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President Victor Tenore presided over the first meeting of the new decade at Portofino's, with 22 Rotarians in attendance...

Guests

Michele Kolier.

Announcements:

1. **Happy New Year!** May this year bring you better health, happiness and prosperity (the big debate – is 20-10, two thousand ten?!)
2. **Interact Club:** Donated \$50 to Trackside's 'Teens for the Troops' program to help pay for shipping of boxes to our troops overseas.
3. **January is Rotary Awareness Month:** How much do you know about our organization? When was the last time you looked at our web site?! Here are a few suggestions to raise your Rotary Awareness:
 - a. Visit www.rotary.org to learn about the history of Rotary and the many programs and opportunities for service it offers.
 - b. Make up a meeting at another club.
 - c. Read the latest issue of the *Rotarian* magazine.

Program

Merle Berke-Schlessel, Esq., President/CEO of United Way of Coastal Fairfield County spoke to us about the organization (which resulted last year from the merger of several local United Ways, including the Norwalk-Wilton UW), its mission and priorities. She was particularly interested in hearing about issues that affect our community, such as underage drinking, and increased use of social services, and how the UW might be able to address them. (Trackside is applying for a United Way grant to hold a Community Conversation in the spring on the topic of Underage Drinking and Substance Use). She presented Victor with a t-shirt sporting the tag line, LIVE UNITED, after which Victor presented Merle with the book that will go into the Wilton library (a fair exchange!). For further information, visit www.unitedwaycfc.org

See you Friday at Portofino'sBill