

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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President Jim's Corner:

This week, New York District 7210's newsletter came out with a fascinating article I really need to share with all of our Club members. Remember our trip to the Brewster Club? Apparently it was a resounding success. In fact, the article had the somewhat hyped-up heading, *Rotary History Is Made*. Here are some excerpts:



"Danbury Rotary Club president, and Paul Fucito, Brewster Rotary Club president have been friends for over 30 years. Their Clubs were only a few miles apart, but the two clubs had never had a joint meeting together...they were like two ships passing in the night...On Tuesday January 12th at Brewster's weekly meeting this was to change...Danbury Rotary came to Brewster, and the feeling from the very beginning was electrifying...Someone observing would have thought everyone knew each other for years...Besides making Rotary history, a breath of fresh air was felt by both clubs helping to invigorate the promise of success in "Service Above Self" and the fellowship of Rotary. Both clubs are very much involved currently in the Haitian humanitarian efforts in addition to their own many community based projects...at the conclusion of the meeting, Brewster agreed to meet with Danbury in the spring."

I should mention a second article in the same newsletter about the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion ladies who visited their club after their delightful visit to ours. Apparently they heard about the Korean program by reading our Spoke.

I will, unfortunately, miss next week's meeting, but I will return.

Yours in Rotary, Jim

Dates to Remember:

- June 20-23, 2010, RI 101st Annual Convention, Montreal
- 3/10 Lori Gargan on Roses for Autism
- 3/12 Lunch with GSE Team. See Larry Andrea to become involved.
- 3/17 Our Annual Scholarship Luncheon
- 3/24 Creative Group on Identity Theft
- 3/31 Open Fellowship Meeting
- 4/7 Mark Robinson on the 2005 Avon Mountain Accident
- 4/14 Joe Barnes, Esq. on Asset Protection

District Activities:

- 3/12-13 President Elect Training Seminar
- 4/17 District Assembly, Sheraton 4 Points, Meriden
- 4/18 Inbound GSE from Australia and S. Africa
- 4/30 to 5/2 District Conference, Burlington, VT
- 5/12 GSE from S. Africa visits Danbury

Amber Alert-

- 3/20 First Congregational Church, Danbury 11 am to 3 pm
- 3/21 Sport Area, 37 Lanes Ville Rd, Danbury 10 am to 4 pm
- 3/27 Kids Day, Danbury Hospital 11 am to 2 pm
- 3/28 Wilton High School 10 am to 4 pm
- 4/3 Prospect fire Dept 10 am to 2 pm
- 4/24 Fairfield Rotary, 370 Beach Road, Fairfield
- 4/25 March of Dimes, Danbury City Center 10 am to 2 pm
- 5/1 Kids Day, Danbury Hospital 11 am to 2 pm
- 6/6 Brookfield Fire Dept 11 am to 3 pm

Our Speaker, Today, was Michelle Bauman of the Connecticut Ballet Society:

In a repeat visit, we were reminded of the important activities of which the Connecticut Ballet is initiating. It is clear that the Connecticut Ballet is a major resource for the children of our community, especially those youngsters who are least likely to have the opportunity to participate in ballet. In the Danbury community alone, they are actively engaged in working with the youngsters at Broadview Middle school, and will host an annual benefit performance March 8th at



Brett Rafael, Artistic Director

Lincoln Center. They will also present the award winners of the Logan Dance Scholarships at that time. They are inviting our Club to consider a dance scholarship for some deserving and talented youngster who may, someday, dance on the stage of

One of their more innovative programs involves work with the juvenile justice systems, bringing dance and music to troubled youngsters who are in the area detention facilities.

The art of classical ballet has always been an activity only available for those few who have the financial means to give their children this unique gift. The Connecticut Ballet Society wants to change that, and bring "dance" to everyone who wants it.

Currently they are working with Escape to the Arts, WestConn, CityCenter Danbury, The Bridge, Extended Learning After-School Scholars Program, FineLine Theater Arts, Harambee Center for Youth and



Tary Tarlton wants to know if he is too old to learn Ballet. Rotarian to be, Dan Theriault, looks on with amazement, and admiration.

Community Services, Housatonic Valley Cultural Alliance, Ridgefield Conservatory of Dance, and Vitti's Dance Studio.

Get Well Soon!

Allison Fulton told us her 15 year old son has required surgery but is doing well. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

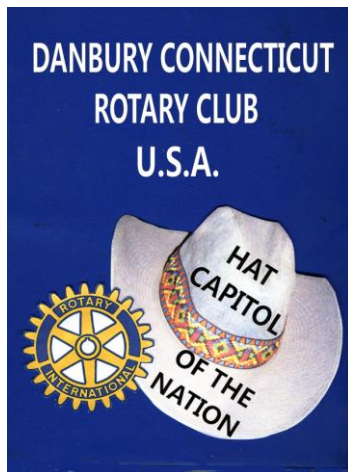
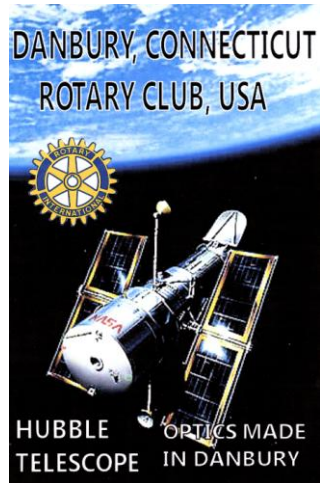
Potential New Member:

Dan Theriault, a CPA, continues to come to our luncheon on a regular basis, and we expect him to be initiated into our club soon. As the former President Elect of the Maine Ogunquit Club, we will see that he gets his chance to be a major contributor to our club.

Luncheon Tidbits:

The Flag Committee Now Has Two Members:

Paula Greenberg has joined the Banner/Flag Committee. Thanks, Paula, for coming aboard. Here are two more possible options for the Club to look over. Frank Acquanita suggested the Hubble theme. Feedback, please. *Ralph and Paula*



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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. 6:30 pm, Ridgefield, Sagi Rest 23 and a half Catoonah St.
 Thurs. 12:15 pm, New Canaan, Roger Sherman Inn
 Fri. 12:15 pm, Wilton, Greens Conv. Home, rear, Wilton
 Fri. 7:30 Danbury Sunrise, The Club at WestConn, Westside Campus

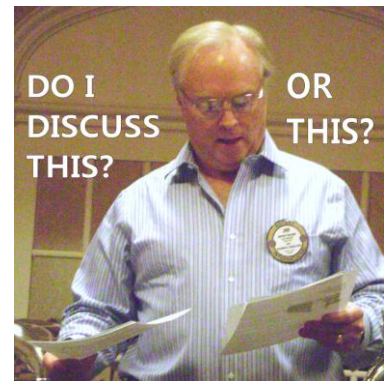
And the Winner of the Weekly Drawing Was:



Allison Fulton. After her guarantee of \$10.00, she went fishing for the big one, and caught a minnow. Better luck new time, Allison. Of course, there is now more in the pot for the rest of us—Allison's gift. Thank you, Allison.

Trials and Tribulations of Being Club President:

The Club president is always faced with difficult choices. Here we see Pres. Jim trying to decide what to discuss first. It is a task he is forced to face at every luncheon. Godspeed, Pres. Jim. You will prevail.



The beauty of dance always includes the hands. Our speaker gives away her ballet training, through the exquisite movement of her hands. She is clearly a dancer to the end.

