



# The Cheshire Spoke



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**On This Day:** 1924 "Happy Birthday to You" published by Claydon Sunny

**Today's Meeting:** Marilyn Wall Ford. Professor of Law, Quinnipiac University  
Student Awardees: Samuel Walesky, Grade 6, Chapman Elementary School  
Olivia Hally, Grade 6, Highland Elementary School

**Last Week:** MARY, LAURA, AND BOB: Mary Malin, Laura Livshin, and Bob Davidson each gave a one minute update on their careers.

: Our speaker was John Zazzaro, Director of Highlands Health Care Center. John said the 75% of his nursing home clients fall under Connecticut Medicaid Title 19. He explained that because of actions taken by Governor Real's administration, over the past 6 years, nursing homes have had their funds reduced despite rising healthcare costs. As a result, nursing homes have had to file a lawsuit against the governor because she is taking funds away from a federally mandated program. John said that the nursing homes may be reaching out to local groups to write letters on behalf of the nursing homes.

Some nursing homes have gone under and had to be taken over by the state. John explained that when the state takes over, the costs to operate are 3 to 4 times higher than when they are run by the private sector. Highland is able to survive because they are owned by a corporation in New Jersey that runs 62 nursing homes around the country. Some are in lower cost areas and are better supported by their state so Highland survives under the umbrella of the parent company. There are 120 beds for long term and short term care at Highland. John is also working to improve their financial situation by promoting short term care and rehab. He defined short term care as that lasting less than 100 days.

Highland's strength is in their advanced technology and highly trained staff of 189 people. They have developed a complete menu of pureed foods that look and taste like normal foods but are suitable for stroke victims. Because of the care they receive, many stroke victims are amazed at how quickly they recover.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST UPDATE:** UPDATE ON OUR 39TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The kitchen at the High School does not have a griddle. If you have an electric pancake griddle that we can use on April 11 for the pancake breakfast please contact Bob Farrell ([ <mailto:ref40@msn.com> ] [ref40@msn.com](mailto:ref40@msn.com)) or Dave Schumacher ([ <mailto:davideschu@aol.com> ] [davideschu@aol.com](mailto:davideschu@aol.com) ). We may need as many as 10 depending on the size.

Also, a plastic flapjack flipper would be appreciated too. Our ability to do all the neat projects such as scholarships depends on the success of this event. Most Rotarians are not aware that 85% of our revenue from this project is from paid advertisement. Please, please, if you have not already agreed to help sell advertisement, contact Linda Fallon at [ <mailto:falloncoco@yahoo.com> ] [falloncoco@yahoo.com](mailto:falloncoco@yahoo.com). We need ALL club members to help.

**MIKE EVANS:** Reminded all that the Unsung Student Awards will be April 1st, and April 15th. Also, Mike has accepted the chair position for the candy project.

## Upcoming Programs:

March 11 Lunch Rick Beebe, Cheshire Nursery and Garden Center on Spring preparations

March 18 Dinner Donna Jones, RN Medication management

March 25 Lunch Kelly Greenwood, Account Manager, Donor Services American Red Cross

Jeff Leukart

Richard Miller

Frank Nastri

Mary Rossi

Wendy Stevens



**SERVICE Above Self**  
Club 6714

*Charter: Oct. 27,*

**1939**

*District 7980 Governor:*  
Colin Gershon of New Haven  
Club  
'09-'10 theme: One Earth, One  
Humanity

*Asst. Governor:*  
Mukund Nori,  
North Branford Club

*Rotary International  
President:*  
John Kenny, Scotland  
'09-'10 theme: The Future of  
Rotary is in Your Hands  
[The Four Way Test](#)

*Of the things we think, say  
or do...*

*Is it the Truth?  
Is it Fair to all Concerned?  
Will it build Good Will and  
Better Friendships?*

*Will it be Beneficial to all  
Concerned?*

**Past District Governors**  
Arnold Schroeder, 59-60  
Richard H Miller, 70-71  
Bernhardt W. Erk 80-81

**Items for the Spoke:**  
Needed by Monday prior to  
meeting  
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April 21 **WEDNESDAY** First annual sponsored Rotary blood drive at Temple Beth David from 1 to 6pm

April 11 **Sunday** Rotary Pancake Breakfast at Cheshire High School—**8am to 12**

April 15 Dinner Atty. Gerald Davino II, Esq. Workers' compensation law

April 22 Lunch Carlene Lepre-Roche, Rotary Foundation Area Representative (FAR).

April 28 Lunch Joint Meeting with Meriden Rotary at Il Monticello restaurant, Meriden

April 29 Lunch Round Table for those who won't/can't make the combined meeting

NOTE: The GSE team from Australia will be visiting for the meeting in Meriden. This is a combined meeting with Wallingford, Meriden and Cheshire.

#### **Upcoming Rotary Events:**

April 17 District Assembly, Saturday at the Sheraton Four Points in Meriden

April 30 – May 2 District Conference Burlington, Vermont

July 13 District Pass the Gavel at the Race Brook Country Club in Orange.

Rotary Clubs in District 7980 who are in the Quinnipiac River Watershed are invited to participate in Quinnipiac River Clean Up Day, April 3rd.

The idea for the event is for each club to identify an area of the river in your town to clean and remove trash, debris etc. and cart it out of the area. The event will last from 9am -2pm.

This is a great way for our clubs to complete a green project for our Rotary Year!!

So Far, Meriden, New Haven and North Haven have expressed interest in participating. We would like all of the clubs in the watershed to participate. This would be a great collaboration of clubs to present the project results at the district Conference!! The event would help you meet one of District Governor Colin's Environmental Goals for his term too!!!

Clubs would be responsible to:

Assemble teams to work on the cleanup

Provide food and refreshments at completion Take plenty of pictures Recognize your sponsors or contributors of work tools etc.

Work with QRWA members to identify your work area I will be pestering club Presidents this month. Please talk to your club members, gather volunteers and we can make a great impact on the environment and maybe build this into a yearly event collaborating with the QWRA and Rotary to bring recognition to the efforts of both organizations in our communities.

Please contact me when you receive this email and let me know if your clubs will be involved. I will be setting up an informational meeting the second week of March or can come and visit your club.

Thanks in advance,

Cliff Carlson - President Meriden Rotary Club

**Think:** *You don't have to be positive, you just have to be yourself.*

