

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk: Some Thoughts About the Coming Year—

It has been a tough year for many of us. One fourth of the mortgages are greater than the value of the homes they finance, the stock market is essentially at the same level as it was in 1999, the unemployment rate hovers at 10%, and there are people who are still trying to blow up our airliners. Still, I remain an optimist, and expect this coming year to be a better one. Of course I will start out by dating my checks 2009, but then I do that every year, and I expect to break most of my New Year's resolutions. That is just the nature of things. However, I hope to do better with my Rotary involvement, and encourage all of my fellow members to come up with a "To Do" list for the upcoming Rotary year. Here are some of my "Rotary to Do" intensions or resolutions. Now don't hold me to any of the following. This is only a wish list:

- 1) I expect to attend every single meeting the following year, with the exception of my vacations.
- 2) I will look harder for new members. There must be a number of folks I know who would make good Rotarians.
- 3) I plan to sit next to every single member at least once during the year, assuming the member is fairly close to the podium so I can take pictures of the speaker.
- 4) I intend to attend the Board Meeting at Chuck's at least once this year.
- 5) I plan on selling more Card Raffle tickets this year. I expect Mickey to do the same.
- 6) I will cease and desist from trying to convince Peter Darling that global warming, at least in part, is caused by human activity.
- 7) I will put a greater effort into inserting more District and International news into the Spoke.
- 8) I will try to be more careful who I poke fun at in the Spoke, especially those members who do not have my jaded sense of humor.
- 9) I will attend at least two Amber Alert sessions.
- 10) I will eat less, and choose better food in the buffet line.
- 11) I will look for speaker recommendations, and pass them on to the Speaker Chairperson.
- 12) I will put a special effort into finding individuals who are willing to contribute material that can be used in the Spoke.
- 13) I will try to lose weight, and get more exercise.
- 14) I will not wear a tie, unless I absolutely have to.

Respectfully Submitted, Your Editor, Ralph S. Welsh

No Luncheon Today Due to the Holidays:

Dates to Remember:

Next year, June 20-23, 2010, RI 101st

Annual Convention, Montreal

12/30 No Luncheon Meeting

1/6 Larry Andrea, tentative

1/12 Meeting with the Brewster Club

1/13 No Wed. Luncheon Meeting

1/20 Korean Culture

1/27 Brian Blade on Jr. 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

...and Some More Memorable Pics of 2009:

