

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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President Carol's Corner:



First I would like to say 'thank you' to all of you that have helped me so much during my Presidency. You have no idea how much it means to me to have your support. A big and heartfelt THANK YOU!

That being said, I would like to address the issues of attendance and participation by the remainder of the club. Our attendance lately has been pitiful and it is getting worse each and every week. We are all responsible for trying our best to get to the meetings as much as possible. Participation in outside events is

dwindling down to almost nothing. It seems to be the same people volunteering for Amber Alerts, clean ups, etc. This is not a luncheon- social club; this is a volunteer club and as such we should all do our share of volunteering. It is not so difficult to volunteer at least once a month and it would really help the club. Amber Alerts have become our number one money maker and Bob and his family should not be doing these alone. I am sure, if you try it, you will realize that it's actually lots of fun and for a great cause.

Jane Didona asked me to address Rogers Park. Apparently we used to keep the area clean and looking good. Should we team up with the mayor's office to do this again? I look forward to your feedback.

Another question, should we plan a social with the Sunrise Club? It would be great if both clubs could work together. If we could do fund raising events together, it would double our strength in doing volunteer projects.

Just a few thoughts that I had that I wanted to share with all of you. Any and all feedback would be appreciated

Some dates to remember:

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. Your Editor will be one of the presenters.
4/25, Sat. – Gala dinner at the Amber Room.
5/1, Newport District Conference- A must for new Rotarians
6/ 3, Wtpt District Golf Tournament.
6/ 23, Visionary Meeting, Pamela Burdette-Miller, Chair. Note Change. Place is yet to be determined.

Speakers-

April 29th - Judge West, on Juvenile Justice
May 13th - GSE Team Visits

Amber Alert-

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.

David Santucci Will be Back- Due to illness, Dave missed last week's meeting, and apologized for doing so. He remains in line to be a future Rotarian. We expect to see him next week.

April 15th Meeting-

Dr. Nels deAlmeida: Dentistry Through the Ages. How We have Progressed--



Our fellow Rotarian, Nels deAlmeida, gave us a crash course, and history lesson, on the development and changes that have occurred in dentistry, from the time the Egyptians used wooden teeth (we hear that George Washington's teeth were actually made of ivory), through the use of hand drills, foot pedal

drills, and up to the modern high speed, water cooled drill—as well as the magic of implants and veneers.

Like we heard since we were children, the secret to good teeth is good dental hygiene. Brushing and flossing helps, but regular dental check-ups which can catch the decay before it invades the root canal, are essential. The fluoridation of water (Danbury does a great job here, but your well will not contain fluoride) has been a boon, and fluoridated toothpaste is recommended.

Since it was found that the mercury in mercury/silver amalgams made a lot of people nervous, Dr. Nels no longer uses amalgams to fill teeth. The material used is a very hard plastic type composite that does just fine.

Nels uses all of the up-to-date equipment available, and he has developed a virtual computer program that can help other dentists position their implants perfectly before they are placed.

Dr. Nels followed a convoluted path, getting to where he is today. He received his first dental degree in Brazil, in a school that shared one cadaver per 125 students. He had to return to school (at NYU) to practice in the states, and the class had one cadaver per 2 students. While waiting to practice, he opened a very successful TV



business in Danbury, and has obviously always been a resourceful individual.

Will Houston insists Nels is the guy to the left, but has shrunk over the years.

One of our members, obviously a patient of Dr. Nels, shouted out, "...and

he does all of this painlessly, too." This, of course, was really good information to end with.

The New Scholarship in the Name of Joe Bolduc Will be Finalized, Soon:

As we mentioned last week, Joe’s family requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are to be made to the Danbury Rotary Charitable Trust. If you haven’t written your check, now is the time to do so—and for a very good reason. The money will be used to set up a scholarship in Joe’s name. The request still has to go before our board, first, and the amount of the scholarship will be determined at that time. Joe was a Rotarian’s Rotarian. A scholarship is a fitting way to remember him.

The Winner of our Weekly Drawing was--



Wayne Curtis. He won the drawing, but lost at the “card pull.” You really didn’t have much of a chance at winning the big one, this week, Wayne, after President Carol G pulled the big card last week. Anyway, you have \$10.00 more you can spend in Mexico, next week, soaking up the sun. That’s a lot of pesos.

Luncheon Chatter-

Eleanore Espinosa, and Bob Vetter tell Yara deAlmeida (center) what a fine job Nels did in presenting his short history of dentistry. By the way, Eleanore, (left) will be going for treatment, next week for a small tumor in her lung. She will be receiving a remarkably new procedure—a gama knife. We all wish her well.



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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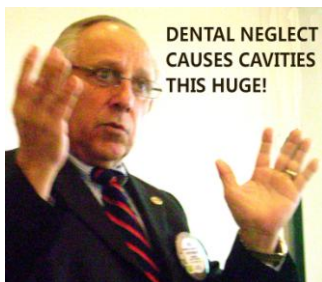
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A Message to all of our politicians, and our captains of industry: Oh yes; the message is also a warning to all Connecticut drivers, especially Rotarians heading to lunch from rural areas—Do not run into this guy!



Dr. Nels emphasizes the importance of good dental hygiene. We see that Will Houston got the message.

