

The Spoke

Rotary Club of Danbury

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President Paula's Corner:



We have a great beginning for this Rotary Year 2011-2012. Our Rotary Minute was actually applauded by all this week, we are collecting school supplies for needy children to help with their return to school later in August, we continue to work at our Amber Alert events, we are going to be donating time in September at Dorothy Day (one of our Visioning

Objectives), we will have our first fundraiser which will be an Art Sale and Wine Tasting, we have speakers every week, our attendance is great, we gave out paperwork for three new members this week, and we have only been into this year now for 4 weeks!! Wow!! Keep this up!! The excitement is just moving through all of us...

Yours in Rotary, Paula

Amber Alert:

- 7/29/11 N. Milford Fair Days, 10 am to 4 pm, Town Hall
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- 9/10/11 Taste of Danbury, Noon to 7 pm
- 9/11/11 Taste of Danbury, Noon to 7 pm
- 6/5/12 T-Ball Hatters Park, Danbury

Speakers:

- 8/3/11 Dan Theriault Rotary Club Raffle
- 8/10/11 Michael Kan—An African Safari



Our Chinese guests (far right), along with the rest of the club, say the pledge. It doesn't matter where one comes from, being an American is simply being an American.



Li Shao, Pres. Paula, and June Ye, our presenter, prepare for a fascinating program.

June Ye of the Connecticut Chinese Culture Association tells the Club about the Renaissance of Chinese Culture, a Renaissance that could not occur until Years After the Revolution which had Brutally Attacked Those Who Wished to Preserve the Traditional Chinese Arts--

China has clearly been through a cultural upheaval, after the Communist revolution in 1949, followed by a period of anti-intellectualism, with Mao turning his back on the wonderful, long and philosophically deep Chinese history.

The revival and glorification of the remarkable richness of the arts in historical China has largely occurred outside of the Chinese border, and Shen Yun Performing Arts embodies the majesty of this ancient history. Shen Yun was founded in New York in 2006, has now been seen by over 2 million people, and has performed in 120 cities. It is action packed, filled with spectacular color and dancing, and now has 3



touring companies.

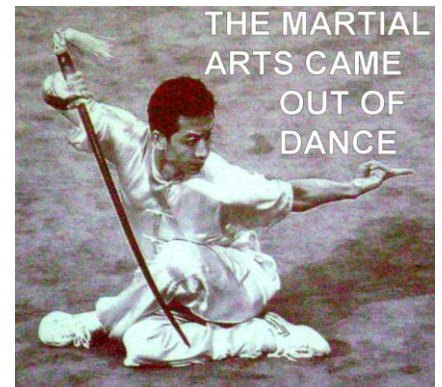
The creators of Shen Yun claim that their performance has been 5,000 years in the making. Shen Yun attempts to distill that history of those years, bringing the grace, wisdom and all of



the virtues from five millennia of Chinese civilization.

There was a time when China was known as the Land of the Divine. Today, the artists of Shen Yun hope to reflect this noble tradition with an experience of utmost purity and grace. Shen Yun has toured the world, and can now be seen in Connecticut, December 26-30, at the Palace Theatre in Waterbury.

In addition to her remarkable presentation, we hope that our speaker will become a member of this club.

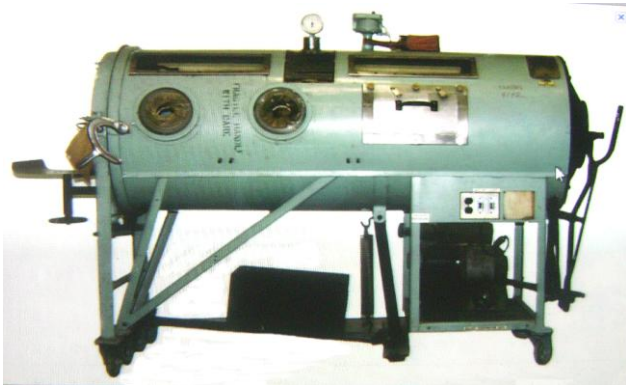




Guests: Bill Jackson (sitting with Tom Tazza—see item below), Marie Goeller, and perennial visitor Frans Boetes. Frans just paid his dues in Florida even though he now lives here. We suggest he hold dual membership. We'll see how all of this eventually works out.

A Polio Plus Reminder-

Tom Tazza just came back from Lake Placid, NY, and came across a Rotary sponsored street collection featuring the dreaded iron lung which, in actuality, kept many Polio victims alive. Its presence is a stark reminder of what Polio did to people not too many years ago. What a visual! It has to be effective as a money raiser.



Kudos: Miguel Espinosa's nephew, and banker, was just sent to Harvard for further study. He wonders what made so many of his relatives so smart. John Barbosa's youngest daughter just received an upgrade in her position; she is now working for the New Canaan Board of Education

Elaine Malgieri Needs Dorothy Day House Servers for Breakfast: In September, 12, 13, 14 and 15, servers are needed at the Dorothy Day House, 6:30 am to 9 am. Donated school items are also needed for disadvantaged kids. See Elaine for these two initiatives.

Art Auction/Wine Tasting Fundraiser:

The finishing touches are being made to go ahead with the Art Auction/Wine tasting fundraiser, at Crown Point at the Reserve, 50 Sawmill Road. The room is beautiful, we're hoping to have wine tasting inside, and a sculptor working outside. The dates will be 9/10-9/11. The key date is the 10th. Don't miss it.

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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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



Elaine Malgieri was pleased with the new hair change.

With her new image (a stunning hair change), followed by a Raffle win, we had to give Anita Ragona some space on these pages. In the last panel, we see Rich Godfrey showing relief that



“Service Above Self”