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Guests/Visiting Rotarians

Twenty Rotarians were in attendance with one guest, Reverend Stephen Goldstein of Zion's Hill. A potential new member, this was Reverend Goldstein's third visit to our club. In the absence of our current president, Luis Garcia, the meeting was presided over by past president, Pat Russo.

Announcements

1. Thanks to Patty Sweeney for once again chairing our 5th Annual Third Grade Dictionary Project. Another resounding success, as 331 dictionaries were handed out to the students at Cider Mill. Dictionaries will be distributed to the third grade class at Our Lady of Fatima next week.
2. Our next project is the installation of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in the homes of seniors. The names on the list for potential installations jumped from 200 to 300. Letters have been sent, and once responses have been received, the necessary equipment will be ordered, with anticipated install dates of mid-February to mid-March.
3. The board will meet on Thursday, January 20th.

Program

Our guest speaker was Cathy Pierce, Director of Wilton Social Services.

Cathy began her presentation by thanking Wilton Rotary for our financial support, which allowed for 76 children to receive holiday gifts, as well as helping to stock the food pantry.

During these challenging economic times, the number of families using the food pantry has more than doubled in the past year. The Wilton Interfaith Council is also a valuable financial resource that provides funding for youth services, adult services, crisis management, individual and family counseling, and senior services. Other services that the agency offers are help for those who need to apply for energy assistance, and how to obtain health care services through Medicaid and Charter Oak.

The Senior Center, located at Comstock Community Center is being completely revamped and has a targeted completion date of January 30th. The renovated center will offer a variety of services to seniors, including yoga, tai chi, a dance studio, a café, a lounge, a game room with a pool table, and an arts and crafts room.

See you on the 21st at Marly's.....Carol

