

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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### From the Editor's Desk:

Our Zoom meetings continue to keep us in touch though we do miss those meals at the hotel. I personally miss that ability to talk face to face with our fellow members.

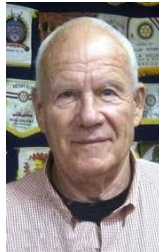
Think about some interesting people we might not be able to bring to the club in person. The beauty of an on-line presentations is that distance is no limiting factor.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> we'll have a Power-point presentation by Dr. Judy Toski Welsh. Judy is the Medical Director of the Lakewood Hospital E.R., a part of the Cleveland Clinic, who went with a group her colleagues from the clinic to NYC to help out during the worst time of the crisis. Tell your friends to join us on Zoom for that meeting. It should be a unusual presentation involving a true heroic act of courage.

Ralph

### Tary's Rotary Minute:

In 1979, the Danbury School system featured an Opera Program sponsored by the Danbury Rotary Club. Also, during that year, we donated a nine passenger station wagon to the Danbury Red Cross to be used for the purpose of transporting the elderly and handicapped who were without the means of travel. We were a much larger club at that time (67 members) which made the contributions much easier than they would be now.



Membership is everything in Rotary. Sadly, the Pandemic doesn't lend itself to membership building. Yet, it is possible that due to their extended confinement, people have become anxious to interact more once everything has opened up. If so, it may present an unexpected social increase in folks wanting to join groups, and we should be ready to capitalize on such a need if this happens.

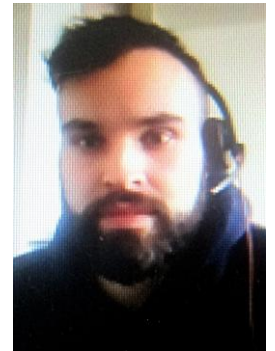
Tary

**Our guest next week will talk about LI Sound, and tell us if you will come to an outdoor picnic 6/17.**



**Again we had a Virtual Luncheon. Our Speaker was Jason Gregorio, brother of fellow former Rotarian Josh Gregorio. Jason founded the first IT Club at WestConn. Our Club Sponsored the Organization, and it has become one of the Most Popular Clubs on Campus:**

Jason now lives in Baltimore, and works in IT, at home, for a small corporation. He told us that Josh is now living in Philly, and doing extremely well in sales.

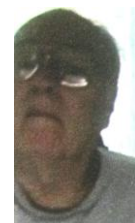
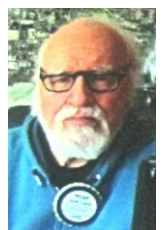


Jason was asked how the younger generation, of which he is a part, were generally doing with the pandemic and its consequences. He was quite frank about it saying that it has been extremely disruptive to his younger friends who are still in school, have virtually nowhere to go to date, will be deprived a normal graduation, and have to take their classes virtually which he claims is much harder to do.

He mentioned his mother, who works in a local grocery store, and indicated that product availability is down, but crime is up, remarking, "Maybe they all feel like criminals—after all, they're all wearing masks."

The club members are all doing quite well. Several are into gardening, and Frank has been golfing quite a bit.

**Below: Attendees, Left to Right--** Marvin Paige, Tary Tarlton, ADG Chris Hoeffel, Ralph Welsh, Frank Scahill, Jeff Kass, Jim Gargan, and Ray kish. (Page 2) Barry Rickert, Nels DeAlmeida, and Bob Vetter. Mark Havira was voice only.



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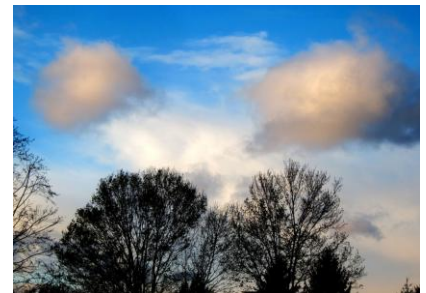
...and a good time was had by all.

Zoom Address Is: 621-257-872

- In bowling you are really not doing very well if you can't hear a pin drop.
- Try bowling, It should be right down your alley.
- A strike is really good in bowling, pretty good in fishing, and not so good in baseball.
- Bowling is the only sport that requires you to drill holes in a ball before using it.
- To err is human—but stupid. *Robert Bryne*
- In tennis, you want your opponent to experience love, but not toward you.
- Politicians rarely check their facts, because they often contradict their message.
- The good thing about growing old is your ability to enjoy a good book 2 times and not remember reading it.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

SEEING DOUBLE:

When taking pictures, one typically looks for a single point of interest. However, that point can double, triple, or even become more complex. Here are some examples of competing points of interest: One *Ant* on one *Spurred Violet*, two pink cloud puffs over two large trees, three kids playing on three canoes, and four tiny *Creeping Charlie* in the shadow of four *Blue Lupine*. Similarly, we need to multiply our membership in Rotary. We all can be special points of interest, too.



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