

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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District 7980

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From the Editor's Desk:

The next significant district event will be the Changing of the Guard, held at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven, at 6 pm on June 27th. Of course the Danbury Passing of the Gavel will be the following day, but it is still worth the effort to attend. We have two cars going, which will accommodate 5 people each.. Let Frank Scahill and Ralph (me) know if you plan on attending. This is always a festive event, with a special cocktail hour, and good fellowship.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ralph

Tary's Rotary Minute:

In June of 1965, the annual district golf tournament for the clubs in our area were held in New Canaan. The greens fees were \$6.50 as was the dinner. We entered two foursomes, but there was no comment on how well they did. My guess it was not well, or it would have been reported with banner headlines.



Speakers:

5/24/17/ Dinner at Chuck's
5/31/17 Luncheon at Abbott Tech, lunch served at 11 am
6/7/17 Scholarship Luncheon
6/14/17 Open
6/21/17 Frank Scahill, our new Rotary website
6/28/17 Passing of the Gavel Dinner, Ridgewood CC, 6:30 pm.

Amber Alert

6/4/17 Brookfield Fire Dept, 11-3 pm.
6/11/17 69 Stony Hill Road, Bethel, 10-2 pm
7/28/17 New Milford Village Fair Days, 10- 4 pm
7/29/17 New Milford Village Fair Days, 10-4 pm
10/15/17 Haddam/Erlington Back Pack Program, 11-3 pm

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Chris Klauck, Wife of the President of Hat City Cyclists, Encourages the Club to Participate in Cyclefest 2017, Organized to Benefit Danbury Youth Services--

Our speaker informed the club of the 25th Annual CycleFest to take place on Sunday, June 11, starting with registration at 7 to 9:30 AM.

One can choose to go 14 miles, 23 miles, 54 miles, 80 miles or 105 miles. It will start at the Bethel Middle School, with a turn-around at Dover Plains, NY. The expectation is that 150 to 350 riders will participate, with an online registration fee of \$45, or \$55 after June 5th.

The proceeds of the event will benefit the Danbury Youth Services Earn-a-Bike program that provides bicycles to disadvantaged kids. All routes will be patrolled by SAG wagons, and free bike repairs will be available at the rest stops courtesy of Bike Express and the Bicycle Center both located in Danbury. In addition to the entry fees, financial support is being offered by a number of local bicycle shops in the area.

If you are reasonably fit, sign up. How about it, John Lucchesi? Their website is www.hatcitycyclists.org



John Lucchesi (far left) contemplates participating in the Bike Race

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

And the Winner, then Loser of the Weekly Draw was John Lucchesi:

The pot is now over \$135 and well worth the \$5 chance. But alas, John came close with the King of Spades, but the King of Clubs remained hidden in the deck. Oh well, you did win two more chances, John.



Visitors for Lunch:

(Left) Jack Smoot, (center) Paula Gjerstad with hubby, Mickey and Rich Vazzana (right) our Asst. District Governor. We hope to see all of these fine people soon, and we encourage all club members to consider a Wed. evening make-up at Rich's Ridgefield Club, at Stonehenge on Route 7—a unique dining experience.

(Right) Two dollars is fine—if everyone agreed. As we have said before, we need to think “two dollars” when the Happy/Sad bucket is passed around. Of course Sgt at Arms Nels will be bugging you for more, as well he should. Remember, the bucket is a significant fund raiser for the club, and is not to be ignored.

Area Make-ups

- Mon. 12:15 pm, Norwalk, Norwalk Inn
- Mon. 6:15 pm, Newtown, Newtown Country Club
- Mon. 6:00 pm, Housatonic Valley Bkfld Town Hall, Rm 129
- Tues. 7:15 am, Ridgefield Sunrise, Prospector Theatre, 25 Prospect St. Second Floor
- Tues. 12:00 pm, Westport, Branson Hall at Christ and Holy Trinity Church
- Wed. 12:15 pm, Danbury, Ethan Allen Inn, Danbury
- Wed. 6:15 pm, Ridgefield Dinner Club, Stonehenge Rest., 35 Stonehenge Rd (off of Rt 7) Ridgefield
- Fri. 7:30 am, Westport Sunrise, The Westport Inn
- Fri. 12:15 pm, Wilton, Marly's Bistro

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No Spoke issues missed since 1/4/06
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left) ADG Rich takes in the bike lecture,



(right) Jack Smoot gets advice from Pres John.



(left) Our speaker enjoys a moment of fellowship with visitor Paula (right) Frank Scahill shows his typically good nature.

