

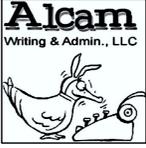


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Derby-Shelton Rotary Club salutes veterans

By Patricia Villers

SHELTON - The Derby-Shelton Rotary Club Thursday inducted U.S. SFC Angel Irigoyen of Seymour, at its weekly luncheon at Brownson Country Club.

Friday is Veterans Day.

Irigoyen and his wife, Sofia, have four children and they recently moved to Seymour.

Irigoyen said he was honored to become a Rotarian and is ready to help fellow members with whatever work needs to be done.

Madison Rotary Club member, Jim Satterwhite, a U.S. Army veteran, inducted Irigoyen and welcomed him into the Rotary organization.

Satterwhite, Paul Harris Society Coordinator for District 7980, said "it's always a great day to include a new member into Rotary."

President Arlene Greco said, "I wanted to do something for those (seven Rotarians) who served our country." She shared a slide presentation featuring historic photos of several members from their years of military service in the 1940s, 50s, 60s, and 70s.

They included Al Patuzzi, U.S. Air Force; Gary Sochrin, U.S. Army; Bill Nimons, U.S. Air Force; John Daniell, United Kingdom Royal Air Force; Troy Adcox, U.S. Army and U. S. Air Force; Leo Vine, U.S. Army; Dr. Greg Egnaczyk, U.S. Navy.



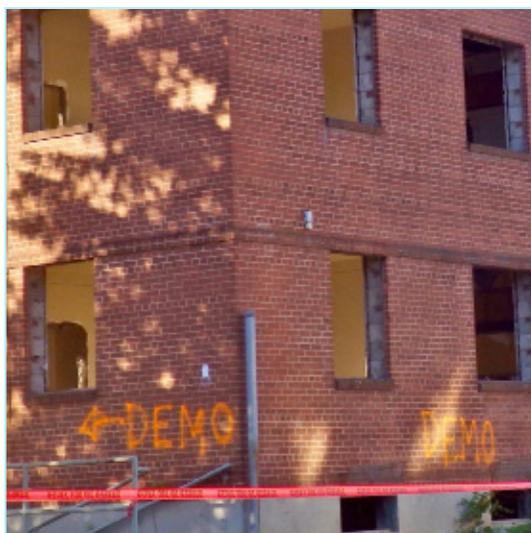
Shelton resident Fran Scarpa sang "From A Distance" and "God Bless America" as part of the patriotic salute.

U.S. Army Capt. Nick Soria of West Haven accompanied Irigoyen. Soria is in charge of recruiting centers throughout southern Connecticut.



Soria said he was pleased that Irigoyen had become a Rotarian. He said a new recruiting center is almost ready to be opened in downtown Ansonia.

Final phase of demolition starts at Olson Drive in Ansonia



Workers from Standard Demolition of Bridgeport Thursday started knocking down the remaining public housing units on Olson Drive in Ansonia.

The project is expected to take three weeks to complete and will include both demolition and environmental abatement.



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PerkinElmer donates \$2,000 to feed needy in Valley

PerkinElmer-Shelton employees, through their ‘Your change can make a change’ cafeteria loose change collection, recently donated \$2,000 to help alleviate hunger in the Valley. A check was presented to Arlene Greco, Derby-Shelton Rotary Club President and Jennifer Cohen, Branch Manager, Liberty Bank, Derby, for the 2016 Liberty Bank/Rotary Club Thanksgiving Dinner Drive.

PerkinElmer’s gift will have an even greater impact when, at the end of the campaign, the Liberty Bank Foundation will add 25 cents for each dollar raised during the Drive.

“The Liberty Bank Foundation’s 25 cent per dollar match offers tremendous leverage to the PerkinElmer employees’ donation. With the additional \$500 substantially more food will be purchased. This was a powerful incentive for the PerkinElmer Volunteer Action Committee to donate to this great cause. This experience is an outstanding example of Valley businesses coming together for the benefit of all.”



Pictured from left, Robert Van Egghen, PerkinElmer, Jennifer Cohen, Liberty Bank, Arlene Greco, President, Derby-Shelton Rotary Club, Angela Marion, PerkinElmer, Mike DiVito, Perkin Elmer. Missing from the picture is Fred Rubino, Perkin Elmer. /Contributed photo

“The Food Banks at Spooner House, Shelton, and St. Vincent De Paul, Derby have been selected as the beneficiaries of all funds raised by the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club during the Thanksgiving Dinner Drive,” Greco said. “This is a great opportunity to help our food banks provide Thanksgiving meals to the women, men and children living right here in our local communities.”

To make a donation to the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club’s drive visit Liberty Bank branches at 49 Pershing Drive, Derby or 504 Bridgeport Ave. #30, Shelton, through Nov. 19 or make a gift at www.MiddlesexUnitedWay.org/ThanksgivingDrive (select Derby/Shelton Rotary Club)

For information call Greco, 203-906-3736.

Massaro Farm in Woodbridge to host 2-day music workshop

WOODBIDGE - Paul Winter will host a musical workshop, Adventures in SoundPlay, Friday and Saturday at Massaro Community Farm on Ford Road.

The series will be held 6:30-10 p.m. Friday and 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, seeks to engage music lovers of all ages, no matter what their musical ability, in an affirmative and celebratory workshop to explore creativity, and build confidence.

This event is intended to be a prelude to a special concert the Paul Winter Consort will give to benefit the Massaro Community Farm centennial campaign at 5 p.m. Feb. 26 at Assumption Church in Ansonia.



Winter, a lifelong environmental advocate and seven-time Grammy® winner, has a body of work that chronicles his wide-ranging experiences in the musical traditions and natural environments of the Earth.

The saxophonist, composer and bandleader, and his ensemble, have generated some of the world’s finest jazz, world, and classical music celebrating the earth, along with notable voices from the great symphony of wildlife.

“Church of the Assumption has the quality of acoustics comparable to some of the most well-known venues I’ve played in throughout the world,” Winter said of his last performance at Assumption Church in April 2015.

The February concert is intended to be a cooperative benefit both to Massaro Community Farm, celebrating 100 years since the Massaro family arrived in Woodbridge, and the 125th anniversary of the church. The Massaro farm originally spanned both towns of Woodbridge and Ansonia. Massaro offers farm education to Ansonia schools, and donates produce to the Ansonia community.

“We are so incredibly honored to have Paul Winter working with the farm, both in this week’s workshop and for the February concert,” said farm Executive Director Caty Poole. “And being able to offer events like these honors our mission as a community farm - to be a welcome gathering space for all.”

For more information contact the farm office, or visit www.MassaroFarm.org



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