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President Carol deftly kicked off the second half of her reign with a hearty lunch, courtesy of Marly's, sixteen Rotarians, and a presentation by guest speaker, Chilean exchange student, Lucia Ramirez.

**Announcements:**

- President Carol announced the Rotary theme for January is "Awareness in Rotary."
- January 13, 8:00 a.m. – Chamber Economic Forecast Breakfast or "Eggs and the Economy", at Marly's, with Dr. Nicholas Perna, Chief Economist at Webster Bank
- January 15, 6:30 p.m. - Regional Rotary Networking – "Rotary Means Business" event at the Ferguson Library, in Stamford. There will be a charge of \$5.00 per attendee to cover the cost of light food and beverages (soda and water). I suppose that means it is BYO Glenfiddich.
- February – Senior Fire Protection month – Pat has the smoke and CO alarm installation all figured out but needs a few good Rotarians to lend a hand with the visits to seniors. Please tell Pat whether you can help out.
- The Club's Joint District Managed Grant Project in Nicaragua is moving ahead. Please advise Carol whether you are interested in lending a hand on the ground in Nicaragua this summer.

**Program: Lucia Ramirez – 2014-2015 Rotary Exchange Student**

Lucia is the Rotary exchange student studying at Wilton High School for the 2014 – 2015 school year. Lucia has learned quite a bit about the U.S. during her stay, in particular, January in Wilton is freaking cold. A native of Concepcion, Chile (currently 72° with a light southwest breeze), Lucia is sponsored by the Concepcion Rotary Club. Although Lucia had to adjust to the separation from her family, she appears to be doing quite well with her studies at Wilton High School. Lucia has also had the opportunity to visit New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. (What could they offer that Wilton doesn't?) In addition to rapidly improving her English language skills, Lucia is a student of U.S. history and has enjoyed visiting sites where events instrumental in the course of American history occurred. After completing high school, Lucia hopes to embark on a course of study at university that will lead to a career in biomechanical engineering.

***SPECIAL NOTICE: NEXT MEETING – Friday, January 16 – 12:15 at Wilton Library – presentation at the Innovation Station followed by lunch at Marly's***