

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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2 Years Best in District

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President Allison's Corner



Thanks very much to everyone who has brought in items for the Bee raffle baskets! In particular, Rich Godfrey, Fred Kayal, Tary Tarlton and Miguel Espinosa have made numerous and/or substantial donations that I know about. I am sure there have been others of distinction which I left out. I thank all of you, as well. I repeat, many thanks!!

Marvin and Anita have put a good deal of effort into the planning of this event. Chris Curtis, Wayne's wife, is

helping with the shopping and prep work on the raffle baskets and a number of community members have stepped up to help out the night of the Bee. We are expecting 100% attendance from Club members the evening of April 9th. If you have not sold all of your tickets, please do so immediately.

This has been a team effort which is precisely what is going to drive the success of this fund-raised in the future. Actually, everyone's participation is fundamental to the success of our club in the future. Have a great week!

Amber Alert-

3/29, 10 am-2 pm, Danbury Hospital

4/12, TBA, YMCA Trumbull

4/26, 10 am-1 pm, Grace Baptist Church, Wtbrly

5/3, 12 noon- 6 pm, Eastfield Mall, Sprfld, MA

5/3, 11 am-3 pm, So. Church, Hrtfd

5/4, Eastfield Mall, Sprfld, MA

5/25, 3 pm-6 pm, Burnham Schl, Brdgwtr

6/7, 10 am-4 pm, Frfld Middle Schl, Ffld

6/28, 10 am- 2 pm, Oneco, CT

7/25, 11 am-4 pm, Village Fire Days, New Mlfd

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9/6, 12 noon-7 pm, Taste of Dbry, Cty Cntr

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10/18, 10 am-4 pm, Reed Mdl Schl, Newtown

Speakers:

4/2, Larry Marsicano, Exec. Dir., Candlewood Lake Author.

4/9 All about the Bee; in the evening, at the Inn it's 6:15 pm.

4/16 Pending

4/23, Mary Gregory on mentoring

4/30 Bill Lerchen; Danbury Children's First

5/7 Club Assembly

5/28 Scholarship Luncheon, WCSU, Westside Campus



A troubled bunch of folks wondering why only 15 people showed up at the meeting: The Club has to pay for 25 meals. We need to fill those seats, and we miss your fellowship. You might even bring a friend, or spouse next time.

March 26nd Meeting-

Frank Considine: The Boy Scouts in Fairfield County-

In the absence of our scheduled speaker, Frank Considine, a Newtown Rotarian, an active Boy Scouts of America district executive, and an Eagle Scout himself, stepped up to the podium for us. We discovered that there are 6 million scouts nationwide, and more than 3000 in Northern Fairfield County, alone. In 2010, the BSA will celebrate their 100th anniversary. Happy birthday, BSA.



The troops are organized into the Cubs, from 1st to 4th grade, The Boy Scouts who are 12 to 18 years, and the Venturing, (which is, by the way, coed) from 14 to 20 years. The latter group involves sea scouts, diving scouts, caving scouts, and other venues.

Jamborees are still held, both nationally, and internationally. The BSA is the only non profit organization chartered by Congress.

The speaker was asked about the various new and possibly unusual merit badges now offered, and he mentioned one in Personal Management, and a second in Synthetic Materials. Times have, indeed, changed.

Although the BSA is non-political, they do allow the various organizations who set up scouting programs to add their own twist. A program has to fit the sponsor group, so one size does not fit all.

Paula Greenberg and Michael Searing are relieved and pleased to see a fellow Rotarian step up to the plate, and present a worthwhile and informative



presentation. We are extremely fortunate to have so many talented people in Rotary.

Luncheon Tidbits- It's Still the Bee-

Anita Ragona, one of the Co-chairs of the Spelling Bee, wished to thank all of those



The Italian in Anita comes out with the hands, as she asks our support for the Bee. Carol G, our MC for the day, takes in the message.

who have contributed to the event, and will continue to do so. We could still use a few more items for the baskets, but they have to be given, soon. Time is running out. We have 8 teams lined up, and are hoping to see everyone sell their tickets. Remember, this is a major fund raiser, and we need all of the support we can get. The News-Times is getting the word out.

District Events- District Assembly, 4/17 Sheraton 4 Points, Meridan: District Conference, 5/16-5/18, West Point: RI Convention, L.A., 6/15-18. Try to attend one or all.

Thought for the Day- *The immense size of the universe, and the short amount of time man has actually lived on earth, should make any thoughtful and intelligent person fully appreciate the value of a properly mixed martini.*

Tom Tazza (to the left), tells Vinny Digilio (to the right) how difficult it was to get a good photo of your Editor. He expressed concern that he had broken the lens of the camera, or had produced a picture that might frighten small children who inadvertently picked up the Spoke. Not to worry, Tom. It was the subject that was the problem—not you or the camera.



The Weekly Raffle- Your Editor won the Raffle, but the King of Clubs eluded him. Oh, well. \$10.00 buys 3 gallons of gas—and with this economy, every little bit helps.

Photo Courtesy of Tom Tazza

Make up locations:

Mon. 12:15 pm, Norwalk, Silvermine Tavern

Mon. 6:00 pm, Newtown, Inn at Newtown

Tues. 12:15 pm, Westport, Inn at Longshore

Wed. 12:15 pm, Danbury, Ethan Allen Inn

Wed. 6:00 pm, Ridgefield, Parks and Recreation

Wed. 6:30 pm, Brookfield, Bailey's Backyard Rest.

Thurs. 12:15 pm New Canaan, Roger Sherman Inn

Fri. 12:15 pm, Wilton, Silvermine Tavern

Fri. 7:30 Dnbry Sunrise, The Club at WestConn, W. Side Cps

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