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Announcements:

- The Board has voted to give \$500 to the Y to purchase mannequins for CPR training and we will hope to get both publicity and some sort of tag that acknowledges Rotary.
- John Lemke talked about the 25th Anniversary party we'll have in the parlor at the Silvermine Tavern on May 21st from 5-7 pm. The cost will be \$10 per person and we will have guest speakers and a memorabilia table. Bill Glass, Karen Strickland and Judy White are helping John work on this.
- February 23rd is the 102nd birthday of Rotary International.
- Ginny Glass, Bill's daughter, attended RYLA.
- The Dictionary Project and Senior Protection Project will be annual events.
- Pat Russo is working on having a ramp constructed for the house of a handicapped Wilton man.
- The Craft Fair is coming along – 14 booths have been sold so far. In addition, Ray will help to follow up on the ad mailing.
- Stephanie reminded us that Rotary is sponsoring the Police Awards ceremony on March 13th at the Library

Today's Program:

Speaker: Barbara Newland, Director of Marketing and Community Relations from The Greens

Barbara explained the history of The Greens, which has operated in Wilton on Danbury Road since the very start of the assisted living concept. Since Wilton Meadows is next door, The Greens provides priority admission for those who need to move to the nursing home. The Greens has a very high retention rate for staff and provides 86 apartments of various sizes with 32 of them in the Evergreen Program, a section for dementia or Alzheimer's patients. The median age of Greens residents is 83 years.

An individual care plan for each resident is set up by nursing staff and offers several levels of care, depending on the amount of time required of the staff for extra services. The Greens is a rental community in which residents must be "chronic and stable" to qualify for admission. The cost of food and housing is not covered by anything but longterm care insurance, but medical costs may be covered by Medicare. Barbara shared the costs of all apartments and pointed out that virtually all expenses are included with the exception of telephone service.

