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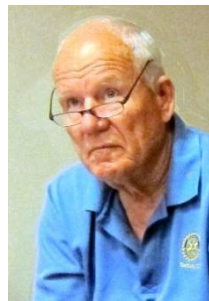
From the Editor's Desk:

It's going to be a long autumn and winter. As of today, my grandson Ian's college, UConn, reported 57 cases of Covid-19 on campus—but we're undeterred regarding our Paper Shredding fund raiser. It will still be held September 12th in the parking lot at Chuck's. It is a rare chance for us to all get together, so try to come out and enjoy a profitable fellowship event--and bring a few of your own boxes for shredding if you can.

Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

Our Danbury Rotary Club received encouragement from our new Rotary International President, Holger Knaack. The global pandemic has made it difficult for many of our clubs to operate as usual. As we build a stronger future for our organizations, it's good that we are reaching out to new people and introducing them to Rotary. It is important that our clubs reflect the communities we serve. More diverse voices in our clubs and in our leadership will help Rotary stay in touch with a changing world. This is a critical time for membership. Finally, your participation in the Paper Shredding event the 12th is a rare opportunity to meet face-to-face again. Tell all of your friends to bring a few boxes for shredding.



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?

We had two Speakers at our Virtual Meeting today from Young Lives: Christine Paine and Deana Marchant who introduced our club to an International and local Charity for Single Moms--



Christine Paine



Deana Marchant

Christine Paine, a Devon Rotarian, and Deana Marchant, told us how their faith based Young Lives, a division of Young Life, provides support for struggling single mothers nationwide, and of course here in Danbury. They point out that nearly 1,600 teenage girls become pregnant in CT every year and most are ill equipped to handle the daunting task of being a teen mom. They provide food, job counseling, and encouragement to finish high school and attend college, and help in numerous other ways. They told us with pride, how their program has rescued dozens of young women from a life of poverty and grief.

Christine pointed out that Young Life is 30 years old, and the creator of the Four-Way Test, Herbert J. Taylor, was on their Board years ago. We made a pitch for Deana to join Rotary, too. She asked us for an application.

Young Lives is another Danbury program that makes our community so special.

Attendees at our Virtual Meeting were: *Frank Scahill, Bob Vetter, Michael Kan, Barry Rickert, Tary Tarlton,*



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Jack Smoot, Ray Kish and Ralph Welsh. Mark Havira was voice only.



Future Speakers:

- 9/19 Alyson Marcucio, Medicaid and Estate Planning
- 10/7 Richard Land, Elder Law
- 11/11 Alyson Marcucio, Elder Financial Abuse

NATURE'S TINY GUESTS: SOME OF THE EDITOR'S YARD PHOTOS; A PANDEMIC DIVERSION--

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