

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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President Jim's Corner:

There will be no meeting today!

Due to the snow storm, today's luncheon is cancelled. The Board Meeting is tomorrow the 10th, 5:30 at Chuck's. All club members are welcomed, and don't forget the Thursday, 12/17 luncheon, with the Lions, at the Holiday Inn.

Yours in Rotary, Jim



Dates to Remember:

Next year, June 20-23, 2010, RI 101st Annual Convention, Montreal

12/9 Luncheon Meeting, cancelled due to snow

12/10 Board Meeting, Chuchs, 5:30 pm

12/17 (Thursday) Lunch at Holiday Inn with Lions

12/23 Holiday Hoopla Luncheon, courtesy of Jane Didona

Amber Alert-

12/12 Trumbull Long Hill Fire Dept. Noon to 7 pm

1/30/10 Sthbry Ambulance, 68 Georges Hill Rd 11am to 4 pm

1/31/10 Snow Date, Sthbry Ambulance, 11 am to 4 pm

2/21/10 Chili Winter Warm Up, Dbry Ice Rink 1 pm to 4 pm

Potential New Member: Jennifer Tauber has filled out her application to join the Club. We hope to have her aboard, soon.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO VISIT PAST PRESIDENT ALLISON FULTON'S YEARLY HVCASA OPEN HOUSE, TOMORROW, 2-5 PM.



Everyone is most cordially invited to stop by at our 9th annual holiday open house at HVCASA, 69 Stony Hill Road, in Bethel, 2 to 5 pm December 10th...right across the street from the Stony Hill Inn. We'll have lots of food and holiday cheer! I would love to show off my daily hang out to my pals from Danbury Rotary!! If you can spare only 15 minutes of your time, that's OK. Hope to see you there. Allison

DUE TO THE CANCELLATION OF THE LUNCHEON, THIS IS A SHORTENED ISSUE OF THE SPOKE:

Paul Harris: A Retrospective of his Life and Times, in the December Issue of *The Rotarian*:

A must reading is the cartoonized history of our founder, Paul Harris, in the last issue of *The Rotarian*. It takes no prisoners, and tells about his warts and all. A few surprising disclosures:

-He was raised by his grandparents.

-He was a New Englander, growing up in Wallingford, VT.

-He was a budding delinquent, skipping school, and setting bent pins on the chapel pews for people to sit on.

-He hopped trains, and participated in cockfights with the families pet rooster.

-He was expelled from Black River Academy, and was expelled, for his behavior, from the University of Vermont, but was allowed to pick up his degree.

-He left Princeton when he found his beloved grandfather had died.

-He went to Iowa, found work in a law office, and eventually obtained a law degree from the University of Iowa law school.

-After graduating with his law degree, he travelled the world, working as a teacher in a business college, reporter for the San Francisco Chronical, cowboy on a ranch, cattleman on a ship to England, an orange picker, marble company salesman, and a night clerk.

-In February of 1896 he settled in Chicago and began building a law practice.

-In 1900, he and a group of friends decided to have some get together, decided to call their group Rotary because they were rotating from one house to another, and Silvester Schiele, a client of Paul's, was elected the first president of the club in 1907.

-Harris suffered from depression, and heart trouble but remained an inspiration to others as Rotary grew. He died, after a long illness, on 1/27/47.

