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On a day painted by winter in 50 shades of gray, 18 Rotarians including our speaker brightened their spirits by meeting for lunch at Marly's.

Announcements:

- Note the power of Rotary: Chris Lavin's car was stolen in Westport, but found in Wilton a couple of hours later with its value enhanced by the addition of some non-medical marijuana. Had Chris been a Kiwanian, they certainly would not have left the herb. Chris denied sampling the product, but did seem awfully hungry.
- There will be no Tip-A-Rotarian at Marly's just yet. The Board is working on possible alternatives. Marly's has ruled out cow tipping.
- The Norwalk Rotary Club is hosting a dinner on Feb 29 at the restaurant at Waypointe. Cost for the steak dinner is \$10, with \$5 going to Norwalk Rotary. See President Richard for details.
- Guest Lyle Fishell of the Norwalk Club paid big bucks to Fun & Fines to let us know the Norwalk Club is hosting a wine tasting at the Norwalk Inn on Feb. 10. President Richard has details on this as well.
- Not sure if Beth still needs a safe house for the Rotary Exchange program, but if you have or know of one that may be available, please tell her anyway.
- Bud's 50/50 raffle just keeps getting bigger. Once again there was no winner. At our next meeting, the jackpot should be enough to pay for everyone's lunch. Or my scotch. Guess which I'd recommend.

Program: Rotary Foundation

Steve Lewine, immediate past president of Westport Rotary (which charges \$2 more for lunch than we do) spoke about the good work being done by the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation is in a sense the heart of Rotary, addressing educational and humanitarian needs worldwide. But it needs our support. The only way the foundation gets money is if we as Rotarians actively contribute. The goal is [Every Rotarian Every Year](#) which means pretty much what it says. Last year, our district raised \$360,000 for the annual fund, with an average contribution of \$164 per person and 75% contributing. The goal for this year is a 90% contribution rate, \$175 per person, and a total of \$400,000. There are many ways to give. See our Foundation Chair Carol for details.

Among the ways the Rotary Foundation uses our money is for district grants. One is supporting an upcoming trip to Guatemala, scheduled for Feb. 27 to March 5. The Westport Club would love to have some Wilton Rotarians as part of the delegation. The cost is \$1,200 per person for everything including airfare. Westport is working with the local club in Guatemala. That is helping to hold down the cost, since local Rotarians will be hosting the team in their vacation homes. See President Richard if you'd like to go.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 4, 2016 at Marly's