

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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### From the Editor's Desk:

Gee, it seems that we have been on Zoom for our luncheons for eons, but our first Zoom meeting was April 1<sup>st</sup>—an ironic day for a dramatic change in all of our lives. One positive about the virtual meetings is the ability for our snow birds, other interested Rotarians such as Randy Lindel and Mike Kan, to attend. Another irony was the last face-to-face luncheon we had at the hotel. Our speaker, strangely enough, was a therapist extolling the virtue of tapping various parts of the face as an anxiety alleviating exercise—something strongly discouraged by health professionals during our pandemic.

Finally, our club will meet person to person, next week, at the Ridgewood, for the Passing of the Gavel event. It will be from 5 to 7 pm. We will be outside. Masks are strongly advised.

Ralph

### Tary's Rotary Minute:

Rotary Clubs are always looking for new events and activities. In the summer of 1943, while still meeting in the Downtown Hotel Green, our Danbury Rotary Club had a father and son meeting. I was only a year and a half old at the time, so I have no recollection of the event, but there could have been children younger than me there. Surprisingly I just don't recall (it must be an age factor). I'm sure I had a great time, but I surmise I would have received far more attention, then, had the club consisted of both men and women.



Tary

The Four Way Test

**Rotary**



1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

### The Meeting was Virtual, and our Speaker was one of our Former Four Year Scholarship Recipients, James Heffner. He Has Done us all Proud--



In 2008 we granted a 4 year \$20,000 scholarship to James Heffner who insists that his chance for an education, to a large measure, was due to the scholarship.

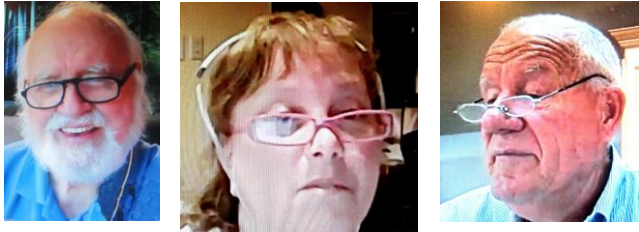
While at WCSU he revitalized a flagging Rotaract Club, which ended up providing 2,500 hours of volunteer service, flip flops for Haiti, and 5 Shelter Boxes. He also was active in his fraternity, leading them into community service. He is now working on a PhD at Northwestern U., is a training leader at Post U., and assisted in the founding of the Boys and Girls State Foundation in 2005, a program to develop leadership in youths who have a sense of civic duty... and there is more. He is now assuming the presidency of the Naugatuck Rotary Club as the youngest club president in our District. He was asked when he expects to be Rotary's youngest DG, and he only laughed. He is living proof of the value of our scholarship program.

The attendees to our virtual luncheon today: *Robert Vetter, Frank Scahill, Jim Gargan, Jim Heffner, Frank Scahill, Peter Maier, Jeff Kass, and Ray Kish.* (Go to next page).



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*Raph Welsh, Sharon Gialo and Tary Tarlton.. Mark Havira was voice only.*



**The District Passed the Gavel, Virtually, This Week. We Were Represented by Jeff Kass, and your Editor, Ralph.**



Tari Marshall Day, the MC, introduced us to Massachusetts Rotarian Julie Phelps, a former recipient of the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, who then presented a similar citation to Colin Gershon. We were

also treated to the heart warming story of a young man from the Dominican Republic who received major heart surgery through the Gift of Life program then got to meet Robby Cano at Yankee Stadium in 2011.



Incoming RI President, Helger Knaack, addressed us from Germany, and our incoming DG, Ron Webb, told us he will be making all of his club visits, virtually this year.

**Ron Webb is now our New DG:**

- Rotarian since 1992.
- Has been member of 4 clubs.
- Joined Tribury Club in 2001.
- Pres. of club 3 times.
- Assistant DG.
- Very active at District level.
- MBA from Un. New Haven
- Worked for Timex, Honeywell,
- Taught at 4 colleges.
- Retired after 17 years as a financial adviser.
- Married 50 years to Pam, 3 kids, 8 grandkids.



**Rotary Club of Danbury 2019-2020**

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*Ron and his wife meeting RI President Helger Knaack and wife*