

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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### From the Editor's Desk:

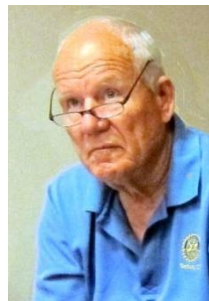
Our Shredding day is quickly approaching. Sat., from 9 am to Noon, we will be shredding documents in the parking lot of Chuck's. It is a great time to engage in fellowship, and you can pick up your raffle tickets from Bob that day. Tell all of your friends about the event, and bring a box or 2 yourself for shredding. We have a limited number of fund raisers this year, so this is an important one.

We'll see you there, Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> rain or shine. Be safe in the meantime.

Ralph

### Tary's Rotary Minute:

Many years ago, our Danbury Rotary Club bought the first two Renal Dialysis units for Danbury Hospital. We also continued to give Danbury Hospital money to buy more machines. Currently, In the Danbury area, there are more than fifty units and they are all very busy. Danbury Hospital also has portable units that can be installed in a home for unlimited use, with a nurse operating the device. Lives continue to be saved, and we can be proud that we have been a part of it.



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?

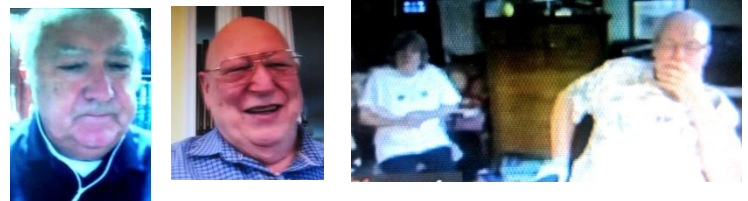
### The Meeting was Virtual, and we heard a Valuable message from attorney Alyson Marcucio on the Importance of Preparing for the Consequences of House Transfers by the Elderly--

For those getting along in years, transferring one's property to the kids is not such a simple matter. If long term care becomes an issue, a family can be bankrupted quickly, so planning is essential.

Our speaker gave us 3 avenues of action, with Medicaid being the most important element in this possible problem. If a house had been transferred after a 5 year window, things seems to be fairly straight forward, but if the transfer happens before the 5 year window, the state can attach the assets of one's home if Medicaid funds are needed.

Other issues of transfer were discussed, but we encourage everyone to consult an attorney if outside elder-care is a possible issue. It seems simple; apparently it is not. Contact her at: [arm@danburylaw.com](mailto:arm@danburylaw.com)

**Meeting attendees were 1 to r:** *Barry Rickert, Bob Vetter, Corole Paige, Marvin Paige, Ralph Welsh, Tary Tarlton, Frank Scahill, Ray Kish, Jeff Kass, Wayne Curtis and Kristen Keil. Mark Havira was voice only.*



**Food for Thought:**

-Don't under tip the waiter or waitress for bad food. They didn't cook it. Just ask your server to taste the crap. They'll understand.

-Trying to change the mind of a true believer is harder than rolling a 2 ton boulder up a hill.

-Never underestimate the power of a cruel word, or of a heart felt gift of praise.

-Do it right the first time; if it doesn't work, ask your grandson how to do it.

-It feels good to be praised for something you did—but it even feels better if you share the credit.

-If you can't remember something, then just forget it.

-The brighter you are, the more you realize how little you know.

-The best meal of the day is the one you have with the entire family, with a group of your closest friends, or your faithful dog.

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*No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06*  
Spoke Editor: Ralph S. Welsh

**Virtual Luncheon Speakers:**

- 9/16 Barry Rickert. His first day as a firefighter; Ralph Welsh; some odd events in his life
- 10/7 Richard Land, Elder Law
- 11/11 Alyson Marcucio, Elder Financial Abuse

# SERVICE ABOVE SELF

**The Pandemic is for the Birds!** Now let me explain this a bit more. What I mean it's a great time to watch the birds. No one knows this more than our esteemed Birder, **Caryl Lucchesi**. Each year we see species we haven't seen before, and notice that certain species are now less common. We used to have tons of Blue Jays, but they just aren't around very much this year. For the first time we saw a pair of Indigo Buntings, a beautiful little bird with an interesting song. Put that bird feeder up, protect it from the squirrels, and enjoy.

