

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

Scanning the news a few days ago, I felt a sense of sadness, discouragement and resignation after viewing the



photos of 13 elderly sisters, from a convent in Michigan, who had died of Covid-19. I then discovered the

iconic photo, by Tim Leach, of a New York couple getting engaged in front of that magnificent comet Neowise, and felt a sense of renewal and hope. I saw the comet twice. If you missed it, not to worry. It will return in 6,000 years. I hope we will be able to return to the hotel, for luncheons, before then.



Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

Frank Scahill, our new President, has charged the club with increasing our membership by at least 10 people this Rotary year. It's a realistic and impressive goal, and should be doable. I was going through old Spokes and in April 1964 it was reported that the club had, at one point, added a new member four weeks in a row. With the pandemic and virtual meetings, one new member a month would be impressive.



Tary

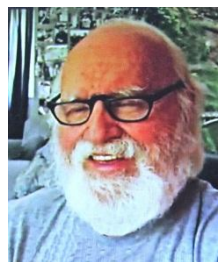


1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Our Meeting was Virtual Again.

The following individuals attended our virtual luncheon today:

Frank Scahill, Caryl Lucchesi, Chris Hoeffel, Ralph Welsh, Marvin Paige, Peter Maier, Tary Tarlton, and Bob Vetter (plus friend). Mark Havira was voice, only.



Everyone is remains well, and busy. President Frank reiterated that we should attempt to increase the club membership by at least 10 people this Rotary year. He also indicated that the grant for the Nicaraguan burn center is now in the pipeline, after securing the last signed document. He indicated that we have a nice line up of gifts for the card raffle, and Bob Vetter is busy securing the state's approval for the event. Everyone needs to pitch in and sell tickets. It is our major fund raiser for the year.

ADG Chris Hoeffel told us about an online club being developed by a member of the Tribury Club focusing on women's issues. They already have 20 people signed up.

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Chris would also encourage all readers of the Spoke who are non-Rotarians, consider [joining the our club](#). Not only do we provide services to the community and world, we have a lot of fun. In addition, members need to think about neighbors, friends, business associates and fellow parishioners who might make good Rotarian. Have them come join us. Encourage the likely ones to become a part of the best service club in the world.

Food for Thought:

-Only the mediocre are always at their best. *Jean Giraudoux*

-He who laughs, lasts. *Mary P. Poole*

-The only reason some people are lost in thought is because it is unfamiliar territory. *Paul Fix*

-The only difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.

-Most people would rather die than think. In fact, they do so. *Bertrand Russell*

-We all have the strength to endure the misfortunes of others.

-If you look like your passport photo, you're too ill to travel. *Willkommen*

-If you feel inadequate, bragging will not make you more adequate.

Rotary Club of Danbury 2020-2021

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The Magnificent Six Spotted Fishing Spider (Dolomedes Triton).

While I was finally out and getting some fresh air walking with my granddaughter Erin, in Redding's Putnam Park, I chanced upon this water spider which is larger than my hand. I discovered that it can walk on water, can dive for prey (which can include minnows, tadpoles and bugs), but is essentially harmless to humans. It looks like his lunch just landed next to him at his lower left.



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...and More Captions from the Spoke Caption Contest:

- Hey! How did I get stuck in here? *Frank Scahill*
- Did someone say desert? *Wayne Curtis*
- It's tough getting old. *Chris Curtis*
- What? *Delia Espinal*
- I told you!!
- Tary. Help me stay awake. *Bonnie Kish*



- Fran is giving Chris more things to do. *Frank Scahill*
- Did I hear what I thought I did? *Wayne Curtis*
- Go ahead and laugh. He won't hear you. *Chris Curtis* (one of the best)
- Guess who was class clown? *Delia Espinal*
- You must be in trouble again. *Unsigned*
- In the beginning. *Barry Rickert*
- Fran, don't you know you have to laugh at Wayne's jokes. *Bonnie Kish*



- The mustache needs to be trimmed out. *Unsigned*
- OK Anita. I'll help out with the Scholarship Committee this year. *Frank Scahill*
- Is she talking to me or Bonnie? *Wayne Curtis*
- For God Sakes! Pay me some attention! *Chris Curtis*
- Hmm. *Delia Espinal*
- This is serious. *Barry Rickert*
- Ray, did you just make a stinky. (really creative) *Bonnie Kish*



- The next president. *Unsigned*
- Oh yeh! *Frank Scahill* I told you so. *Wayne Curtis*
- Oh well. *Chris Curtis*
- Undecided. *Delia Espinal*
- This is serious. *Barry Rickert*
- Yes, I am running for President of the United States of America. *Fred Kayal*
- Jeff just being jeff. *Bonnie Kish*



- Catching up on the Real Housewives of Danbury. *Allison Fulton*
- A lot of fun talk. *Fred Kayal*
- I'm outnumbered. *Frank Scahill*
- See! *Wayne Curtis*
- I'm done with these people. *Chris Curtis*
- When you're the only guy at a table with women. *Delia Espinal*
- Can't I sit at the boy's table? *Bonnie Kish*

