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ATTENDANCE: 21 of 43 (49%)

Guests/Visiting Rotarians

Ed Noorgard, Donna Bond, MaryBeth Weir, Leslie Wolfe, Judy Guttman.

Announcements

1. Richard K. said the envelope stuffing party was a success with 1000 letters being prepared for mailing in 2 hours. Now we just need 1000 crafters to participate!
2. Larry S. said seniors have been responding to our fire protection program request and he will submit a sign up sheet next week for people to help install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
3. Bill G. said the Interact vice president and advisor may be our club guests next week and his son will be the RYLA representative in Meriden the first weekend in February.
4. Frank S. described the GSE program and said host families are needed for the week of May 10-16th.
5. President Pat said he had attended a nice Chamber of Commerce event Thursday evening. He also noted that Calvin Ranson has recommitted to joining the Wilton Rotary Club and is trying to get his car detailing business going in Wilton – any Rotarian is welcome to have their car detailed for \$139.99.
6. John L. said the new member/potential member kits are in and he will be handing them out to potential members soon.

Fun & Fines

Kevin G. was pleased to be getting over his walking pneumonia. Larry S. had 4 happy dollars – 2 for his daughter who in her last semester in college and 2

for his son who is student teaching in Philadelphia (I think). Cliff J. was glad it was warmer today than it has been (don't get used to it just yet). Victor T. put 4 happy dollars in the pot because his office was destroyed by water damage but he moved next door to a better space, his kids were happy to loan him money for his move, and his wife fell and hurt her foot but the injury is not as serious as first thought. Pat R. said he is sure 2009 is going to be a better year than 2008.

Program

MaryBeth Weir who works for the Town of Westport introduced the two volunteers who are working with her on starting a transportation program for people 55 and older in Wilton, Norwalk, Westport, Weston, Easton and Fairfield. Leslie Wolfe and Judy Guttman are on the Board of Directors trying to get this program going. Their group will be called ITN Coastal CT and will become an affiliate of ITNAmerica which is a transportation membership organization started by a woman in Portland, ME whose son was hit by an 84 year old man on his way to the doctor's office. ITN will help seniors retain mobility, independence and connections to the community. Fees to run ITN will come from memberships, fares, and community support. Sample fees will include a membership of \$50-70 for individuals; \$65-90 for families and a per mile fee of \$1.50 - \$2.00. They are seeking grants and donations to get started – they figure they need \$150,000 for the first year and have received \$25,000 from United Way. They anticipate the first ride will be 2010.

ITN Coastal CT would like to make presentations to groups if you belong to other groups they can address. They would like volunteers for their Board – insurance, marketing/PR, and fundraising especially. And they would like money. For more info contact Leslie and leslie2of8@aol.com or check out www.ITNAmerica.org.

Next meeting Friday January 30th. Upcoming speaker list:

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| January 30, 2009 | Ilona Zimmer
PAWS |
| February 6, 2009 | Jill Kleiber |
| February 13, 2009 | Steve Wander |
| February 20, 2009 | Art Levy
Prospering in a down economy |
| February 27, 2009 | Kevin Lembo
Office of Healthcare Advocate |

See you next Friday.....Stephanie