

**Announcements:**

First February 29<sup>th</sup> meeting in the history of the Club—Bill really did the research—maybe he is a savant? And who remembers Sadie Hawkins?

Ray and his “team” have been doing lots of Amber Alert work. Last weekend at the Library with Judy, Matt, Kathy, Randy and Luis. Next event will be March 7 at the Wilton Y at 6:30pm. We do have volunteers, but feel free to join us. Other events will be April 12 and May 18. We have IDed over 400 kids!

March 29, Westy Storage is hosting a Kids Fun Fest for Our Lady of Fatima School—please join them.

April 1 will be the Wilton Police Dept Awards ceremony to be held at the Wilton Library at 6:30 pm. Our Club is a co-sponsor of this event and we will need help that evening to set up some food and beverage. It is a special event and the police dept is very appreciative of our support.

Bill announced that about \$16000 has been spent on requests for grants from the Club this year. There are more requests for about \$10000 so our next 2 fundraisers, Craft Show and Rose sale will be important to our funding.

Our newest and 51<sup>st</sup> member, Matt Castaldi, was inducted by Ron Barlow. Matt is with Westy Storage and has already been giving of his time to our Rotary events. He will probably be the only member ever inducted on Feb 29!

**Speaker:**

Ann Bellow, a volunteer from the New England Organ Donor Bank, was our guest. She became involved with the organization when her husband was ill and eventually on life support and his organs were harvested and donated. He was able to help 3 others—kidney, corneas and liver. If you wish to be an organ donor, and you qualify at your time of death, you should indicate this desire on your driver’s license and speak about this with your family. The ultimate decision lies with the family and if the organs are viable. Nationally there are 98000 people waiting for organ transplants and 726 waiting in CT. Just think who you might be able to help even after you are gone.

See you in a couple of weeks, as I will be in Albany on March 7 at a Y conference.

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