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*Guests/Visiting Rotarians*

The meeting, presided over by President Frank Spencer, had 22 Rotarians in attendance, and one guest, Barbara Meehan.

*Announcements*

- According to our financials, our Club is in sound financial shape.
- Approximately 750 letters will be mailed this week to prospective members, and about 100 of those prospects will receive a follow up phone call from a current member.
- Letters have been sent to crafters for whom no email address was available. Thus far, 15 crafters have committed.
- Letters (320) have been sent to seniors for carbon monoxide/smoke detectors. Expected response rate is 10%, with installation taking place in March and April.
- Bill Brennan will be asking our club to support a "Welcome to Wilton Center" sign. Frank is scheduled to meet with Bill next week.
- We will continue to pursue a wine tasting event, that will be scheduled for the early Fall.
- Consideration is being given to change the date/day of our Annual Rose Sale.
- Wendy announced that Paul Burnham will succeed her as our Club President.

## **Program**

**Our speakers today were Francine Norman and John Lohr, from Housatonic Habitat for Humanity. This Habitat branch covers 16 towns, including Wilton. The mission of the Habitat is to mobilize the local community to provide home ownership opportunities to qualified families with limited income. Recipient families are carefully selected and in addition to meeting qualified criteria, must spend 400 equity hours on their home. When the house is completed, the homeowner has a 30 year mortgage for approximately \$225M @ 0%.**

**Habitat for Humanity also has a “ReStore” where donations of supplies, materials, home goods, lighting fixtures, cabinets, furniture, appliances, and more can be purchased. You can visit the store at 51 Austin Street in Danbury or check their website; [Restore@housatonichabitat.org](mailto:Restore@housatonichabitat.org)**

**See you on the 24th at Marly’s.....Carol**