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Led by President Christene Freedman, 12 Rotarians came back from a two-week hiatus to enjoy good fellowship, good food, and a great program at Rolling Hills CC.

Announcements

1. Future Events

- **March 13 and April 10: Wayback Burgers Benefit for Wilton Rotary.** 607 Main Ave., Norwalk, 11 AM to 9 PM. Come in for a burger and help the club!
- **March 16: Open House Event for Kick Off of American Legion Centennial Observance.** Post 86, 112 Old Ridgefield Road. 10 AM to 4 PM. Cake cutting at 1 PM!
- **March 25: Annual Wilton Police Awards.** Trackside Teen Center.
- **April 16-17: Red Sox at Yankees!** First of 20 games this season – GO RED SOX!
- **May 4: FREE RVNA Health Fair.** East Ridge Middle School, Ridgefield.
- **May 17- 19: Rotary District 7980 Conference and Assembly.** Heritage Hotel and Conference Center, Southbury. See <http://www.rotary7980.org/index.php> for details.
- **June 20: Installation Dinner for New Regime.** RHCC, 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Pam Brown gets her turn at the helm!
- **July 20: Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale.**

2. **Congratulations to Andy!** Andy was just named by Gov. Lamont to be the next insurance commissioner for the state of Connecticut! See this link for more details: <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2019/02-2019/Governor-Lamont-Selects-Andrew-N-Mais-to-Serve-as-Insurance-Commissioner>. Maybe we can look forward to a break in our auto and homeowners insurance rates!

3. **Thank You.** Two thank you letters were received for recent grants, one from Woodcock Nature Center, and the other from Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care.

4. **Message from DG Larry Gardner.** "February is Peace and Conflict Resolution Month. Conflict and violence displaces millions of people each year. Half of those killed are children, and 90% are civilians. As Rotarians, we refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary supports and promotes projects that fosters understanding and provides communities with skills to resolve the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources." *(Ed. Note: notice our Rotary Peace Poles all around town!)*

Today's Program

Our guest speakers were two senior executives from Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association (RVNA), Theresa Santoro, President and CEO (Theresa is a Ridgefield Rotarian!), and Alice Meenan, Director of Donor Relations. RVNA is a non-profit Medicare-certified home healthcare agency located in a new, state of the facility at 27 Governor Street in Ridgefield. It has been providing top-quality home-based nursing care for over 100 years. RVNA serves 28 Connecticut towns in Fairfield County (including Wilton, where they assisted 120 clients in 2018), New Haven County and Litchfield County, providing nursing services, physical therapy, and disease management, as well as non-medical home care. RVNA actively supports seniors who want to age in place. It also supports community wellness and public health through education and events such as free medical screenings and health fairs. RVNA's newest service is in-home hospice care. For more information, visit ridgefieldvna.org.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 1, 12:15 PM, Rolling Hills Country Club