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President Karen Strickland presiding at Marly's, with 17 Rotarians in attendance.

Guests/Visitors

Tom Honey (guest of Karen).

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. **Rotary Theme Month** - February is World Understanding Month, focusing on efforts to build peace, goodwill and social justice by combating poverty, violence and poor health. Saturday, Feb. 23rd is World Understanding and Peace Day.
2. **2013 Wilton Police Awards**: Scheduled for Monday, March 18, 6:30 PM, at Trackside. Bill Meehan coordinating. Interactors have been invited to help.
4. **End Polio Now**: Join other Rotarians at the Bridgeport Sound Tigers hockey game on Sunday March 3rd, 3 PM, vs. arch rival Connecticut Whale (from Hartford). Reduced price of \$20 per ticket; 1/3 goes to our club's Polio account; John Lemke is coordinating ticket sales.
5. **What's Cooking in Wilton?** Chamber will present the 1st annual Wilton Restaurant Week, March 11-16. More details to come.
6. **AEDs for Wilton Commons**: To be presented to Wilton Commons shortly. This year's District Managed Grant request will be for equipment/supplies for a nurses' office. This is our last year of funding obligation for Wilton Commons. If the Club gets this grant, we will have contributed a total of \$16K in value for refrigerators, AEDs and nurses' supplies vs. an original commitment of \$10K, thanks to the dollar matches by the District.
7. **PHF Awards**: Be thinking of a worthy person in the community to receive one of our Paul Harris Fellow Awards at the Annual Dinner on Thursday, June 20th.
8. **Our Point of Difference**: How is Rotary different from other service organizations? There is an annual attendance requirement of 60% for Rotary activities, which can include club meetings/work projects/fundraisers, make-ups, and District events. This is essential for maintaining a strong, active, vibrant club. Our Secretary Carol Johnson must send reports in to the District and Rotary International on our monthly attendance levels, so please make a commitment to attend meetings and club functions.



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9. **Rotary Foundation Giving:** Every Rotarian, Every Year. Please ensure Rotary is one of your charities of choice and give a personal gift to the Foundation. The SHARE fund is what supports the many humanitarian projects Rotary sponsors in our District and around the world. Donate online at rotary.org/contribute or fill out form with check which Karen as Foundation Chair will send in. Also consider being a sustaining member by giving \$100/year (I am!).
10. **Thank You's:** Karen circulated thank you letters we received from some very excited third graders at Cider Mill School for their dictionaries.
11. **New Members:** Remember to bring a guest as a prospective new member
12. **www.wiltonrotaryclub.org:** Check our website for news, member photos, past issues of the *Drummer*, and our online member directory (accessible only by password).

Future Programs/Events:

- a. Feb. 8th : Sam Brown, Project Amigo
- b. Feb. 15th: Jennifer Herring, Executive Director, Norwalk Maritime Aquarium
- c. Feb. 22nd : Christopher Swan, CL&P
- d. Mar. 1st: Ken Shepard, General Manager, Bridgeport Bluefish

Today's Program

Dr. Caitlin Carenen, Assistant Professor of History at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic, gave us a very insightful college level lecture on the topic, "The Intersection of Religion and Terrorism in the Middle East." Dr. Carenen's key interest is in the role/impact of religions in the political and cultural history of the US and the Middle East. She has studied extensively in the region, especially in Israel, and is the author of a recent book, *The Fervent Embrace: Liberal Protestants, Evangelicals, and Israel*.

See you Friday at Marly'sBill