

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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President Jim's Corner:

This past Wednesday, we toured the new Police Station in Danbury. Officers Jay Mortara and Lt. John Browne were our tour guides. The building has four stories and is over 80,000 square feet. It is a magnificent structure with plenty of space for expansion.

The tour began on the main floor where we saw the various work stations and administration office. In that area was the police cafeteria and public offices. We then went up to the second floor to the pistol range. This was a very interesting room. The firing wall consisted of a rubber matted wall with recycled shredded automobile tires. This is the same material used as mulch for landscaping. The officers told us that the substance used in the firing wall was able to separate the spent ammo from the other materials in the wall, which enables them to recycle the lead.

Our next stop was the communication center where four officers were stationed in front of about a dozen cameras each. One group of cameras monitors the security of the police station. Another section includes the 911 center, which has the list of all the address and locations of the entire town of Danbury. In the future, the room will have complete 911 capability when the fire department information is installed.

Our next stop was the basement, where the underground garage houses the police vehicles. There is an entrance for the delivery of apprehended individuals who are about to visit the new holding cells. This entrance is secured and there is no way to escape, so a suspect will get a short tour to his cell. The cells are state-of-the-art and have no more bars for individuals to reach out at officers or to throw things. The cells feature heavy glass sliding doors, with a small opening for food and refuse.

There were many more things which we saw; the full tour is over in one hour, but ours took about half an hour and we thought it was very interesting and informative.

After the tour, we had lunch in one of their conference rooms on the main floor. I want to thank Allison for arranging for the lunch. We also presented the Police Department with a check for \$195 to be used for enhanced Amber Alert software.

Upcoming events: Wednesday, September 30th, there will be a club social at the Portuguese Club. This is in lieu of our lunch meeting. For those members who do not wish to attend, we will arrange for a round table meeting at Ethan Allen.

Yours in Rotary, Jim

Some dates to remember:

9/16 Luncheon speaker to be announced
9/23 Luncheon speaker to be announced
9/30 lunch at the Portuguese Club; Round table at the EA if you wish
Oct. 5th, Golf Tournament; Dave Santucci, Chair (Please note date).
11/13 Card Raffle.
Next year, June 20-23, 2010, RI 101st Annual Convention, Montreal

Amber Alert

9/13 Taste of Danbury noon to 7 pm
9/19 Munson funeral Home, Woodbury, 2 pm-6 pm
9/27 Berkshire Sh. Ctr, in Once Upon a Child, Dbry, noon-3
10/24 Trumbull Mall, 11-4 pm
10/17 Reed School, Newtown, 10 am-4 pm



September 9th Meeting-

A Visit to the Police Station-- Today's luncheon was informal, and held at the new Danbury Police Station. Since President Jim has laid out the itinerary the Club followed quite well, there is little left to say, other than those that attended were impressed. In keeping with the informality of the occasion, we are limiting the Spoke to one page this week.

We must thank Allison Fulton for procuring the box lunches, but she had to go round and round to get the orders properly filled. Thanks, Allison.

In three weeks we will break bread at the Portuguese Club. It should be an interesting and rewarding experience.

The Club still needs to know if we will be continuing at Ethan Allen. Any alternatives suggested?



Allison Fulton was in a whirl getting the orders straight.

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. 6:00 pm, Ridgefield, Parks and Recreation
Thurs. 12:15 pm, New Canaan, Roger Sherman Inn
Fri. 12:15 pm, Wilton, The Greens (Convalescent Home) at back of bldg
Fri. 7:30 Danbury Sunrise, The Club at WestConn,
Westside Campus

Thought for the Day:



Live your life so that your epitaph could read, "No regrets. Got everything done I wanted to do, and remembered to lock the door on the way out."

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