

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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3 Years Best in District

July 23, 2008

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A Note from the Editor:

Your Editor took a look at a number of local Rotary websites and newsletters and found these items of interest:

The Waterbury Club pointed out that our members get an unusual opportunity developing their speaking skills by being members. The Club also pointed out something few of us know—that you can do a make-up online by accessing: www.rotaryclubone.org, or www.rotaryclub7980.org. Who would have believed that?

The Newtown Club has a unique award—Business of the Year, and it was given to the Newtown Bee.

The Essex club is hosting a wine tasting party at the Connecticut River Museum in November (date still to be determined).

The Milford Club, capitalizing on the astronomical gas prices, has a gas raffle scheduled.

District 7980 needs money for five important Health and Hunger projects, is actively supporting a number of water projects and is a strong supporter of a number of literacy programs. They also point out that Rotary UN Day (of which we have participated) will be held Saturday, Nov. 8th. In addition, there is a Zone Institute Sept. 2-5 at the Hyatt in Phila., a Foundation Dinner Nov. 6, at the Farmington Marriot, A mid-year Presidential Meeting in January, NEPETS program in March, and the District Conference April 17-19 at the Sheraton Harborside, in Portsmouth, NH.

R. Welsh, Editor, Spoke

The RI Foundation

Have you contributed your \$100 as a RI Foundation Sustaining Member? Try writing a check for the Foundation with your dues. It would be great if we ended up with 100% participation during Carol G's watch, as we have in the past. If each of you tossed a buck in a cookie jar each day, you would have your \$100 in less than four months.

Amber Alert-

7/26, 10 am-4 pm, Village Fair Days, New Mlfd

8/23, 11 am to 6 pm, best buy, Orange

8/31, 11am to 3:45 pm, N. Britain Stadium

9/6, 12 noon-7 pm, Taste of Dbry, Cty Cntr

9/7, 12 noon-7 pm, Taste of Dbry, Cty Cntr

9/20, 12 noon to 4 pm, Kids Day America, Sndy Hook

10/4, 10 am to 4 pm, Sheppard Meadows, Bristol

10/5, 11 am to 3 pm, Sheppard Meadows, Bristol

10/11, 10 am to 4 pm, Fairfield Middle School

10/18, 10 am-4 pm, Reed Mdl Schl, Newtown



Marvin Paige appears to be showing Caryl Lucchesi how to log on to the Editor's Blog—just a guess.

July 23rd Meeting- Steve Dewitte, N. W. Regional Director of the Special Olympics—

Our speaker this week was Steve Dewitte, a member of the Tribury Club as well as the Regional Director of the SOCT, who described his organization as a sports training consortium, holding events during all four seasons. In the past, participants were intellectually challenged; the participation has been broadened to include unified teams allowing non intellectually disabled as well as the intellectually disabled, to compete on unified teams. Ability Beyond Disability is one of their major sponsors, and the winners of the Regionals qualify for the State Special Olympics. State winners then go to the National games.

One unique program helps to prepare persons with intellectual disabilities to become spokesperson for the program. Each year, the Special Olympics of CT hosts over 49 tournaments, in 27 different sports. The entire program includes more than 10,000 volunteers, 900 coaches, numerous community sponsors, and 5,000 athletes and their families.

Bristol had been the site of the previous N. W. Games the past 5 years. August 9th, the N.W. Regional Softball Invitational will be held at Rogers Park. Next year, Danbury High School will host the N. W. 2009 games in May.

Susan Pelke, and Ray Haden, a disabled athlete himself, summed up the program, a program, by the way, we have always admired and supported.

Luncheon Tidbits:

Our attendance was a bit discouraging (13 members). It must be the summer doldrums. Your Editor was on vacation, too, but Doug Mann was kind enough to provide the notes for this meeting. Thanks, Doug.

Visitors:

Mike Espinosa, Miguel's brother, Dr. Andy Ragona, Anita's husband, , and Pam Burdette Miller, a possible future Club member.

Sad News:



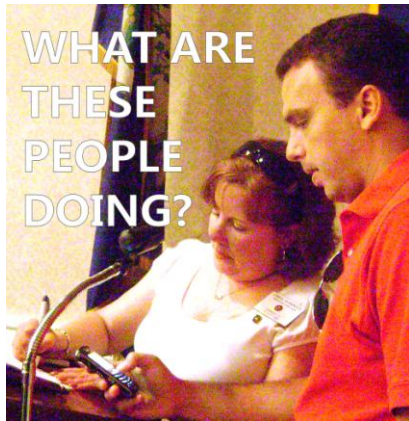
We lost Dorothy Knapp, wife of the late Budd Knapp, this week. Her Wake was Wed. at the Green Funeral Home. She will be missed

A Note from Paula Greenberg:



I just want you all to know that those envelopes I passed out to you include information about people that you have sold to previously, including the tickets we hope you will sell. Please make a note on the envelope who you have sold the tickets to as you sell them.

Next week will be the first sales update for the Card Raffle. Please be ready to give your sales information to your Team Captain at that time. Also, please turn in your checks and filled out stubs then. let's make this a very successful Card Raffle fundraiser.



Rotarians are perpetually busy, texting messages, or writing things down.

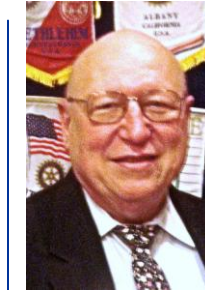
A Few More Neologisms from the Washington Post:

Balerdash—A rapidly receding hairline.

Bozone-- The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating the bozone layer, which, unfortunately shows little signs of breaking down in the near future.

Remember This Evening?

We are told this was the night the Club received the Pettingill Award from the District, which requires the recipient Club to show evidence of having accomplished work satisfying the Four Avenues Service for three consecutive years. Nels deAlmeida was Club President the year of the award. Let's go for it this year!



Winners:

Bob Vetter (left) \$10 in the weekly raffle. and Tary Tarlton, (right) the \$100 Card raffle.



Make Ups:

- 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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