

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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President Paula's Corner:



We are at "Full Steam Ahead". We are going to be joining Dr. Nels at Mission Of Mercy in March, going to a Whalers game on February 2nd, we are bringing in hats, gloves, and scarves for ARC in Danbury, we have our own Football pool, we are planning an outing to a Broadway show in possibly April, and we are going to bring our "Honey" to the February 15th meeting to celebrate

Valentine's Day. What an awesome time we have to look forward to!

Wow!!! Keep it up!!!!

Yours In Rotary, Paula

Speakers-

- 1/25 Ed Osborn, Eastern CT Speakers
- 2/1 Roland Tai, Sensible Energy Solutions
- 2/8 Drs Manoni and DiLorenzo, Managing Stress
- 2/15 John Busch, Steam Coffin- **Bring your Honey for Valentine's Day**
- 2/22 Children's Programs for Parents with AIDS
- 2/29 Student of the Month
- 3/7 Rafael Cardwell
- 3/14 Dan Carter

Amber Alert Events-

- 1/28 10 am-3pm, Fairfield Museum, Fairfield.
- Three additional events in March, and one in May.

Activities-

Each Luncheon- Bring scarves, gloves and hats for ARC, and buy a chance into Karl Noivadhana's football pool.

2/2 The Whalers Danbury Rotary Fellowship Night , 7:30 pm (for more info contact Marcy Calovich, 203-733-8526 or Allison Fulton.

3/23 and 24: CT Mission of Mercy Project at the O'Neill Center.

At a time yet to be determined, in April—Broadway show and dinner, being organized by Nels deAlmeida. We will be departing as a group out of the Brewster Railroad Station.

Mr. Amber Alert, Bob Vetter, Hits it Big:

No one deserves the big weekly raffle pot more than Bob Vetter, the tireless Amber Alert program director. Bob and his family have spent hundred of hours driving around the state, photographing and registering children for the Amber Alert Program. His gasoline bill, alone, has to be much greater than the \$590.00 he just won. Good going, Bob. No one deserves those big bucks more than you do.



The Connecticut Mission of Mercy Project: Dr. Jonathan Knapp, and Larry Levy Invite our Club to be Part of the Mission of Mercy-- The Club Accepts!

Our speakers, today, were dentist Jonathan Knapp and Larry Levy, who outlined the awesome task of a two day dental clinic to be held March 23rd and the 24th at the O'Neill Center



Jonathan Knapp and Larry Levy

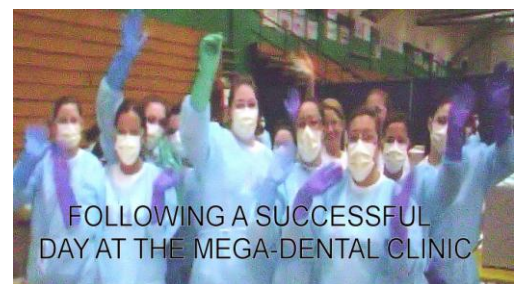
on the WestConn, Westside Campus. This is a mammoth operation sponsored by the Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach in collaboration with the Connecticut Dental Association. Hundreds of uninsured and needy dental patients will line up outside the O'Neill Center hours before the doors open, and more than 1,000 will receive free dental care.

The concept of a free dental clinic began 12 years ago in rural Virginia where dental care is rare. When the clinic began in Connecticut, everyone was surprised at the flood of patients who were in serious need of dental help. Connecticut was the 7th state to adopt the program, and now 25 states are gearing up to do the same thing.

The need for volunteers is critical in such a massive operation. There is need for child care, crowd control, food service and clean up, fork lift drivers, parking attendants, patient escorts, registration personnel, runners, set-up people, tear down people, interpreters, and waste management assistance. This is in addition to all of the dentists and nurses who will be on board.

The list of sponsors of this program is lengthy and impressive. The Platinum Donors include the Connecticut State Dental Association, the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, and the Robert G. and Marguerite M. Derr Foundation. Dental Supply Companies, Banks, Industries, hospitals, and insurance companies are all on board. Of course, Danbury Rotary will be on board, too.

We are continually impressed with the many organizations in our community that represent



FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL DAY AT THE MEGA-DENTAL CLINIC

our own motto, "Service above Self." Oh, by the way. Dr. Jonathan Knapp is the son of the late Dr. Budd Knapp, who up until his death was probably the most reliable luncheon attendee the club has ever had. If the club had a meeting, Bud was there. Please attend the clinic if you can, roll up your sleeves, and be ready to help out. See their website at ctmom.org.



Visitors: Including one of our guest speakers, Larry Levy, we had three additional visiting Rotarians, and one guest. From left to right, the Rotarians were: Lynn D. Mohlenhoff, Bob Chandler, and Sue Horton. At the far right, sitting next to Sue, is Debi Bocchiochi, who is investigating club membership.



Tary Tarlton's Rotary Minute:
Did you know that in 1960 our club was approached by the City of Danbury and asked to participate in the planning for the new high school in Danbury? Ray Kelly, Ben Heyman and Ed Hawley formed a committee to be part of the project, and yes, it was completed. It is the school we now know as Danbury High School on Clapboard Ridge Road.

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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Food for Thought:

Medical research strongly supports the concept of "giving." Prof. Doug Oman at the University of California, found that volunteering for at least two organizations was as beneficial as exercising four times a week in reducing mortality. When he first conducted his research, his friends were highly skeptical that giving could actually be beneficial to one's health. However, there is now a growing body of literature indicating that the health protectiveness of volunteering is indeed, a reality, and seems to be the highest among people who have a variety of social connections. So, the next time your club president asks you to help out, just remember. She may actually be trying to extend your life.



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



Our presenters clearly captured the attention of the club. It was clear that we were all impressed with the scope, and dedication of those who have, and will

be participating in this remarkable project. Our hats go off to The Mission of Mercy participants.

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

