

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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From the Editor's Desk:

The tenure of President Jim is drawing to a close, and President Paul will soon take the helm. I remember my tenure as president, and I must admit, it was a challenge but a lot of fun, too. It's nice to be king.

Jim did a lot for the Club, but a lot remains undone. That's true of every administration. The work is never done...but thanks Jim. We appreciate the commitment.

From time to time, I like to remind the club of two websites of which they need to become familiar. The District website, and that of RI. Both have a lot of useful information, and should be consulted on a regular basis. Whenever possible, there are special events that are particularly useful in understanding Rotary—such as the district conferences that are packed with information, and the international conferences which are always a blast. The Rotarians one meets at an RI conferences are impressive—they are, indeed, their community leaders, and some clubs are so exclusive one has to wait months and years to get in. It also expands one's horizons regarding Rotary fund raising, projects, and recruitment.

I would also like to draw attention to the Rotary 4-Way Test speech contest, with a preliminary "Speak-Off" Sunday, 1/24/11. It will be held on the campus of Fairfield University at 2 pm. The top three winners will represent their respective clubs 1/30/11 at noon, at the Race Brook Country Club in Orange. Prizes of \$500, \$400 and \$300 will be given. Anyone interested.? It would be a feather in our Club's hat for a member to win.

Finally, Julie Reppenhagen of our morning club, will be inducted July 13th at the Race Brook Country Club, in Orange. It would be nice if we sent at least one representative there—or better yet, a group.

It's been a good year. I expect many more to come.

Ralph Welsh, Spoke Editor

Dates to Remember:

June 20-23, 2010, RI 101st Annual Convention, Montreal
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, Stmf, 1 pm-3:30 pm

Amber Alert Success- Bob told us more than five hundred kids were registered and photographed this week!

Attorney Laura Goldstein on Human Resources Law:



Our speaker today talked about a rather unusual subject, and a rather complicated one—restrictive covenants in legal contracts.

Both as employers and employees, it is important to be aware of an itch to move beyond our present job, and strike out on our own. As an employer, we need to protect our "territory" since the development of customers and good-will are important assets of a company. If we make the restrictions too broad, they may not hold up in court, if they are too narrow, we may find a former employer out in the marketplace stealing all of our customers.

Even if there is no agreement, there is an ethical obligation



Three Rotarian thinking deeply about contract law

to be "fair" to a former boss. In addition, if that boss failed to live up to his/her contract obligations, the contract could be null and void.

Finally, most disputes are best handled out of court. If there is a problem, it is best for employer and employee to sit down and work something out. A compromise between two parties in conflict is so much better than running to an attorney and suing the other party. In this situation, someone is going to lose. In a compromise, both parties win.

Tary's son, Tary Made it to the Summit of Denali, and is Now Home, and at Work, but there are Other Mountains to Conquer:

We were all happy to hear that Tary's son is back from Alaska, having scaled the highest mountain in North America (Denali—formerly McKinley). At 40 below he took his gloves off to take a picture, and suffered minor frostbite.



And the Winner of the Weekly Drawing Was---



...our Sergeant at Arms, Michael Searing. He was hoping that the keeper of the cards, Bob Vetter, would give him a little more than the \$10.00 for an ace, but it wasn't even a king, or the right color (a club). Aces are nice in poker, but they are of no value with the Danbury Rotary Weekly Card Drawing. Better luck next time, Mr. Sergeant at Arms. The King of Clubs is the only card in town.

The New Banner:

We finally received an acceptable copy, and are proud to have the Hubble Space Telescope as its defining feature. The mirror was ground here in Danbury. The Hubble has been the most important advancement in astronomy since the science began, and has totally changed our view of the universe, according to the last issue of Astronomy Magazine, but we understand Ray Kish might be able to do even better with the colors. How about it Ray? Can you brighten it up?

Grandkids Doing Well:

Doug Mann's grand-daughter and honor student, Brittany Quirk, has been accepted to attend Lehigh University, in the fall. Frank Acquanita's grandson will attend U. Conn. We will get his name for the next Spoke. Ralph Welsh's grandson, Joshua Gregorio, made the honor roll, again, at WestConn.

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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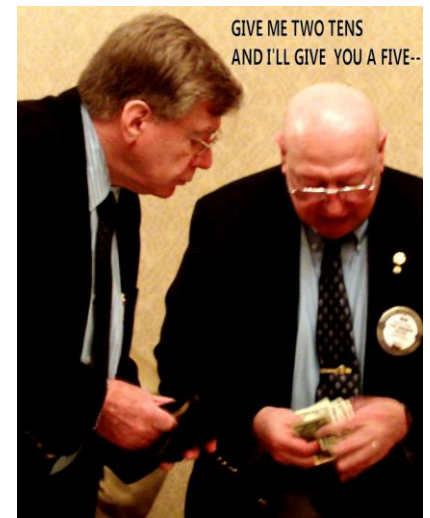
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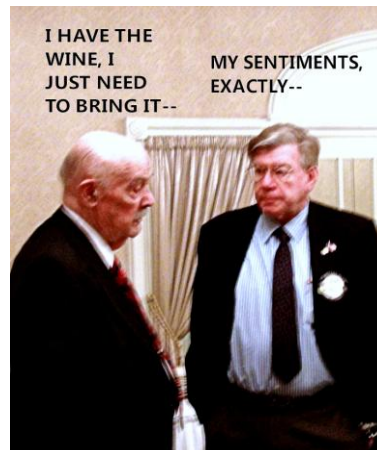
“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

How to Raise Funds, the Easy Way:

Here we see Bob Vetter attempting to raise funds through an old parlor trick, two tens for a five. Doug Mann doesn't buy it. We can readily assume Bob will think of another fund raising idea in the future. Bob is a true blue Rotarian at heart, with the thought of the Club ever present in his mind.



Anita Ragona talks to President Elect Paul about the wine-basket donations that are lagging. We need those wine bottles to fill the baskets Anita is making for some important fund raising at the Gavel Dinner. In the second frame, Miguel Espinosa is indicating his intent to donate a bottle or two, as is Doug Mann. In frame three, we see the Chairperson of the Dinner, Caryl Lucchesi, worrying about the wine donations, needed by next week. Let's get those bottles in!



WE NEED YOUR WINE DONATIONS!