

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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President Jim's Corner:

Another week, another article. Time is flying by. Do you every say to yourself "Where has the time Gone?" As you get older, it appears that time flies by faster. Still, remember, that this is a good sign because it means that you still have your memory. I thought when I merged my practice, the CPA would now mean, "Can Play Always;" instead, it now means "Constantly Participating in Activities."



This week's guest speaker was Lisa Scails, Executive Director of the Housatonic Valley Cultural Alliance, who gave a talk about supporting local artists. Lisa presented a slide show of their work, and the quality of artistic ability in our community is impressive.

We have some upcoming events we need to put in that memory we are still lucky to have. Next Wednesday, we will have our regular scheduled meeting. I am currently working toward getting a speaker, because our original speaker is unable to attend. On Wednesday, September 30th, in lieu of our regular lunch meeting, we will be having a club social at the Portuguese Cultural Center located at 65 Sand Pit Road. There will be dancing from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. A buffet dinner, including coffee and cake, will be part of the package. There will be complimentary group dance lessons from 7:15 pm to 7:45 pm, as well as a mixer and line dancing. The cost is a modest \$17.50 per person, cash bar, and a free raffle ticket. I need to know who will be attending, since we will have our own tables. So let me know by Wednesday, the 23rd.

There will be no regular lunch meeting on Wednesday the 30th, the day of the mixer. However, there will be a round table meeting at Ethan Allen and you can order lunch from the bar menu.

Our first golf outing is scheduled for Monday, October 5th. The price is \$100 and we need your money by September 30th. So please e-mail Dave at d.santucci@charter.net for further details.

Last, but of utmost importance, is the sale of the Card Raffle tickets. I am hearing the same stories about the economy we are all hearing about and I realize it's not the best of times; however, view this as more of a challenge to us to sell the tickets. There will be more students needing scholarships because of financial hardships, and we can make a real difference in the lives of some worthy students who are struggling to pay for college. So I ask you to do your part, give back to the community, and sell your tickets.

Yours in Rotary,
Jim

Some dates to remember:

Board of Directors- Second Thurs. of the month, at Chuck's Steakhouse
9/19 VNA Family Flu Shot Day, Maron Hotel, 10 am-1 pm
9/23 Luncheon; speaker to be announced
9/30 Portuguese Club dinner, dance 7 pm., 65 Sand Pit Road
Oct. 5th, Golf Tournament,; Dave Santucci, Chair (Please note date).
11/13 Card Raffle, Amber Room, 7 pm; second person, \$50.00
Next year, June 20-23, 2010, RI 101st Annual Convention, Montreal

Amber Alert-

9/18-30 Big E 10 am-6 pm

9/19 Munson funeral Home, Woodbury, 2 pm-6 pm

9/27 Berkshire Sh. Ctr, in Once Upon a Child, Dbr, noon-3

10/24 Trumbull Mall, 11-4 pm

10/17 Reed School, Newtown, 10 am-4 pm

Activities Around the District:

Mystic Seaport Collaboration with District 7980; month long promotion—discounts to Rotarians, and each ticket provides \$2.00 donation to Polio Plus; any questions, call Robert Friend, Past Pres. Madison Rotary Club, 203-245-9374.

9/26 Ridgefield Rotary Club Miniature Golf Outing, Belmont Golf Complex, Rt 7, noon to 3 pm. Polio plus project. Trophies and prizes for all kids.\$25.00 per team (dad and child). \$10.00 for each additional child. Contact person, Alex Karsanidi, Sr., alexsr@karsanidi.com

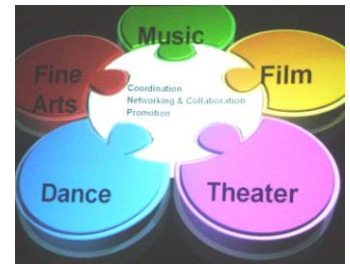
September 16th Meeting-

Lisa Scails, the Executive Director of the Housatonic Valley Cultural Alliance: Strengthening the Arts in our Community—



We were happy to host our speaker, Lisa Scails, for the second time this year. She previously spoke to us last February 4th, and outlined the work she is doing with the HVCA in our community. Few were aware of this organization at that time, but we are developing a greater appreciation for what the agency is doing to enrich our community by promoting the arts.

The mission of HVCA is to support and strengthen the arts, historical and cultural organizations and individuals through collaboration and coordination to further economic development in the ten-town Housatonic Valley. This is a mouthful, but with substance.



The HVCA conducts professional development workshops, encourages networking among those organizations interested in the arts, and even had a juried art show, recently. The slide show that was presented revealed a considerable amount of local art talent, although this may be one time event. The agency is likely to put its resources more into advocacy, information dissemination about the arts, and helping various agencies with their marketing plans.

In short, HVCA will continue to work hard at being an agency that keeps the community aware of the importance of the arts in our town, and our area towns.

Luncheon Tidbits:



Carol G is a grandmother—a bouncing baby girl. Congrats, Carol.

The happy grandmother is to the left. The bouncing baby is to the right. Did we even need to say this?



Happy Anniversary-



John and Caryl Lucchesi celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary this week. Caryl has done well to put up with John all of these years. Congrats, folks.

Potential New Club Member-

Margaret Santos Arnold is seeking Membership. As you all know, her name must be posted three times in the Spoke before the Board can take action on her nomination. Since we mentioned her several weeks ago, I believe, this can be considered the second posting. Margaret is an Assistant VP for the Savings Bank of Danbury, and is the Mill Plain Branch Manager. She lives in Brookfield.



The Card Raffle- Paula Greenberg is imploring the club to get going, selling those tickets. They were handed out today, and we all now have them in our hands, and ready to sell. Remember, the raffle is Friday, November 13th (Oh boy—Friday the 13th. We hope this is a good omen, not a bad one. Oh well, the die is cast, and forward we must go).



And the Winner Was- Eleanore Espinosa. She got the little fish, but the big one got away.



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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

Scientific Breakthrough!

During a most remarkable scientific experiment our Club Vice President, Will Houston, has been cloned! We understand that the many Wills (14 of them, plus the original) will now be able to assume many different duties in the Club. An added bonus to the cloning was a genetic error giving the Wills 56 ears, 18 mouths, and 42 eyes. The “new Wills” will hear, see, and speak more of what is going on in the Club. Congratulations Will 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 12 13 and 14. We welcome all of you into the Club.

