

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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President Jim's Corner:



Our attendance was rather poor today at the Club Assembly. Perhaps the Club does not find the "speakers" at Club Assemblies that interesting (we do our best), or it could be an emotional let down after the luncheon of the year, the Scholarship Program. In any event, we did get some housekeeping work done. At our Board meeting, we discussed possible new fund raising ideas, such as Roses for Autism, a fashion show, more publicity through the News-Times, and the celebrity breakfast Paula Greenberg is setting up featuring Mia Farrow. The latter will more than satisfy our District and RI obligation for Polio Plus. We also discussed the card raffle, and ways of pitching it to the public so we could sell more tickets and attempt to fill in the monetary gap left by being short a major fund raiser this year. The latter was also discussed at the luncheon.

I also mentioned a number of "thank you" letters we received from people and organizations we have supported during the year. People do appreciate the support we give them, and it is a rare organization that fails to thank us for our help.

Oh yes; please don't forget the Passing of the Gavel dinner this month. It will be held at the Ridgewood Country Club at 6:30 PM Friday, June 25, 2010 chaired admirably by Caryl Lucchesi. We owe Caryl a debt of gratitude for her ability to organize this special happening, and make it the key Club event, year after year...reservations are due by Wednesday, and don't forget the wine for the raffle baskets!

Finally, I'm sure most of you know that Eleanore Espinsa has been ailing, lately. Miguel thanked the Club for the flowers we sent her. We all wish her the best, and hope she is feeling better, soon. Yours in Rotary, Jim

Dates to Remember:

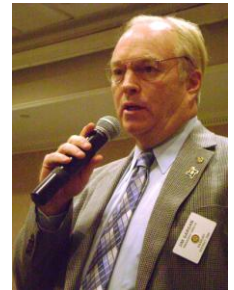
June 20-23, 2010, RI 101st Annual Convention, Montreal
6/16 Laura Goldstein, Human Resources Law
6/25 Gavel Dinner, 6:30 pm, Ridgewood Country Club
6/30 Luncheon Meeting with the Brewster, NY, club.
10/23 Card Raffle Dinner

Amber Alert-

7/12 4 H Building, Stoney Hill, Bethel 10 am-3 pm
7/17 Ridgefield Kids Day 11 am to 4 pm
7/30-31 Village Fair Days, N. Milford, 10 am to 4 pm
9/11-12 Taste of Danbury, Center, noon to 7 pm
9/25 TBA Milford Green, Nutring Families
10/23 Children's School, 118 Scottsfieldtown Road, Stmfd, 1 pm-3:30 pm

Club Assembly Today--

A number of issues were discussed, today, including the importance of increasing our fundraisers, and the upcoming Gavel Dinner. We were encouraged to continue to bring bottles of wine to the luncheon in order to put together a number of baskets we could raffle off at the Dinner.



President Jim encouraged greater *Thanks for your support* participation in the Amber Program, a project Bob Vetter understandably takes great pride in running. Even with the small fee for extra ID cards, it has become a major fund raiser for the Club.

President Jim also expressed some concern over our lack of publicity via the Danbury News-Times. He promised to have something submitted soon regarding our teaming up with the wonderful work of Carl Bailey working with burned and cleft palate youngsters in Nicaragua. We also hope to submit an article on our scholarship winners to the Times. We did recently receive an encouraging e-mail from



Jaqueline Smith of the News-Times, so we hope things will improve with their giving us publicity.

The progress with the new banner was discussed. The printers recently assured your Editor that they can make the banner have more snap (the prototypes were a bit dull) by changing the material it

Amber's Bob Vetter was to be printed on. They said the latest sample is in the mail for our approval.

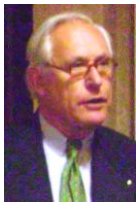
We also discussed the importance of membership recruitment, and encouraged all Club members to be on the lookout for prospective recruits.

President Jim will be passing the gavel to President elect Paul, shortly, so we will all be able to begin harassing Paul, soon. Thanks Jim, for a job well done.



Tary's son, Tary Makes the Summit of Denali. Wow! At the time of the luncheon, Tary Tarlton (Jr.) was stuck at 17,200 feet on Denali due to high winds and a blizzard, and temperatures dipping to 40 degrees below 0. Just before press time, Tary sent us an e-mail indicating Tary had made the summit, and is on his way down. Whew!

Visiting Rotarian:



Frans Boetes was with us again today. We were all very impressed with his presentation May 26th. How many of us get the chance of creating museums? Frans is considering a dual Rotary membership (Danbury and Florida). It would suit us all, fine.

And the Winner of the Weekly Drawing Was---

President Elect Paul Palanzo. A very recent winner was Pres. Jim. Now we know the raffle is rigged. Still, Paul only won a paltry \$10.00, so it isn't totally rigged. Jim and Paul could have done better.



Overlooked Winner, May 26th.

Somehow, we overlooked the fact that Ray Kish won the weekly raffle two weeks ago. We are now taking care of this oversight. Of course, he only won \$10.00, but his picture was so good, it needed to be printed.

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

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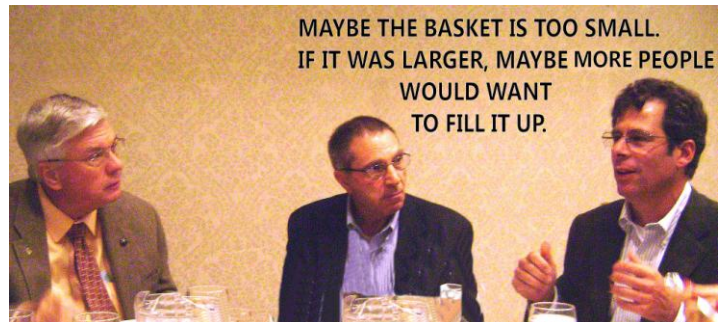
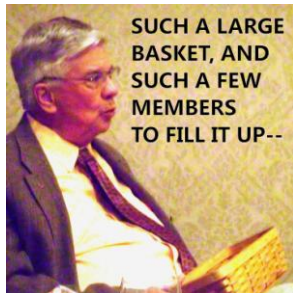


This guy was spied on someone's porch in Sharon, CT. How would you like to open your deck door, and come face to face with this kitty? I knew we had Lions, but mountain lions? Hope he was just visiting.

Submitted by Bob Vetter.



To paraphrase Shakespeare, 'Perhaps the fault, dear Brutus, is not in the size of the basket, but in ourselves.' We do need to work on attendance.



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