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The meeting was called to order by Past-President Paul Burnham who was filling-in for President Carol Johnson.

Announcements:

- Paul noted that Carol would be holding a meeting of the Directors on 1/30/15 after the regular meeting.
- He reminded us of the club's upcoming fundraiser at Marley's -- bar tips will be donated to benefit our Rotary student exchange program.
- The Craft Fair on 5/23/15 has already attracted crafters -- some have already registered.
- Richard Kent invited members to volunteer for some of our fundraising efforts that still had vacancies.
- Pat Russo requested volunteers to assist with the smoke detector installation project.
- Guest, Heather Bova, Director of [Ura The Spa](#) , was introduced by Elaine Tai-Lauria.

Program: Mark Rubenstein, MD – local author

Paul welcomed guest speaker, Mark Rubenstein, MD, who was then introduced by Janeen Lampert. Mark is a Wilton resident and author of a number of non-fiction and fiction books.

Mark's informative and entertaining talk began with a brief description of what constitutes a thriller versus a mystery novel. He mentioned some of the famous classic thriller writers such as Shakespeare, Dickens, Hemingway, Dostoevsky, and the Greek writers Homer, and Sophocles. Baldacci, Patterson, and Connelly were cited among today's popular thriller authors. He said these two genres are often confused, however they are distinctly different. He described the mystery novel as being similar to a puzzle -- "who done it, and why?" The plot often focuses on a murder and the unravelling of a puzzle. A thriller novel, on the other hand, is explosive; the focus is on what's about to happen. In this type of novel, there is danger for the protagonist or those close to him/her, and the emphasis is on what's going to happen next. In regard to his own novels, he said readers of *Mad Dog House* prompted him to write a sequel because they kept asking him what happened to Roddy Dolan; hence, *Mad Dog Justice*. In writing this novel, he said he wanted the new reader to become engaged in the story without having to read the first novel, so he did a

bit of a recap early in the novel. Mark ended his talk by responding to questions ranging from his decision to write fiction and his plans for other novels, to a discussion about trends in the publishing industry and the impact of e-Books.

Paul thanked Mark for visiting Rotary again and presented him with a book which will be added to the Wilton Library children's collection in his name. Mark also provided members with complimentary copies of his two novels.

NEXT MEETING – Friday, January 30, 2015 at Marly's in Wilton