

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

We noticed an ACLU card dropping out of Frank Acquanita's pocket, and find he has always been a strong closet supporter of Hillary Clinton but needed to keep up his conservative image, so he kept it a secret.

We understand that Peter Darling has finally made a 180 turn on global warming, and is now convinced it is 100% man made after Twittering a polar bear in Alaska.

We just heard that Jane Didona's landscaping firm has been asked to duplicate Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch on the lawn of the White House, which will be a modest extension to the recently installed kiddie play area.

Dr. Fred Kayal reports he is returning to school to become brain surgeon after TV neurosurgeon Sanjay Gupta was asked to be Surgeon General, and Fred now feels he would like a shot at it.

As we all know, Dr. Doug Mann will be moving to Florida, soon. We didn't realize it, but he will be taking diving lessons so he can do "in water" dental work on Florida Manatees.

Mickey Gjerstad is returning to the auto sales business, with the hope of marketing Buicks and large, gas guzzling GM SUVs, because so many people are leaving the big car business, and he wants to fill in the niche.

Dr. Allen Hinden has abandoned his modern shaped skis, and gone back to the old fashioned straight ones. He found a nice pair he was using for driveway markers, put some new bindings on them, and will be using them this winter. He claims it will give him a new challenge.

John and Caryl Lucchesi are completely leaving the roofing business, for the "other end" as John puts it. They will now set up a business to waterproof basements, dig artesian wells, and market porta potties.

Bob Vetter has now extended his Amber Alert to include farm animals—especially horses. A lover of Western movies, Bob has been sensitized to the frequent abduction of animals and cattle in the John Wayne flicks, and will begin by photographing and entering horses into his data base, soon.

Anita Ragona is setting up a trip to Afghanistan. She hopes that the itinerary will include a visit with Osama bin Laden, but she is having trouble finding fellow travelers. Also, she wants to emphasize that all of those who sign up need to be heavily insured.

Tary Tarlton has decided to build a 275 story office building in Rogers Park, and is negotiating with the town to purchase the property. It will be the tallest building in the world, and will provide a lot of shade for Danburians in the summer. He is paying for it with government bailout money.

Finally, President Carol G announced she will be taking up gymnastics, handball, and rock climbing, soon, to test out the viability of her newly repaired rotator cuff. Her ultimate goal is to climb El Capitan in Yosemite Park, California.

April Fool.

Some dates to remember:

- 4/2, Newport District Conference- A must for new Rotarians
- 4/19, GSE Brunch, Sun., 12:30 pm-2 pm, N.Haven Ctry Club, 160 Hartford Tpk, Hamden, CT 06517 (\$25.00 lunch)
- 4/23, District Assembly, Th., 8 am, Sheraton 4 Points, 275 Research Pkwy, Meriden, \$45.00. Fees paid by Club. All new officers should go.
- 4/25, Sat. - Gala dinner at the Amber Room.
- 6/3, Wtpt District Golf Tournament.
- 6/9, Visionary Meeting, Pamela Burdette-Miller, Chair.

Speakers-

- April 8th- To be announced
- May 13th- GSE Team Visits

Amber Alert-

- 4/11 Prospect Fire Dept 10 am-3 pm
- 4/18 YMCA, Brkfld, Health Day for kids- TBA
- 5/16 Orange Community Ctr, 10 am-4 pm
- 6/6 Teddy Bear Family Craft Fest, N.Mfd, 10 am-3 pm
- 6/7 Brookfield Fire Dept 10 am-3 pm
- 6/13 Stony Hill Fire Dept, 10 am-3 pm.

April 1st Meeting-

Gwen Salmo of Friends of Karen—A Program Supporting Families of Catastrophically Ill Children:



Our speaker today was **Gwen Salmo** who spoke about her passionate commitment to Friends of Karen. Friends of Karen provide families of children in dire medical situations assistance with medical expenses, transportation, household expenses, child care for

siblings, and God forbid, funeral expenses if necessary. Fortunately the latter is less common than one would think among the seriously ill children the agency serves.

Support programs are integral to the program, including various types of counseling, and a unique gift program. When a family is first met, they

are given a "bag" of items including puzzles, envelopes, notebooks, a handbooks and a number of other goodies.

