

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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President Jim's Corner:

Last Wednesday, our speaker was Jack Kozuchowski who gave us a presentation on Lake Kenosia and the plans to clean up the lake. It was good to see a full room, and I hope this continues. In addition to our guest speaker, Carol Brown, an attorney, was our guest once again. She is interested in becoming a member and was given an application for membership. Another guest was Jennifer Tauber, a Podiatrist, whose office is in Bethel. We hope she, too, will eventually become a Club member.



Distribution of dictionaries to the third graders is currently in process. Frank Acquanita needs a few more volunteers. He also wants to remind the members who have not paid their dues to send in their payments ASAP. Catholic Charities are having their annual breakfast on Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30 AM. Ira Joe Fisher will be the guest speaker. The Rotary Club has sponsored a table of 10. If you are interested in attending, there will be a sign up sheet at Wednesday's meeting. Please try to attend, and look around the room for new members.

I will be speechless for two weeks, because I will be in vacation mode, but I want to wish you a Happy Halloween in advance. Paul Palanzo will host the next two meetings.

Yours in Rotary, Jim

Some dates to remember:

10/24 Council of Presidents, Graduate Club, Yale, N.Haven
10/28 Speaker, Shawn Stillman (Linda's son) on the Blight Task Force
10/31 RI Leadership Day, Graduate Club, Yale, N.Haven
11/4 Casey Leverne and Elaine Mintz GDNRC
11/7 UN Day, NYC
11/13 Card Raffle, Amber Room, 7 pm; second person, \$50.00
12/17 Lunch with the Lions at the Holiday Inn
1/12/10 Lunch with Brewster Rotary, in Brewster, NY
Next year, June 20-23, 2010, RI 101st Annual Convention, Montreal

Amber Alert-

10/24 Trumbull Mall, 11-4 pm HELP NEEDED
10/31 Gap Kids, Stamford Town Center, 10 am to 2 pm
11/7 St. Pius, Ffld, 10 am to 4 pm
1/10/10 Sthbry Ambulance, 68 Georges Hill Rd 11am to 4 pm
1/31/10 Snow Date, Sthbry Ambulance, 11 am to 4 pm



An attentive Club listens to our speaker tell about the trials and tribulations of keeping a small, community lake clean.

October 21st Meeting-

Jack Kozuchowski, on a Small, Danbury Treasure—Lake Kenosia:



Our speaker today talked about the continuing efforts to keep Lake Kenosia from becoming a choked up, polluted, weed filled swamp. He gave us a brief tutorial on the lake, pointing out that it is actually a section of the Still River. The road on the lower end of the lake acts as a dam, producing the lake as we see it today, that we enjoy. However, keeping the lake clean is a continual battle, requiring fighting both a notorious weed, the Eurasian Watermilfoil, and septic run off. Herbicides

were banned in 1993, but as Herb Krate pointed out, they were only a temporary solution. Herb is a long term board member of the Lake Waubeeka Association (also in Danbury), and sympathizes with the problems our speaker was discussing.

The weeds have been semi successfully removed with scuba teams pulling them out by their roots, but the introduction of carp is being discussed, and the introduction of a beetle that kills the plant is being considered.



Regina Olfiero, Lake Kinosia Board Member

The pollution is being dealt with by tracing down polluters, and building a buffer zone at the head of the lake, both to absorb pollutants, and to deter Canadian Geese. The Danbury/New Fairfield Women's Club who have been so helpful with our Amber Alert program, have been helping in the construction of the plant buffer.



Herb Krate has been there, done that the fight to keep the lake clean and beautiful will continue.

The 23rd Annual Raffle-

We have less than a month before the big Card Raffle. It will be held at the Amber Room, November 13rd, doors open at 7 pm, and the food will be served at 8 pm. Also, a second person will be required to pay \$50, but the evening entertainment will be well worth it. It would be nice if the \$50 folks would ante up another \$50 and get in on the drawing. The word of the day, from Chairperson Paula Greenberg, is sell, sell, sell.

By the way. Bring those bottles of wine to the luncheon. We have volunteers who will make up more baskets.

Halloween Open House: All are invited, to the home of Ralph and Jane Welsh, Fri. Oct. 31st, 1 pm to 4:30 pm; drinks, munchies. 12 Goodsell Hill Road, Redding, CT. Dress casual, or in costume. If coming, e-mail Ralph.

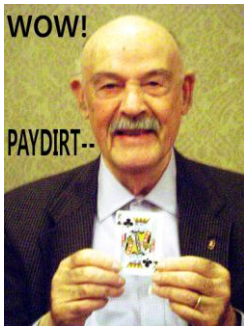


Luncheon Tidbits—Repeat Visitors:

We were pleased to have Attorney Carol Brown return as a visitor for the third time. She is now eligible to be voted on by the Board, assuming she would like to become a member. We hope she will make that decision, and we would be more than happy to welcome her to Club membership. Jennifer Tauber has also returned, and we hope she will consider membership, as well.

George Linabury, from the Brookfield Club, dropped by again this week. Good to see you, again, George, and so did Eleanore Espinosa, who happily watched her hubby pull in \$145.00 (see below).

Miguel Espinosa Wins Big!



Last week, as this week, Miguel drew the winning ticket, but then pulled the King of Clubs to win the weekly lottery grand prize. Congratulations. Let's see if you can make it a



“hat trick” next week (a term only known to those who like hockey).



VINCE MISCIA CAUGHT READING THE SPOKE--

We spied Vince Miscia chuckling over last week's Spoke. We just hope that what he was reading was meant to be humorous. This, of course, is always an Editor's worry.

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, Greens Conval. Home, rear, Wilton
 Fri. 7:30 Danbury Sunrise, The Club at WestConn, Westside Campus

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Thoughts for the Day:

- Health nuts are going to feel stupid some day, lying in a hospital and dying of nothing.
Redd Foxx
- The wages of sin are unreported.
Unknown
- To err is human—and stupid.
Robert Byrne
- Start slow, then taper off.
Walt Stack
- Never miss a chance to shut up.
Scott Beach's grandmother

ANOTHER MINI DISASTER UNFOLDS AT LUNCH!



President Jim misplaced the Happy/Sad basket, and Mike Searing attempted to jog his mind, and lend sympathy to Pres. Jim's plight as Jim wiped his brow. We noticed various Club members pitching in with advice (a shoe was even suggested) with our guest,

Carol Brown, providing a very sensible solution to the problem. However, another substitute basket was found, and the Happy/Sad Dollars collection was soon underway.

