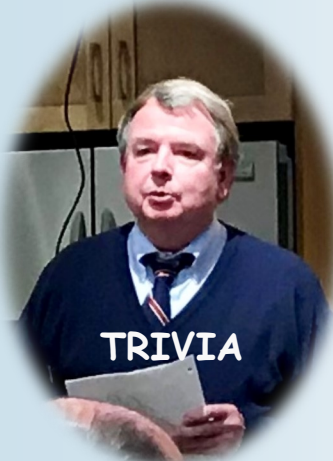


## Father & Son Night

The family Finklea were our speakers this week. Jim did his excellent Potpourri Trivia while his son James provided us with an excellent overview of travel and its benefits.

Jim's Trivia had a number of interesting questions: Who gave the US the desk in the Oval Office—Queen Victoria; Why was the middle of the desk closed—so you couldn't see Roosevelt's legs; What were Washington's teeth made of—IVORY not wood & what's the busiest bridge in the World—George Washington which Cass Gilbert helped design (an unknow fact).



TRIVIA

Jim



SPEAKER

JAMES

2017



James, who is a member of The Order of St. John, who's motto is "for faith in the service of humanity", described how travels have helped him both personally and in business. James said that the

statement that he saw (see at left) prior to starting his travels is so untrue as you can learn

"Intelligence ceases to exist beyond the Hudson river."

Ridgefield CT, 1999

from everyone. As you can see James's personal and business travels have taken him all over the world. The dark blue countries are the ones he has visited while the light blue are future destinations, many of which are unsafe! As we listened to James's presentation we all thought congratulations

Jim & Marilyn, you raised a winner!

We may have gotten off to a slow start on this year's Taste of Ridgefield but we are catching up quickly. Co-Chair Ralph Passarelli has taken the leadership role and is driving for participants and sponsors. Previously we have had 40 sponsors who produced nearly half of the Taste's revenue. Please contact Ralph if you are willing to help obtain sponsors.

Ralph says a big thank you to Mike Austin for automating the entire process and developing creative ways of expanding our mailing lists.

Working smarter not harder is the motto of this team!





**A great Thank You note to Pat for the RYLA experience!  
Is it worthwhile for the Club to sponsor participation? YES!**

**To:** Pat Cooney <[pcooney@ridgefieldps.net](mailto:pcooney@ridgefieldps.net)>  
**Subject:** Fall of 2017 RYLA

Ms. Cooney,

I am emailing to say a big thank you for the sponsorship to RYLA. I had an amazing time there, one that I will never forget. I met so many people that I have grown so close to over the past 72 hours, I learnt a lot about myself and who I want to be, and when to lead and when to follow. The lessons I learnt at RYLA changed my thoughts on the world, I learnt so much that I can apply to my life.

At RYLA they say 'step outside your comfort zone', which is something I benefited from greatly. I took a step outside of my comfort zone and into painful, scary, and emotional situations that taught me a lot. I will never forget this marvelous opportunity, not that I would ever want to.

Once again, thank you so much for this incredible experience. I will never forget what I learnt and I will carry it with me throughout my life. I got the opportunity to experience something that I had never imagined I would go through. This experience was truly once in a lifetime, I am so glad I got to go through it.

Thanks,  
Abby Sutcliffe

## Ann's Place Presents a Broadway Salute Honoring Ridgefield's First Couple

### Ann's Place Presents a Broadway Salute

To Tribute Honorees  
**Peggy and Rudy Marconi**  
Opening Night  
15th Annual  
Festival of Trees

Enjoy Broadway and Ridgefield  
Star Performers

- ♪ Katie Diamond
- ♪ Daniel Levine
- ♪ Bryan Perri
- ♪ Daniela Sikora

Master of Ceremonies Ira Joe Fisher

Special Salute from Ridgefield  
Playhouse's Allison Stockel



### Ann's Place 2017 Honorees

Community Leader Peggy Marconi  
Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi



Together this First Couple of Ridgefield has dramatically improved the quality of life for area citizens in their hometown and in the Greater Danbury region through their leadership.

Their individual involvement in multiple causes has contributed to enhanced funding for cancer patient services and research, domestic violence victims, Lyme Disease research, substance abuse recovery, and other at-risk populations. Rudy and Peggy have also supported the advancement of the arts and cultural programs that enrich lives of all ages.

As a member of the Ann's Place Board of Directors, Peggy created and co-chairs a Spring Fashion Show, which has provided critical funding for Ann's Place over her three-year tenure.

Peggy is a former business owner and now a successful Realtor with Newmann Real Estate, and Rudy has served as First Selectman for 18 years. Rudy and Peggy are active supporters of the comprehensive services Ann's Place offers to cancer patients and those who share their journey.

We are excited to pay tribute to these extraordinary leaders on

**Festival's Opening Night, Friday, November 17, 2017**  
at Danbury's Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Tickets are \$140 per person.

Reserve your space today at [www.AnnPlaceFestivalOfTrees.org](http://www.AnnPlaceFestivalOfTrees.org).

To discuss a custom sponsorship, contact [Jack@annsplace.org](mailto:Jack@annsplace.org).

Sponsorships include complimentary party passes.



**Fairfield County Bank**

*Caring for the Community Since 1871*

A special thanks to Fairfield County Bank for renewing their special relationship with the Rotary Club of Ridgefield. This is their third year being our Annual Sponsor!

We also benefit from their creativity as demonstrated by the spatula they donated for the Taste of Ridgefield and their help in saving the lives of nine children through their participation in the Gift of Life program.

**Together We Can Make a Bigger Difference!**



What We Do Does Matter!!

## Speaker/Trivia Responsibility & Events

Sat Nov 4	9:30-4	Food Drive <b>PLEASE HELP!</b>	Stop & Shop
Mon Nov 6	6:30pm	Rotary Board Meeting	Lounsbury
Tue Nov 7		<b>ELECTION DAY – VOTE!</b>	
Wed Nov 8	6:30pm	Terri Eickel, CT Cancer-Joe S/Chris N	121
Thu Nov 9	7:30am	Hospice Breakfast	Ethen Allen Inn
Fri Nov 10		<b>Veterans' Day Observed</b>	
Wed Nov 15	6:30pm	Bill McEachern-Robert/Pat Cooney	121
Fri Nov 17	8:00am	Breakfast Meeting	Dimitri's
Fri Nov 17	6:30pm	<b>Ann's Place Presents a Broadway Salute</b>	<b>Crown Plaza</b>
Sat Nov 18		<b>Lounsbury House Festival of Trees</b>	
Mon Nov 20		<b>Interact Food Drive for RVNA</b>	
Wed Nov 22	6:30pm	Pre Holiday Open Session	121
Wed Nov 29	6:30pm	Brian Ash-African School/Joel Third	121
Sat Dec 2	9:30-4	Food Drive <b>PLEASE HELP!</b>	Stop & Shop
Sat Dec 2	8 to Noon	Amber Alert	Boys & Girls
Mon Dec 4	6:30pm	Rotary Board Meeting	Lounsbury

## Save The Dates for Events that Make Us Successful

Wed Dec 20	6:30pm	Holiday Party	Bernards
Sun Dec 24	10am	Meals on Wheels—Christmas Meal Delivery	
Sun Jan 28	12:30 & 4pm	The Taste of Ridgefield	
Fri Apr 13		Tommy James & The Shondells	Playhouse

**"If you want to get something done give it to a busy person."  
THAT'S US!**