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A whiff of Spring is in the air. Midway through the third quarter of President Richard's reign, sixteen Rotarians and guest speaker Janet Stolfi Alfano of "The Diaper Bank" gathered at Marly's.

Announcements:

- If you were not there, you missed it. Richard reported that the Board met on Thursday, February 18.
- Monday, February 29 - Norwalk Club is organizing a \$10 steak at the Sedona Tap Room at 515 West Avenue in Norwalk. Local clubs are invited to partake, mingle, network and generally carry on.
- Friday, March 4 - Y Swamp Romp, support Christine as she takes a polar plunge between Wilton Y pond icebergs to raise funds for summer camp scholarships.
- Monday, March 14 – Police Awards Ceremony at Trackside. Help needed. Contact Carol.
- Friday, March 18 – the guest speaker will be Judge Robert Genuario who presides over the Complex Litigation Docket in Stamford Superior Court. Please plan to attend, bring a guest and welcome Judge Genuario.
- Wilton Rotary Member Directory – take a look at your listing. Advise Ed or Susan whether to photo-shop your portrait or correct contact information.
- Lunch Speakers – Laila is scheduling lunch speakers. Plenty of dates are available. Please advise Laila of all speaker suggestions.

Program: Janet Stolfi Alfano, Executive Director "The Diaper Bank"

Families with infants and toddlers can spend \$75 to \$100 per month on disposable diapers. This is a particularly heavy burden for families with incomes at or below the poverty level. Up to 39,000 Connecticut children are members of such families. Founded in 2004, The Diaper Bank (TDB) centralizes fundraising and distribution of free diapers to needy families in Connecticut through existing service providers, including local food pantries, soup kitchens, daycare centers, social service agencies and shelters. Now celebrating its 11th year, The Diaper Bank has distributed more than 18 million free diapers to poor and low-income families through its extensive Diaper Distribution Network (DDN) of 55 agencies in the state. The DDN, not be confused with the DDCN (the Dirty Diaper Collection Network), is modeled on successful regional food banks. The Diaper Bank collects diapers and cash donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and others for the bulk purchase and distribution of diapers that are distributed through the DDN.

NEXT MEETING – Friday, February 26 – 12:15 at Marly's