



We had one of our more entertaining meetings this week at LaVista. Yes, Wednesday night the weather was so bad that we found out the Lions had canceled their meeting at Bernard's while we had a great evening. Robert started out trying to convert this to a speed meeting. As you can see he's preparing for trivia as our speaker Kerry Anne Ducey is starting her talk while Joel still hasn't ordered dinner! Finally, realizing the temperature was warming he slowed down and the fun began.



Kerry Anne Ducey is President of **HamletHub** which she started five years ago. As you can see it's an idea that has spread. She said "Starting a business is much like jumping out of a airplane and assembling the parachute on the way down." Soon after publishing her first story the community started sending her their stories and the momentum began

and her server crashed. Then someone from another town wanted **HamletHub**. Now it was no longer a hobby, it was a business!!

Kerry Anne's business philosophy can be summed up by Tim Ferriss's quote: "Think big and don't listen to people who tell you it cannot be done. Life is too short to think small! Thus, she made the decision to expand to other towns. Her workdays quickly turned into work nights, the work week turned into working weekends, and her life and her family's life flipped upside down. **HamletHub** grew to fifty communities. They created a calendaring system that is presently in 2,200 communities.



Kerry Anne & her new best friend Ramy

"Starting a business takes 100% of who you are and what you do."

HamletHub is a fully scalable, sustainable company and Kerry's mission is to bring it to every town in America!

In about a month, they will bring the **HamletHub** websites to 250 communities. They just completed a pilot for PepsiCo. Their revenues continue to grow. They

have amazing community partners, sponsors, and a solid team of outstanding advisors who have been beyond generous offering their business advice, guidance and encouragement. "Has it been a walk in the park? Hell no! There are days I feel like I'm eating charred glass. But nothing worthwhile comes without a heck of a lot of effort and sacrifice."

"I'm thankful every day that I took the road less traveled, ditched the merry-go-round and didn't play it safe."

Now you may understand why we said it was one of our more enjoyable meetings. Kerry Anne also reminded us that as Rotarians we started the day as one of the sponsors of the Women's Center Breakfast and ended it meeting at LaVista!



Women's Center Breakfast

A well worthwhile day!



A Meeting to Remember!



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GRANTS 2018

The Club is able to provide grants as part of our community initiatives using funds raised at [The Taste of Ridgefield](#), [The Ridgefield Gene Country BBQ Festival](#) and other fundraising events throughout the year. Local organizations are encouraged to apply for a grant from The Rotary Club of Ridgefield.

Please use the attached file to submit a grant request [Grant Application 2018](#)

Email complete applications and attachments to
Bill Wyman at wywvman@gmail.com

Or mail to:
Rotary Club of Ridgefield, P.O. Box 41, Ridgefield, CT 06877

All applications are due by April 30, 2018

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It's Grant time! If you know of an organization in need please feel free to have them apply for a Rotary Grant. Our goal is to have all the applications in by the 30th of April. We will have a preliminary meeting toward the end of April prioritizing the Grant requests. Then by the end of the second week of May we'll have a distribution meeting once we have finalized the amount available. Robert has implied that we may have reduced funds available this year but it will truly be dependent on the success of the BBQ. So far we have had 17 members apply for the 8 positions on the committee. Even though some will be disappointed it's a wonderful problem to have as it documents the spirit of the Club. **Thanks to all who have asked to be part of the process!**



RIDGEFIELD'S HAMLETHUB

WHY SMALL BUSINESSES MATTER IN RIDGEFIELD: BELLAHOME

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WHY SMALL BUSINESSES MATTER

Shop small, do big things for your community

Let's make 2018 a big year for our Ridgefield small businesses and put a spotlight on the local merchants who donate their time, talent, goods, and services for the betterment of our community.

Three questions with Robin Weber, owner of [BellaHome](#)

Kerry Anne Ducey's **HamletHub** has started a small business focus. Each week(?) they are featuring a new small business in town. What a great way to help the Ridgefield community prosper and grow. As part of their commitment to Ridgefield they have decided to put the same process in play for non-profits. At our meeting, Kerry Anne asked each Rotarian to put the name of a non-profit on a ticket. The name drawn will receive a feature article in a future **HamletHub** issue. Cannot think of a better way to benefit Ridgefield than aggressively promoting its small business and non-profit organizations. Our non-profit was the Theater Barn! What a great selection as we have watched and helped them grow for years. Thank you **HamletHub!**



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**Ridgefielders in Pyeongchang:
Diffey to call West's luge race
Saturday**

The men's luge competition is the first event following the opening ceremony **Saturday, Feb. 10**. The first and second run will be held from 7:10 to 10:20 a.m. EST

Go check out the fabulous Olympic display at Ridgefield's Stop & Shop! And thanks to **Leslie Bancroft Krichko**, the staff is showing their support with TeamTucker T's!
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Speakers & Events

What We Do Does Matter!!

Speaker/Trivia Responsibility & Events

Wed Feb 14	6:30pm	No Meeting—Happy Valentines Day	
Fri Feb 16	8:00am	Breakfast Meeting	Dimitri's
Wed Feb 21	6:30pm	Marja Mullingaux/Joe Cleary	La Vista
Wed Feb 28	6:30pm	Joel Third/Joe Savino	La Vista
Fri Mar 2	8:00am	Breakfast Meeting	Dimitri's
Sat Mar 3	11:30—4	Stop & Shop Food Drive	
Mon Mar 5	6:30pm	Board Meeting	Lounsbury
Wed Mar 7	6:30pm	Assembly/Barbara McMahan	La Vista
Fri Mar 9	8:00am	Breakfast Meeting	Dimitri's
Wed Mar 14	6:30pm	Ralph Passarelli/Ralph Passarelli	La Vista
Wed Mar 21	6:30pm	Anita Quasha/Marja Mullingaux	La Vista
Fri Mar 23	8:00am	Breakfast Meeting	Dimitri's
Sat Mar 24	10:30am	Egg Scramble	Ballard
Sat Mar 24	5:30	Progressive Dinner	
Wed Mar 28	6:30pm	John Roche/Jim Finklea	La Vista
Mon Apr 2	6:30pm	Board Meeting	Lounsbury
Fri Apr 13		<p>The Rotary Club of Ridgefield in association with The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation present: THE END POLIO NOW CONCERT starring TOMMY JAMES & THE SHONDELLS The Ridgefield Playhouse - Ridgefield, Connecticut - Friday, April 13, 2018 at 8:00 PM</p>	
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