

# The Spoke

## Rotary Club of Danbury

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### From the Editor's Desk:

We need the tickets sold, we need more members, and we need the virus to go away.

Ralph

### Tary's Rotary Minute:

For many years we used to host our wives at one of our December meetings as a Christmas event. That was the time, if you will all recall, we were a male only organization, and the wives were known as Rotary Anns. At one of those meetings, Patrick Murnane, the Principal of Danbury High School and our Club Secretary at the time, brought the "famed" Danbury High School Chorus to lunch as our entertainment. It turned out to be a very special day. Our Christmas luncheon is now with the Lions, who usually have a Christmas Chorus as well.

Still, some of our best Christmas parties have been in the homes of Rotarians. Two memorable parties were held at the home of Past President Miguel Espinosa and his wife, Eleanor, in 2006, and Past President and his wife, Fred and Leila Kayal in 2017. They were two truly special evenings.

Tary

### Clips from the 2006 Christmas Party at the Espinosas:



### Clips from the 2017 Kayal Party:



### President Frank Scahill Reminded us What Rotary is All About:



We saw a few video presentations reminding us of the scope and the breadth of Rotary worldwide, and even had a brief video going back to the Paul Harris era when Rotary was founded.

We know about polio plus, the numerous water projects, and the burn center in South America we are

supporting---but most of us probably didn't know about school in Africa. Of course we have supported Hospice for years, are constant supporters of Ann's Place, and have our own remarkable scholarship program that has given out more than a million dollars in scholarships over the years.



Rotary is everywhere, doing good and saving lives. We should be very proud of what we do—but we can't keep up the good work without

members. This has to be the focus of our efforts over the coming months and years.

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**Some Stupid Jokes--**

- Why did the chicken cross the road? He had to ward off the devil who was racing down the pike.
- Why do dogs find thunder upsetting? They know it could start raining cats and dogs.
- What has eyes but can not see? A potato.
- What has a nose but can not smell? An airplane
- What has teeth but can not chew? An ironclad lawsuit
- What has arms, but can not hug? An armory
- What has legs but can not walk? A pair of trousers
- What has ears, but can not hear? A corn field



**SERVICE ABOVE SELF.**

Speaker: 11/11 Alyson Marcucio on Elder Financial Abuse

**This Week it's all about New England Trees:**







Of course we won't have those happy little trick or treaters this year, but we can still sit back and have hot cup of cider, next to our loved ones, with a cinnamon stick to stir it with. Next year should be different. We can all hope for that, but we have to keep that motto in mind. Service Above Self. It is what makes us special. Giving is good for the soul. That's what we do best. Have a great holiday.

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?