

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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### From the Editor's Desk:

The pandemic plus the hurricane seems to have impacted our attendance rather severely. We had a great speaker this week, and a sparse crowd. I hope everything settles down, and we increase attendance.

Be safe and be well.

Ralph

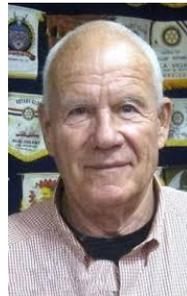
### Tary's Rotary Minute:

Attendance is very important to any club, Rotary is no exception. Rotary has a makeup plan to help keep attendance high.

Often 30% to 40% of a club makes up on a regular basis and it helps to meet members of other clubs. It also lets other clubs meet you.

Attendance is not the end of Rotary, but non-attendance is the end of a Rotarian.

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?

**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

### The Meeting was Virtual, and our Speaker, Janice Wiggins, Ex. Director of Renewal House Reaffirmed why our Club has supported their Mission over the Years:



Renewal house isn't just a shelter for the homeless, it's a new beginning for its residents.

In an impressive presentation, Janice Wiggins outlined the vision of Renewal

House, presented its many successes, and convinced all of the club that it is truly one of the jewels of our community.

Thirty years ago it began as Shelter of the Cross, and our club was one of the first contributors. A few years a decision was made to change the name, initiated by the residents. They felt that "Shelter" was a word they disliked; they preferred temporary housing—and the board felt that identifying the program as religious was not appropriate either. So, what's in a name? Apparently a lot.

Many of the residents remain in the shelter for much longer than the average shelter, and they are much more successful with their residents. One of their first graduates continues to return as a volunteer, and remember, that was 30 years ago. We are fortunate to have such a great program in the community. For more information visit their website at the following: [www.renewalhousedanbury.org](http://www.renewalhousedanbury.org).

**Meeting Attendees:** (L TO R) Frank Scahill, Ralph Welsh, Marvin Paige, Tary Tarlton, and Barry Rickert. Mark Havira and Kristen Keil were voice only.



### Food for Thought:

- A bird in the hand is messy.
- A Rolling Stone can make really good music.
- A stitch in time makes the trousers hang fine.
- The bigger they are, the harder they punch.
- The early bird gets the worm, but most of us prefer ham, toast, coffee and eggs.
- It's never too early to end up being late.
- Put off for today something you can always do tomorrow.
- You can never tell a book by its lover.
- Abstinence makes the heart grow fonder.

### Virtual Luncheon Speakers:

- 8/19 John Doscher, Wealth Management
- 8/26 Christine Paine and Deana Marchant, Young Life
- 9/19 Alyson Marcucio, Medicaid and Estate Planning
- 10/7 Richard Land, Elder Law
- 11/11 Alyson Marcucio, Elder Financial Abuse

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**WEAR A MASK: SAVE BOTH YOU AND A FRIEND**

### Keep the Generator in Good Shape, and be Nice:

Danbury is no stranger to mighty winds. Back in 2007 we were without power for several weeks. In desperation, we went to the Danbury Ice House, and they sold us enough ice to save most of our food. This year, our generator was on the fritz, so we tried the Ice House again. They were sold out—in one hour!

Still, the ice house is a great organization, and several years ago it was featured in a News-Times article involving the story involving the April 2007 flood that impacted on many, similar to our big blow. It featured a woman, Marie Carroll, flooded and without electricity in her mobile home. The owner of the Ice House, Robert Willis, not only waived the cost of the ice, he offered to keep her food in one of his freezers. Willis kept the frozen food a week until she could retrieve it. Reportedly, Willis bought the 30 year old business from his father in 2002 and said his gesture was simply in keeping with family tradition. Though not a Rotarian, clearly Willis represents the spirit of Rotary.

