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Past President Bill Meehan presided over the meeting with 17 Rotarians and two guests (Ginny Glass, Bill's daughter, and Janeen Leppert of the Wilton Chamber of Commerce)

Announcements:

1. Karen reported that our District Managed Grant application requesting matching funds for 3 AEDs for Wilton Commons was approved by the committee and as soon as we received the check, Pat will order the equipment so we can make the presentation at one of our April meetings. The final report on project completion is due to the District by April 30.
2. Pat said that one of the carbon monoxide detectors Rotary installed in the home of a senior ended up being a life-saver for an 80 year old woman on Pond Road when a generator created an unsafe level of the gas and she was alerted to it by the device.
3. Wilton's Youth Exchange outbound student Caroline Armstrong will come to speak at a meeting in March. Karen is attending a District training session on Tuesday and will have more information on the inbound student. One host family has been lined up, need 2 more, so please spread the word or think about opening your own home for 3 months.

Program: Wilton Patch

Mike Dinan and Craig D'Onofrio spoke about the Patch network, which is now in 62 CT cities, 800 nationwide. The company is owned by AOL. Patch combines their own reporting with content generated by local citizens who can post announcements about civic news, school happenings, special events, or human interest stories. It is also an important source of emergency information during snowstorms, floods, etc. Each Patch site has a very local slant pertaining specifically to that community, but news can also be cross-posted in several other towns. They have recently created a blog so that local voices can be heard on issues of concern, but it has been a challenge for staff to monitor all the posts to screen out any libelous or defamatory comments. Patch can be a valuable no-cost media outlet for non profits wishing to get the word out about fundraising events or other special activities.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 2, 2012 – Marly's in Wilton