exposed to many cultural norms that they had not expected, and possibly due to the separation from their families, they found that they undoubtedly made many friends for life they probably wouldn't have made otherwise.

Tary



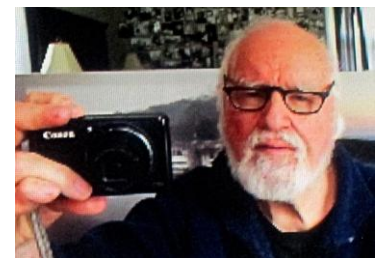
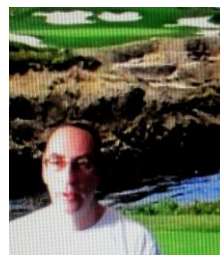
## Folks Who Showed up Today, On Line, for Virtual Lunch, with Minimal Comment:

As with last week, the virus continues to control our lives. Everyone appears to be coping with it, and our resourceful Rotarians appear to be a hardy group. Some discussion centered around our uncertain future, Dr. Kayal was asked when we would get a vaccine (he has no idea), and Dr. Famighletti continues to improve from his bout with the virus. Barry Rickert attended a state meeting where the fire marshals learned that all carnivals, county fairs, and fireworks festivals were now to be cancelled. Frank golfed.

It was refreshing to hear Dr. Tom Nipper recount our remarkable Rotary blue fish trip on L.I. Sound confirming that I did, indeed, hook a 500 pound tuna—which rather quickly broke the line. Coming back to port was also an adventure—in gale force winds, and waves so large we had to ride them up, then follow them down to the trough. What an adventure. Thank you, Tom, for verifying that it wasn't just another fish story. Maybe we can do it again.

Stay well my friends; it ain't over 'til it's over.

**Below: Attendees, Left to Right--** Barry Rickert, Marvin Paige, Chris Hoeffel our ADG, Frank Scahill, & Ralph Welsh. (Page 2) Fred Kayal, Bob Vetter, Mike Kan, Anita Ragona, Tary Tarlon, Jim Gargan and Tom Nipper. Mark Havira was voice only.



# SERVICE ABOVE SELF



...and a good time was had by all.

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Some Great Quotes from Mark Twain:

- I have never let schooling interfere with my education.
- If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
- If you don't read the newspaper, you are uninformed. If you do, you're misinformed.

AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE MEAT CRISIS--



With so many of the meat packing plants suffering Covid-19 breakouts, may we offer an alternative to handling the meat shortage. The deer are ravaging all of our yards, and

venison is really quite yummy with mashed potatoes and gobs of gravy. Then, of course, there are the turkeys, geese, rabbits and other game available. Finally, how about a luscious pan of fried fish? Just a passing thought.

