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On a very chilly winter day, 20 Wilton Rotarians were in attendance accompanied by 4 guests (District Governor Rick Bassett, AG John Hendrickson, prospective members Peter Nigro and Ross Tartell). President Paul presided with Lieutenant Andy Mais at the head table.

Announcements:

1. Paul apologized to Bud Boucher for not communicating directly the decision of the Trustees not to make a grant award to the American Legion project.
2. Police Awards will be held March 10 at the request of Chief Lombardo, location TBD.
3. Pat and Karen reminded everyone about our "Tame the Typhoon" fundraiser at Marly's on Feb. 25. Fliers were distributed and Marly's will help with publicity. Press release will be sent to media by David Taylor, please spread the word and plan to attend that night.
4. Richard announced a Craft Show planning meeting after Rotary on Jan. 31 at 1:30.
5. Paul said there is an Interact conference in Stratford on Feb. 2 which he plans to attend and others are welcome to join him.
6. Saturday Jan. 25 a dance troupe from Nigeria will perform at Middlebrook for those interested in international performances.
7. Please make a donation to the Rotary Foundation before June 30 so our club can meet its annual goal.
8. Pat said 302 letters have gone out for the Senior Protection program, expect we will be installing about 30-40 smoke detectors beginning 3/1 in senior homes, volunteers are needed.
9. Patty read a note from the national office of the Dictionary Project thanking Wilton Rotary for our \$768 donation. So far the project has reached a total of 21,326,884 3rd graders in the U.S., 2592 sponsored by Wilton Rotary.
10. Ron Barlow has had a bad stroke and is in Norwalk Hospital, a card was circulated for members to sign. We wish him the best for a full recovery.
11. Rotarian Magazine has hit the mailboxes with an interesting article by Lew Alcindor on retirement and an easy crossword puzzle.

Program:

Amy Schroeder from Builders Beyond Borders was the speaker. 3B gives high school students opportunities to experience local and global community service through building projects in the U.S. and abroad. They sponsor programs in Peru, Honduras, Brazil, Guatemala, Ecuador, Cuba, Tobago, Chile, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica Nicaragua and Guyana. Over 350 students from 25 area high schools are on teams which are sent with leaders to work on projects during school vacations. 3B works closely with other social service agencies and Rotary clubs abroad. Students

need to fundraise 80% of the costs, 3B contributes 20%. Many projects are for improving water supply, sanitation, better living conditions and constructing schools in developing countries. Locally, they have established 40 community gardens. 10 students from Wilton High are involved.

NEXT MEETING: Fri., January 31, 2014