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Guests/Visitors

Austin Sanders, local mortgage broker, Valerie Juleson, Cliff's wife.

Announcements:

Some somewhat dated (the reference date is the date of the meeting not the date of the issuance of this Drummer ☺): – board meeting at the Library next week; craft show envelope stuffing party next week; grant request received from the Playshop – the board will be looking at; Joint meeting on May 16 with the New Canaan and Wilton clubs – when we will be meeting the GSE team from Mexico. Pat wants to finish up the smoke detection program by the end of the month. Amber Alert Programs at the Library on February 24 and at the Family Fun night at the Y on March 7. Rotary and the Wilton Chamber of Commerce are having a joint meeting on March 28 at Cobbs Mill Inn – Rob Simmons the CT Business Advocate for the State (this is actually a position in the CT governmental bureaucracy.) will be speaking.

Karen reports that her daughter Carrie is getting married in late July in Washington State. Time has a way of passing ...

Today's Program

Elizabeth Edwards, an attorney with offices in the Georgetown area, spoke about the process of collaborative divorce. The idea is that a couple who feel they must divorce might wish to thrash out the details in a setting other than the purely combative no-holds barred realm of the Courtroom. Lawyers are specifically trained to represent their clients in this process, since it is thought inimical to a lawyer's natural tendency. (A debatable point.) The process works well in some cases, especially when the parties are committed to it, and not so well in others – if the parties make the decision that they will not be able to come to agreement, then they have to start all over with new lawyers. (Which adds a financial issue to the mix, and could certainly be used by the unscrupulous to subvert the process.)

There is still a need for the court to issue a decree of divorce – just at that point, if all has worked, it's simply a rubber stamp. Beth indicated that the process was most helpful for any minor children, who will never be able to understand that a parent's divorce is not completely their fault.

See you Friday..... Paul