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President Paul rang the bell to welcome 14 Rotarians, 1 guest (Eileen Armstrong), and a new member being inducted (Peter Nigro) who dug out from the piles of snow everywhere to join us for a Valentine's Day luncheon. Bill Glass made a rare appearance, much to everyone's delight.

Pat Russo did the honors of officially inducting Peter Nigro into the club as a Wilton Rotarian. A former member of the Staten Island Rotary Club, Peter spent 36 years at City University in several capacities including Chair of their Business Department. He also has experience in the securities industry and doing editorial work. Welcome, Peter, we know you will be an active member since you offered to serve as Sgt. At Arms today collecting fun & fines!

Announcements:

1. Board meeting on Feb. 20 will be at President Paul's conference room 6:15 pm.
2. "Tame the Typhoon" fundraiser at Marly's ready to go on Feb. 25 5:30-10:00 pm, encourage friends/colleagues to come and tip generously at the bar and donate to our collection box. Sign up sheet for bartenders is full, but all Rotarians should plan to be there in support.
3. Carol has Rotary regalia for sale, \$20 shirts & \$10 hats. Contact her if you'd like one or both.
4. Luis and Frank visited Ron at Norwalk Hospital and found him to be looking good and in fine spirits. He was happy to see them and is moving to Waveny for rehabilitation, but has a vacation planned soon with friends, so we should be expecting Ron back at Rotary shortly.
5. Karen is asking a few club members who can stay for 30 minutes after next week's meeting to join her for a brief interview with Tucker Bendix, a short term Youth Exchange candidate.

Program:

Our scheduled speaker had to cancel due to flu-related issues, so on very short notice, Bill Glass filled in and gave a terrific presentation on his new vocation as an instructor at the Bridgeport Military Academy's Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, which is part of the Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet School on the Bridgeport/Trumbull border that promotes the STEM curriculum (science, technology, engineering and math) at the high school level. Bill's program emphasizes patriotism, respect for authority, discipline, leadership, appreciation for military traditions, and opportunities for enrichment and career advancement. Students are called "cadets" and there are rigorous behavior and dress codes as well as an application process for admittance. Most cadets are from lower socio-economic situations, and the Academy offers a path to education and training that encompasses military service as well as civilian pursuits beyond high school. You're a great role model, Bill, and we're proud of the positive influence you have on young lives!

NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 21, 2014