



**Wilton Rotary Drummer**  
**Wilton, Connecticut USA District 7980**  
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President Carol presided over today's meeting with 20 Rotarians present. Assistant Governor Arisleyda Riehl (Area #1 & #2) was also welcomed.

**Announcements:**

President Carol – Reminded the Trustees of the Trustees' meeting immediately following our regular meeting today.

President Carol – encouraged participation in the upcoming fund raiser at Marlys (Tues. 2/24) to support our exchange student & scholarship programs.

The Annual Police awards ceremony will take place at Trackside on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

President Carol – talked about a possible fund raiser at the Ridgefield Playhouse and passed around a sheet for members to vote (anonymously) on four out of six of the upcoming events – to determine which would potentially be the best attended. The club would receive a portion of our ticket sales.

Club Members were encouraged to donate to the Rotary Foundation.

It was announced that President Elect Richard will be attending Pre-PETS 2/7 and PETS in March.

Paul B. said that he had received the first reservation for a spot at this year's Crafts Fair.

Pat R. told the club that he has gotten about 30 requests for smoke detectors and would be bringing the sign-up sheet to next Friday's meeting.

**Program: John DiCenzo, Executive Director of Sales - Halstead Properties - Westport and Wilton**

John spoke to us about Wilton's real estate market - both relative to history and surrounding towns. It seems the Wilton market during previous downturns has recovered in fits and starts and the recovery from the most recent downturn is no exception. Prices both median and average have begun to increase – Median +2.5% and Avg. +.5% in 2014 compared to 2013.

John also said that the number of houses sold under the \$1 million price point, fell 14.1% in 2014. From 2009 thru 2013 the number of houses that sold for under \$1 million had consistently increased. His analysis indicates that Wilton real estate is experiencing the same spotty recovery it has in the past. The expectation is that in 2015 the recovery will continue.

***NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 6, 2015 .....at Marlys***