

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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President Jim's Corner:

Our regular meeting was Thursday with the Lions and only nine Rotarians showed up. It is embarrassing when the Lions had over 50 members and another 20 guests. You should not worry about attending their luncheon because these Lions don't bite.



The Madrigal Choir from Danbury High School performed, and sang Christmas Carols. They were very good.

Our Christmas luncheon is Wednesday the 23rd; we have 35 members and guests attending. Jane Didona has set up something special for this event. This should be a fun time. There will be no meeting on the 30th, in observance of the Holidays, so we won't meet until next year, January 6, 2010.

We have scheduled lunch with the Brewster Rotary Club for Tuesday, January 12th at Sentrasta Restaurant located on Route 22 North at the Clock Tower Shopping Center. The shopping center is located on the north side (right off the road) of Route 22.

We can arrange a carpool from Ethan Allen on that day for those of you who do not know where the restaurant is. We will need a head count as to find out who will be going. There will be no meeting on Wednesday the 13th of January.

If I don't get a chance, I want to wish all of you Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy 2010.

Yours in Rotary, Jim

Dates to Remember:

Next year, June 20-23, 2010, RI 101st Annual Convention, Montreal
12/23 Holiday Hoopla Luncheon, courtesy of Jane Didona
12/30 NO MEETING

1/6 Larry Andrea--tentative

1/12 A TUESDAY- SPECIAL LUNCHEON AT THE BREWSTER ROTARY CLUB. SEE DETAILS ABOVE. NO MEETING 1/13/09.

1/20 Korean Culture. Yiunhee Shin. Korean Ancient Times to Modern Times—Food samples will be available

1/27 Brian Blade- Pres. of BAGS, CT (Junior Golf)

Amber Alert-

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 will be inducted into the Club, Soon.

Our Luncheon Visit to the Lion's Den:



As we do every year, we broke bread with the Lions Club at the Holiday Inn. We were favored both with the wonderful singing of the Danbury High School Madrigal singers, under the musical direction of Kim Russell,

and the friendly fellowship of the Lions. Ed Wicks, who Chairs the Low Vision project Support Group wore his stylish Scottish outfit, and our Scottish RI President, would have been impressed.

President Jim compared notes on fund raising with the Lions President, Bernadette



Ed Wicks

(Berni) Kallas. Apparently there is a better



GREAT JOB, KIDS!

way to work things out with the state regarding our Card Raffle. Jim will be checking into this.

The Lions are constantly recruiting new members, and apparently the latest is a 100 year old gentleman, Ed McCulough. We will be impressed if Ed joins, and has perfect attendance for the next 50 years.

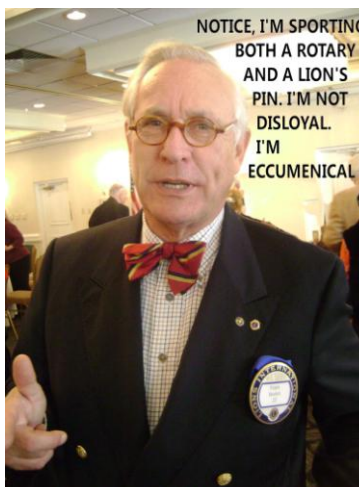
Your Editor won \$5.00 in their raffle. The ticket was \$5.00 so it was a wash, but a number of big item tickets were drawn--



Ed is 100

however, the prizes were all won by Lions.

We were all surprised to see Rotarian Frans Boetes (the boat builder from Florida) sporting a Lions badge. He indicated that he remains a Rotarian in Florida, but is an active member of the Lions Club, in Connecticut. We admire his eccumenical spirit.



NOTICE, I'M SPORTING BOTH A ROTARY AND A LION'S PIN. I'M NOT DISLOYAL. I'M ECCUMENICAL

For Those Who Purchased Fruit:

If anyone hasn't gotten their fruit, check with President Jim, soon. It is getting awfully ripe.

Some Pics from the Lions/Rotary Luncheon:



Marvin Paige and President Jim say the pledge.

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**ROTARIANS
GET NO RESPECT--**

Vince Miscia sits at the back of the room, waiting to sign in the Rotarians.

Ray Kish and Jane Didona discuss the placement of Vince.



DID YOU SEE WHERE THEY PLACED VINCE?
AT LEAST THEY GAVE HIM A TABLE--



Rotarians in the Lion's Den



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, Greens Conval. Home, rear, Wilton
- Fri. 7:30 Danbury Sunrise, The Club at WestConn, Westside Campus

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Thought for the Day--

Sarah Murdock passed away at 96, in Salt Lake City, my home town. She was unremarkable, other than she was the mother of 6 children, she had 35 grandchildren, 105 great-grandchildren, and 65 great-great grandchildren. I trust she could call them all by name, or is that a bit much to expect?



Berni Kallas, President of the Lions, introduces President Jim. He identifies himself, and later pronounces Rotary the better club. Just kidding, but only sort of.



I'M JIM AND NO, I'M NO LION--
I GUESSED AS MUCH--
NOPE. NOT A FAMILIAR FACE--



I HATE TO SAY THIS, BUT WE'RE THE BETTER CLUB--