Friends of Karen help families with ill children up to the age of 21 years, and service New York City, Long Island, 7 New York Counties, 4 New Jersey Counties, and 3 counties in Connecticut including Fairfield County.

If one wishes to become involved with this very special agency, one can contact Friends of Karen, Inc., 914-227-4547, or look them up on the web at www.friendsokaren.org

We are fortunate to have this wonderful program in our community. They clearly function in the spirit of Rotary.



Distinguished Visiting Rotarian:

Dan Bronson, District Governor, 2000-1, District 7450, from Quarryville, PA., came to Connecticut today expressly to pay his respects to Joe Bolduc. He is very active in Rotary's Student Exchange program as was Joe. We are glad he stopped in to see us, and his visit shows how much Joe was loved and respected in the RI community.

Ailing:

We are sorry to hear that Eleanore Espinosa will soon be undergoing treatment for a lung tumor. The Editor's daughter will be receiving treatment, soon, for a tumor as well. We fully expect a complete recovery for both.

A Sad Loss: Reflections from the Editor--



This week we lost a good friend of Rotary, Joseph Bolduc. Joe died in his sleep, March 30th, at 78 years of age. He and his lovely wife, Judy, would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year, but it just was not to be.

I have known Joe for years, we worked closely together with the Rotary Youth Exchange when I was the Club Youth Exchange officer, and he continued to work with the Youth Exchange Program at the

district level. His friends in Rotary extended way beyond our humble district, as Dan Bronson pointed out (see page one).

One hallmark of Joe was his use of the term, "most certainly." If it fit into a paragraph or comment, he would use it. I didn't realize until recently, what good company Joe had in his use of the term. It seems that the phrase is commonly used in Germany, but it goes way back in time. It can be found in the Koran, "...and most certainly I will lead them astray," and it even has a Christian website, www.thisismostcertainlytrue.blogspot.com. In fact, it is a favorite modifier throughout the works of both English and Christian writers.

We all feel the pain his family is now experiencing. He will be missed—most certainly.



The Winner/Loser of our Weekly Drawing was--

Mike Searing. Unlike most of our losers, Mike shows his true disappointment in not pulling the "big" card. Better luck next time Mike. Take the \$10.00 and run.

Make-ups:

- Mon. 12:15 pm, Norwalk, Norwalk Inn
- Mon. 6:15 pm, Newtown, Inn at Newtown, 19 Main St.
- Mon. 6:00 pm, Brkfld, Mario's Pasta Garden, 174 Federal Rd., Brkfld
- Tues. 12:15 pm, Westport, Inn at Longshore, 260 Compo Rd, So
- Wed. 12:15 pm, Danbury, Ethan Allen Inn
- Wed. 6:00 pm, Ridgefield, Parks and Recreation
- Thurs. 12:15 pm New Canaan, Roger Sherman Inn
- Fri. 12:15 pm, Wilton, Trackside Restr.
- Fri. 7:30 Danbury Sunrise, The Club at WestConn, Westside Campus

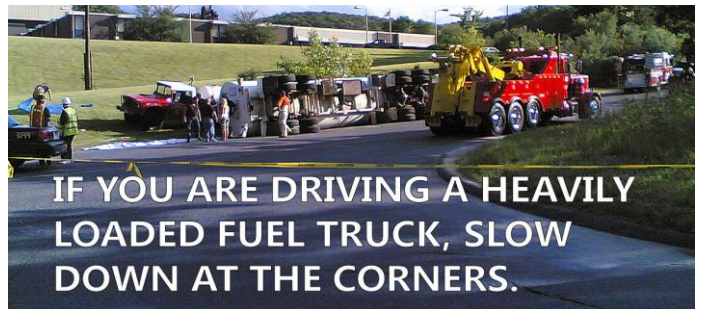
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Don't Try this at Home:



Taken last year in Bethel.



Rotarians need to learn to avoid rumors on April Fool's Day. Mike Searing, Rich Godfrey, Wayne Curtis, Paul Palanzo and Tary Tarlton are caught up in the goofy spirit of the day.

