

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

www.danburyrotary.org, District 7980

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From the Editor's Desk:

Our fellowship with the Lions Club continues, and is completely in keeping with the overall goals of Rotary. Both clubs are organizations dedicated to serving the community, and both enjoy a lot of fellowship and fun at their luncheons. We experienced some of that fun Thursday, at the Holiday Inn, but again the number of Rotarians who turned out was a bit disappointing. Two weeks earlier the Lions filled our luncheon with people of good cheer. We promise to do better next year.

The Beacon, our District newsletter, arrived this week, and featured a nice piece by our District Governor and member of our morning club, Julie Reppenhagen.

Julie reported that she has been doing a lot of traveling this past 4 months, and is impressed with the diversity of clubs throughout the state, with clubs coming in all sizes, and doing all manner of good works. She notes that "...many clubs have found ways to clean up their communities or the waterways nearby...and most all award scholarships or do Student of the Month recognition." Our Mr. Amber Alert, Bob Vetter, should be pleased that DG Julie singled Amber Alert out as one of the more important club activities.

She also highlighted the international work, with Rotary projects in Ghana, Haiti, India, Ecuador, the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, Peru, Costa Rica, Honduras, and gifts to our troops in Afghanistan, adding, "...and the list goes on."

She mentioned the various youth programs, and vocational activities, and talked about how proud she is of Rotary. Julie states, "I am probably the most proud Rotarian in District 7980... We hope we can inspire all Rotarians to pitch in to "Light The Way to Service...our goal at the District is to help each club as they are Building Communities Bridging Continents to build Bigger Better Bolder Rotary Clubs."

She concluded by thanking all of the Rotarians in District 7980, with the compliment, "You are the most wonderful part of Rotary."

We are lucky to have Julie as our District Governor. All hail to the chief!

Your Editor, Ralph

Amber Alert-

12/4 Breakfast With Santa, 70 Prospect St., Ridgfield 9 am to noon
 12/4 Pancake Breakfast, Edmond Town Hall, 8 am to 1 pm
 1/16/11 Brkfld Y, 2 pm to 6 pm
 3/19 Sthbry Ambulance, 68 Georges Hill Rd, Southbury
 3/20 Snow Date, Sthbry Ambulance
 3/26 Danbury Hosp., 10 am to 2 pm
 4/23/11 Prospect Fire Dept., 10 am to 2 pm
 5/21/11 Stony Hill Road, Bethel 10 am to 3 pm



Lunch with the Lions, at the Holiday Inn:

As we have done for quite a number of years, we skipped our luncheon at Ethan Allen, and travelled to the Holiday



Inn to break bread with the Lions.

In addition to our fellowship with the Lions, we were again treated to the Christmas singing of the Danbury High School Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Kimberly Russell. We were all surprised to learn that the Madrigal Singers first performed at the Lions Club 50 years ago, in 1960. That's a lot longer run than any Broadway play, we do imagine.

The Lions Club is sponsoring a \$10,000 raffle, and this Editor



bought a chance to win one of the raffle tickets, but failed to win. However, he did notice the two priests next to him praying for one of those tickets. It associated with people in high places—but this time their prayers weren't answered. Good try, though.

It was a sit-down-served luncheon, and the chicken lemon steak was quite tasty.



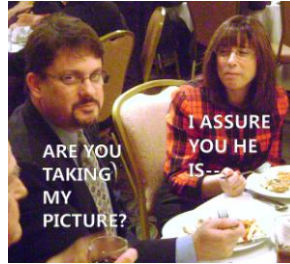
had by all.

The singers from Danbury High School were magnificent, as always. It was a great touch to the spirit of the season. A good time was

More Photo Memories of Luncheon at the Lions:



Rotarian Mark Havira, Rotarian/Lion Frans Boetes, and Rotarian Dan Theriault



Rotarians Miguel Espinosa, Ralph Welsh, Mike Searing, and Paula Greenberg



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. 6:30 pm, Ridgefield, Sagi Rest 23 and a half Catoonah St.
 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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Photographers have a difficult time doing their job, and pleasing everyone. Since your Editor is usually the one behind the camera, he understands the tribulations of shooting people. Some people like to be "shot." Others don't. Some feel slighted if they are ignored. Here are some of those photo "moments."



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