

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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President Allison's Corner



Today I'm handing over my "space" to Larry Andrea, the man who is front-and-center for our GSE Team program. This program is worldwide, the team members are non Rotarians, but are some of the best and brightest from their respective countries. Larry's message follows:

Our district will be hosting a GSE Team from the Philippines, this year. They will be in Danbury Friday, May

16th before heading off to the District Conference at West Point. Our Club needs one host family for one of the team members, providing housing and transportation at the start and end of each day of activities, May 10th to May 16th.

In addition to providing a needed service, the host family is blessed with learning about a new culture from a carefully selected exceptional individual.

If you have questions about being the host family, give me a call. I promise there will be no arm twisting. Periodically, during the day in Danbury, we can use 2 or 3 additional people for transportation. Wednesday's obligation is from 9 am to 4 pm.

Become an international host, and have some fun getting to know these bright and talented people. Larry Andrea, 860-927-3372, e-mail counsel@lawrenceandrea.com.

Amber Alert-

3/22, 3 pm, Prospect Fire Dept.

3/29, 2 pm, Danbury Hospital

6/5, 2 pm, 2 pm, Oneco, CT

7/25, 4 pm, Village Fire Days, New Milford

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8/19, 2 pm, Newtown United Methodist Church Craft Fair at Morris Middle Schools

Speakers:

3/5- Mark Nolan from City Center; the other side of ICE.

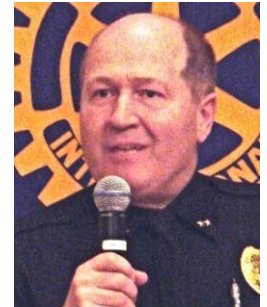
3/12-Brigid Guerten- History of St. Patrick's Day



Peter Darling and Tary Tarlton find it is no easy task to get a ticket fixed in Danbury.

February 27nd Meeting- Danbury Police Chief Alan Baker Informs Us About ICE:

Our speaker this week, Police Chief Alan Baker, talked about ICE—not the stuff all over your walk this morning, but the Immigration and Custom Enforcement program. We were delightfully unprepared for the large turnout, but managed anyway. Two



detectives, out of 130, will receive special training with the FBI, DEA, ICE, the Federal Marshals, and more. Cross cultural



communications are part of the training, and the emphasis will be tailor made for each unique community.

The cost for this training is minimal. Chief Baker indicated that there is a lot of

misinformation in the community especially among those who have questionable immigration papers. However, these folks only need to worry if they have committed an illegal act. There will be no "witch hunt" for illegals. He said that the department continues to work on how the doors can remain open between the police department and our immigrant population.

Chief Baker also brought us up to speed on the new police station, which will cost \$40 million, will contain 75,000 sq feet of floor space, and all of the emergency systems would not be housed in one place. The jail space will go from 6 to 25—plenty of room for those of us with all of those unpaid parking tickets.

Finally, the Chief thanked us for our club donation to the Special Olympics.

The chief pulled the raffle ticket out of the bucket, Paul Palanzo won, but he missed the big one. More bucks for next week's winner. Thanks, Paul.



Luncheon Tidbits-

The Happy-Sad bucket was cancelled, and the funds were deposited in District Governor Ernie's water pump, which will bring clean water to a village in India.

Jane Didona's Reminder

Before the Chief spoke, Jane Didona gave us a nice little message on Rotary tradition. The message needs to be repeated often on what Rotary is all about.



Our guests always receive a pleasant wave goodbye.

Many thanks to Rich Godfrey who while hugging Eleanore, the wife of our past president Miguel Espinosa, was able to photograph the meeting, and provide



your Editor with the necessary notes for this issue. Thanks, Rich. In the meantime, your Editor was busy in Vermont (see photo to the left).



Make up locations:

Mon. 12:15 pm, Norwalk, Silvermine Tavern
 Mon. 6:00 pm, Newtown, Inn at Newtown
 Tues. 12:15 pm, Westport, Inn at Longshore
 Wed. 12:15 pm, Danbury, Ethan Allen Inn
 Wed. 6:00 pm, Ridgefield, Parks and Recreation
 Wed. 6:30 pm, Brookfield, Bailey's Backyard Rest.
 Thurs. 12:15 pm New Canaan, Roger Sherman Inn
 Fri. 12:15 pm, Wilton, Silvermine Tavern
 Fri. 7:30 Danbury Sunrise, The Club at WestConn, Westside Campus

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Bowling Bits:

- Bowling is a sport that should be right down your ally.
- Bowling is the only sport that requires you to drill a hole in your ball before using it.
- In bowling you aren't doing well if you fail to hear a pin drop.
- A strike is good in bowling, but not in baseball; good in fishing but not in business.

Be There at the Bee

The Spelling Bee is set for April 9th, dinner at 6 pm, and a modest entrance fee of \$25.00. Keep bringing those gifts for the Theme Baskets.

The Bee is a major **fun** fund raiser. The Speller Bee has agreed to be our mascot. Still, his/her name is just too pedestrian, so we thought it would be fun to have a contest. (left) Marvin holds up the Bee message and contest information.

