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President Karen Strickland presided over today's post-New Year's meeting with 22 Wilton Rotarians in attendance. There were 3 guests and no visitors.

**Announcements & Discussion:**

- President Strickland expressed the club's deepest sympathies to Paul Hafter on the loss of Diane's sister Hildy two weeks ago.
- Karen discussed the prelude to the Four Way Test questions – i.e. "Of the things we think, say or do:"
- January is Rotary Awareness month.
- The Domestic Violence Task Force will be discussing gun violence at their meeting Thursday
- Wilton Social Services received a \$500 donation from the club for Christmas Gifts.
- Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County received \$1,000 for the purchase of a PT/INR unit (which tests the speed of coagulation of a patient's blood)
- Carol Johnson told us that a celebration of the - Life and Music of Dave Brubeck will be held at the Clune Center on January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm, doors open at 7:15pm.
- January 17<sup>th</sup> the Wilton Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a talk about the current state of the economy
- The next meeting of our Board will be held on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at Fairfield County Bank – non-Board members are encouraged to attend - bring your questions, concerns, and ideas.
- Please consider - Rotary Foundation giving – "Every Rotarian, Every Year" – donate online at [www.rotary.org/contribute](http://www.rotary.org/contribute) or get a mail-in form from Karen.
- Richard Kent discussed the need to hold a planning meeting for this year's Crafts Fair.
- Pat Russo told us that the letters re:our Senior Protection program (CO2 and smoke detectors for seniors) will be sent out next week.

**Program:**

**Callie McCool & Colin DeFelice** – our Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) winners spoke about their experiences at the RYLA weekend. They both expressed their gratitude and talked about how comfortable and accepted they felt at the conference. They had learned much about leadership and even more about themselves.

**Lino Cardenas** then took the floor to tell us about his experiences as the Rotary Youth Exchange student from Ecuador. The reason, he said, he applied to the program was to try to become more independent, a goal which he has clearly achieved. Lino showed us pictures of his trip to ground zero and Montreal with his "Wilton family". Probably the most important lesson he has learned is the value of long pants in northern climes.

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, January 11, 2013**  
**Speakers – Amanda & Michael Bennie – Clear Conscience Pet Foods**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**