



NEWTOWN ROTARY CLUB.



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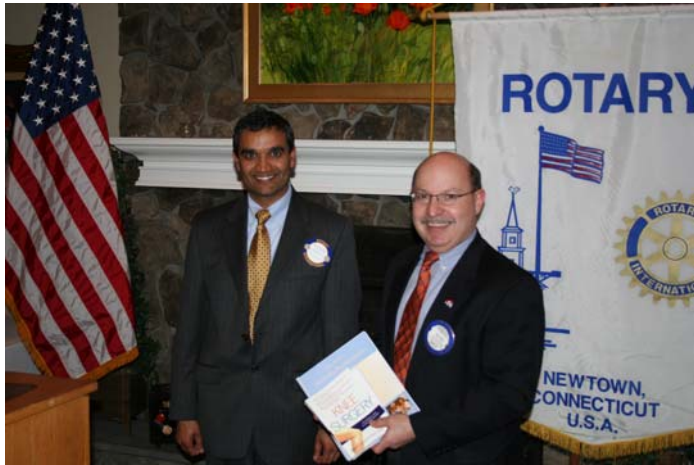
MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. DAY

George Coleman; Deputy State Commissioner for Education was our visiting speaker. George has become a regular visitor to our Club. He brought us, up to date with the work of the Hord Foundation. In 2008 the Foundation granted 87 scholarships to African American Students from the eleven towns in the Danbury hinterland, which brought the total handed out to students since the foundation was created to \$3,000,000 and over 1200 scholarships.



So that's what Classification Talks are:....!

Duane Gianini and Joe Hemingway have been waiting in the wings for several months, ready to give their talks. These five minute resume's are in essence just that; each new member is asked to tell the club members about themselves, their family, their career and interests. Duane born in Bridgeport has had a varied career, including time in the police force and HR positions with some very prestigious companies mostly in the US but also in the UK. Culminating with Newtown Savings Bank where he is SVP Human Resources. Married to Debra with two daughters. Still involved with the law; he is vice president on the Police Commission. Joe is a 'Vermontan' born in Burlington, most of his career has been in the Construction industry, where he is currently a site Manager, which means he's the guy responsible for insuring the job gets done and done right! Has become involved in town projects and is an asset to the Town with his vast technical knowledge. Joe is married to Maribeth, not sure if he has a family.



Knees and Hips were the topic presented on January 26!

Dr. Sanjay Gupta seen here with President Alan presenting the Speaker Books, was our guest speaker, introduced by Tom Nipper they are colleagues at Danbury Hospital. Dr Gupta gave us a very interesting demonstration of the various treatments for the problems that affect our knee and hip joints. Problems near and dear to several members, not least our President who successfully went through this type of surgery.

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY:

February 2, we have a visit by Jim Belden from Trout Unlimited Talking about local water – clean water is a Rotary international priority as we know from our efforts to support clean water in India and Ghana, but what about the position closer to home?

February 9, is Students of the Month, support and recognize the the young people in our schools who are the future of our Town and Country.

February 16, A busy night; the annual Joint Networking meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, plus a presentation by a member of the Economic Development Council; Ted Kreinik. Plus it's the launch of the Business of the Year 2008 Awards nomination drive.

February 23, we are privileged to have State Senate Minority Leader; Senator John McKinney (R) as our guest, who will bring us up to date with matters in Hartford. Hear about the Budget deficit problems.

WANTED:

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Planning your schedule for 2009? Sign up for these District Events:
Valentines Ball February 14th East Haven.
District Assembly Meriden April 23rd.
District Conference Newport RI May 1-3

Need to Make Up?

Brookfield: Pasta Garden, Monday's at 6.30pm

Ridgefield: Biksbee's Wednesday's at 6.00pm

Danbury: Ethan Allen Inn Wednesday's at 12.15pm

Danbury Sunrise: at WestConn Westside Campus Friday's at 7.30am

Remember your attendance goal is 60% so catch up at a local club, when it's more convenient!



Newtown Housing for the Elderly get their annual contribution.

Linda Manganaro, President of NHE the organization that runs the Nunnawauk Meadows campus for the elderly, receives the check to support the resident's comforts of life fund. Over the years we have supported this organization, Ed Osterman was an original Board Member, usually donating towards their Holiday Party Fund, but this year the funds will go towards the cost of other activities. Yours truly has been carrying in Ed's tradition and got to do the presentation recently.

