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ATTENDANCE: 22 of 50 (44%)

Guests/Visiting Rotarians

Cliff Jewelson's daughter, Mary; Kevin Gilmartin's significant other, Laura Holleran.

Announcements

1. Past President John apparently initiated a hostile takeover as President Frank was MIA – fear not, Rotarians, President Frank will return!
2. John passed around more letters from appreciative third graders who have apparently become enamored of their new dictionaries and the longest word!
3. John caught a sneak peak of the new Beacon which will come out soon and the Wilton Rotary is on the front page for the Haiti project.
4. Pat Russo needs any left over smoke detectors and fire extinguishers – we were able to help out 27 seniors with this project.
5. Richard Kent thanked all the folks who helped stuff and mail 600-700 letters to crafters – I believe this is the last time this has to happen as future applications will be on the website.
7. Kevin Gilmartin has been taking a woman from Wilton to Greenwich Hospital once a week for treatment for MS – he is unable to provide service on the 22nd of February and probably the 1st of March and needs assistance – perhaps somebody would be willing to be a regular backup for Kevin? The trip really only takes about 1 ½ hour including round trip travel and treatment.
8. John reported that the Schneider family was in need of some more plumbing services and even though our resident plumber, Patty Sweeney, was able to help in the past, this project required more technical assistance

and a member of John's Tuesday Morning Group was able to help at no charge.

Fun & Fines

Pat Russo was happy to have sold his listing; Heather Klein was sad to announce the impending closing of the Wilton Children's Center; your editor was not sure if she was happy or sad about celebrating 9 years at the Chamber!; Ed Ashway is pleased hockey season has come to an end for him; Judy White reported that a sales rep was in her office this AM telling her what good Rotary does in the world; Bill Glass' daughter is on her way to Biloxi, MS for a mission trip; Karen Strickland was pleased to announce that our very own Bob Mills will be honored as a YMCA Distinguished Citizen at the dinner dance in April; Kevin Gilmartin said he enjoyed working with your editor for the past nine years – I guess I have to say I am happy to be celebrating 9 years with support like Kevin's!

Program

Past President John introduced David Sloan who is a volunteer member of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives). David is a partner in an international law firm; vice chairman of a bank holding company; and a director on several bank boards but his new found enthusiasm stems from his volunteering with SCORE. SCORE has been around for 42 years and they have given over 4,000 hours free counseling sessions. SCORE counselors are experts in their chosen fields such as accounting, internet activities, marketing, exporting, etc. The money to operate SCORE comes from the national chapter and the fee charged for their various seminars. SCORE has been able to help folks who operate Minority Owned Businesses as there are set-aside programs in governmental agencies and 10%, at least, of any proposal from a municipality must go to an MBE. The services of SCORE are confidential and free though you should be very specific about what information you are looking for. For more information check out www.score.org.

See you next Friday at the SilvermineStephanie