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Oblivious to cold, snow and ice formations, fourteen Rotarians, speakers Alex Bendix, Ale Brandeo Fernando, Harry Black and Cole Smith and prospective members Peter Nigro and Eileen Armstrong gathered to enjoy a warm meal and good cheer at Marly's.

Announcements:

- All wish our on-the-mend Rotarians Ron and Bud swift recoveries and hope to soon see them back on their feet.
- Tame The Typhoon Fundraiser for Typhoon Haiyan Relief – February 25 at Marly's, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Pat has saved bar slots for both Ron and Bud.
- Wilton Library will hold its "Beyond Words" annual spring benefit, Friday April 4, 2014, a festive evening of food and music.
- Senior Fire Protection – many seniors have signed up for smoke and CO alarms. Please advise Pat whether you can help with the installations.
- Eileen Armstrong, Community Relations Coordinator at the Greens of Cannondale, is submitting her application for membership
- Paul announced that he was having a short directors meeting after lunch (Not sure what that's about – don't they get along with the taller ones?)

Program: Alex Bendix, Ale Brandeo Fernando, Harry Black and Cole Smith

Harry Black is the club's outbound exchange student. Harry is heading to Ecuador for a semester and promises to report on his experiences when he returns.

Cole Smith, President of the Wilton High School Interact Club, reported on his participation in the District's Council of Presidents this past Sunday, the club's effort to raise funds for a Haitian student and the club's plans for a concert fundraiser to be held this May.

Alex Bendix and Ale Brandeo Fernando spoke as our outbound/inbound exchange students. As our outbound exchange student, Alex spent eight weeks in Sao Paulo, Brazil this past July and August. Alex was hosted by Ale and his family. Alex, noting the v-neck t-shirts necessary to brave the Sao Paulo winter, presented a slide show describing his experiences and the friends he made in Sao Paul. Ale is the inbound exchange student attending Wilton High School through mid March. (Right now it is 13 degrees here and 87 degrees in Sao Paulo. Where would you rather be?)

NEXT MEETING – Friday, Valentine's Day - February 14 at Marly's in Wilton