



# WILTON ROTARY DRUMMER

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#### Attendance:

We had a decent turnout of members and no guests. Past president Pat Russo presided. Our speaker, Melanie, was unaware of her speaking date, but arrived in time to give the presentation! What a champ!

#### Welcome and Announcements:

- Richard Kent mentioned that there would be a meeting at the Gilbert & Bennett School about the [Norwalk River Valley Trail](#) on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 pm.
- There will be a meeting Monday at 3 pm at Prosperous Printing on Rt. 7 to stuff letters. All are welcome.
- The next Board meeting will be Thursday, February 16th, at The Wilton Bank at 8 am.
- Silvermine Tavern is up for sale again at \$2,795K. The Three Bears is going to become a temple.
- Fun & Fines is going to the Warm-up Wilton fund through the end of February.

#### Program:

Melanie Schoerie of TopTalk ([www.toptalkonline.com](http://www.toptalkonline.com)) spoke about the value of public speaking skills. Although her business focuses on kids from 8-18, she works with adults as well. She noted that we all want to impress an audience with the fact that we are confident, knowledgeable, clear, concise, understandable, orderly, on point, inspirational, interesting, exciting – all these qualities spell good communication.

She said that whether or not communication is successful has only 7% to do with topic or content and 93% to do with how the speaker behaves. Behavior includes what your eyes, hands, body, voice are doing – and how many “non-words” creep into your speech (“er” “um”). She urged us never to talk when we are not addressing our remarks to an audience member and looking at them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Drummer Kathy Leeds