

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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### From the Editor's Desk:

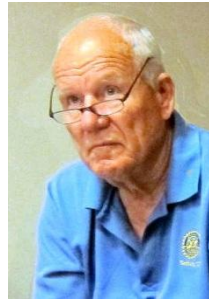
We had a great speaker today, and he came from Mt. Kisco, N.Y. Being virtual, we could have a speaker from anywhere in the world. Kristen needs to look into that.

Everyone seems to be doing well. We don't know how much longer we will be on "virtual," but better safe than sorry. We'll see all of you next week.

Ralph

### Tary's Rotary Minute:

Well, I found another Danbury Rotary Club activity that was new 56 years ago, and could even be revived today. It involves planting a tree on Arbor Day. One of our guest speakers, in May of 1964, presented a film revealing prices of different trees and seeds. One was a sapling Ash, sadly a dying species which now



has a bad blight, and most have had to be removed. Among the more interesting saplings was that of the **Giant Sequoia** which is still a good choice for planting today. The Arbor Foundation gave out samples to all club members. I now wonder how many of those samples are alive in 2020. Has anyone spotted a 56 year old Giant Sequoia around Danbury, lately?

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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, but our Speaker was Great: We heard from John D. Doscher, Sr. Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management who discussed the "Great Reset" due to the Pandemic. Yes, Life will Change but it's not all bad:

John covered a myriad of topics, but his overall conclusions were optimistic. Yes, half of the restaurants, and many other small business will not survive the virus, but other parts of the economy will survive and later thrive.



The economy has taken a big hit, but we are inventive, and will make it through this, yet there will be a "great reset," and a dramatic change in how business is conducted. Thanks to the government bailout, the airlines will be fine, far more work will be done online, there will be a shift to a greener society especially if the government changes parties, and there will be a continual exodus from the big cities to the suburbs.

The sale of bicycles has doubled, since more people will work from home public transportation will shrink, but the sale of automobiles will increase. Schools will continue to be cleaner and safer after the pandemic, and we will continue to flee the malls, and buy more online. The markets are strong, the collapse of the economy is artificial in many respects, and will quickly rebound. We will continue to see an increase in technology to run the economy, so education needs to follow the trends including online classes being far more common than in the past. Yes, life will be different but we will survive just fine. The following individuals attended our virtual luncheon today. For more information, John can be contacted by email at: [john.d.doscher@ml.com](mailto:john.d.doscher@ml.com).

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The following attended the virtual meeting: (l to r) Peter Maier, Carol and Marvin Paige, Barry Rickert, Jeff Kass, Mike Kan, Ray Kish, Ralph Welsh, Tary Tarlton, Frank Cahill, Ray Kish & Bob Vetter. Mark Havira was voice, only.



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The Zoom meeting next week will be Christine Paine and Deana Marchant who will speak on "Young Lives."

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