

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

We have more from the Spoke Caption the Photo contest (page 3). We'll have to do it again.

Well, we have passed the incubation period for the virus, since our Gavel dinner. It looks like all remains well. We are now investigating an outdoor restaurant venue for a meeting at sometime in the future. Personal contact is important, but in the meantime we'll see you all on the web, via Zoom.

Ralph



Tary's Rotary Minute:

Rotary clubs used to fine members for all kinds of things. Being late for a meeting, being early, talking during the meeting, unusual clothing, having your name or picture in the paper or having an advertisement in any publication. The fines were "large." Five cents, ten cents and for major offenses a whopping quarter. I noticed in the Feb. 12, 1964 Spoke the Sgt at Arms had collected five dollars and ninety cents. But hold on. In today's dollars, that's \$49.00—not all that bad!

I don't think our club does that many things that would be finable today. What we could do is levy a fine for talking or



texting on a cell phone during the meeting. Now that would bring in a ton of cash. Of course fines are just a pipe dream during the pandemic...or maybe we could cook up some virtual fines?



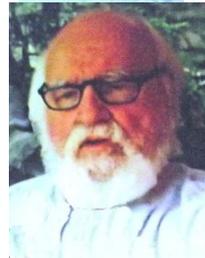
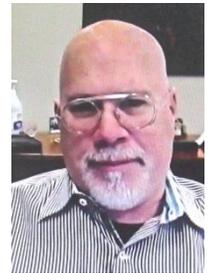
Tary

(Pictures are the courtesy of the Spoke. We have a lot more cell phone photos where they came from).

Our Meeting was Virtual Again.

The following individuals attended our virtual luncheon today:

Jeff Kass, Frank Scahill, Jim Gargan, Tary Tarlton, Bob Vetter, Mike Kan, Ralph Welsh and Ray Kish. Mark Havira was voice, only.



Everyone is well, and busy. President Frank indicated that we now have \$10,000 in gifts for the Card Raffle. It should be an

interesting experiment regarding how it will work with an entirely new on-line approach. Let's all hope for the best. The gifts will certainly help, including a baseball speed camera donated for the raffle by Mike Kan. We'll see all of you on the web, again, next week. Remember our luncheon Zoom address: 621257872.

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?

Food for Thought:

-Did it ever occur to you that a badly constructed house will last a lot longer than you will? Of course neither a car nor boat, nor cat will and that's a comfort.

-Pay attention to the details, but not at expense of the larger picture.

-Be a self-starter, but also recognize when enough is enough.

-If you know you're right, you are probably right--- about half of the time.

-Don't ask a speaker a question unless you have some idea of what the answer will be.

-Get your priorities right. Don't be led to say on your deathbed, "Gee, I spent most of my life being a jerk."

Officers:-

President-	Frank Scahill, Jr
Pres. Elect	Delia Espinal
Vice President	Kristen McGrath Keil
Secretary-	Dr.Mark Havira
Treasurer-	Tary Tarlton
Sergeant at Arms-	Edward Walsh

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Robert J. Vetter	Jeffrey Kass
Dr. Mark Havira	Kristen McGrath Keil
Tary Tarlton	Frank Scahill, Jr
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No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06

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GETTING UP CLOSE (TOO CLOSE AT TIMES) AND PERSONAL WITH CRITTERS:



Whenever I photograph bugs or wild animals, it's always a challenge. When they look at me head on, I always have the feeling that they've had enough of this, and they're on their way. I suspect I'm an object of curiosity, but mostly a threat.



Albert Schweitzer, I hate to kill any one of them (flies, mosquitoes and Covid-19 excepted). Each life is unique, and special no matter where it is found. I think Rotary should have a mascot. I propose the Indigo Bunting. It's such a beautiful little bird, and it has the colors of Rotary. *Your Editor.*



I've also noticed that the more I photograph a particular bird or critter, the closer I can get the more they tolerate me. All unique and each squirrel is too. We're all family on this planet, and like the late, great Dr.



Other Responses to the Winning Pictures:

First prize went to Wayne Curtis with: "What's a CVS coupon doing in here?" But there were some additional fun responses to this photo. They were:

- Yes, that is an A: *Frank Scahill*
- You've called that number 2 times already: *Chris Curtis*
- You lost it—not my trouble: *Unsigned*
- Oh! *Delia Espinal*

Second Prize went to Frank Scahill with: "I did it again, and no one knows!" Others were:

- I know who shot JR! *Wayne Curtis*
- I didn't do it. *Delia Espinal*
- I'm not mad. I'm angry! *Chris Curtis*
- I ate the whole thing. *Fred Kayal*
- The Kansas cat that ate the canary. *Allison Fulton*
- Very interesting. *Barry Rickert*
- Do you like my fashion statement? *Bonnie Kish*

Finally, third prize was garnered by Chris Curtis with: "I don't know what's in this drink, but my hair wasn't curly before I started drinking it!" Others were:

- Beauty and the beast. *Delia Espinal*
- I just stole my husband's wine. *Wayne Curtis*
- Good clean living. *Frank Scahill*
- Wine anyone? *Barry Rickert*
- Got the car keys and making break for the mall before he notices! *Allison Fulton*
- Can someone tell Marvin he's had one too many? *Bonnie Kish*

*(We printed these pics two weeks ago, but felt You needed to see them again with **all** of the other clever captions).*

We'll have more captions next week. You all did great!

