



Wilton Rotary Drummer

Wilton, Connecticut USA District 7980

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President Karen Strickland presided at Marly's, with 20 Rotarians in attendance.

Guests/Visitors

Other than our speaker there were no guests or visitors today

Announcements/Upcoming Events

1. President Karen discussed the Rotary Theme for the month of March - Literacy
2. Rotarian Magazine this month focuses on Literacy
 - a. March 4 is national grammar day, March 22 is World Water Day
 - b. There is an article on how to sharpen your business skills by reading more novels
 - c. It was announced that the average American reads 4 books a year – thankfully a poll was not taken of the attending membership to see how we measure up.
 - d. The classified section has lots of vacation homes in exotic places for rent with Rotarian discounts – check them out
3. The End Polio Now Event sponsored by the District is Sound Tigers hockey game this weekend, thanks to John Lemke for coordinating tickets for our club.
4. A signup sheet was circulated for volunteering at the Police Awards Ceremony Mon. 3/18 @ Trackside - Bill Meehan is coordinating.
5. The Library Book Sale is 4/27, our club will be selling hot dogs and we will need volunteers
6. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its 1st annual Wilton Restaurant Week March 11-16. Most major restaurants are participating, so plan to eat out often.
7. Pat Russo spoke about the Senior Protection project
8. Bill Meehan is meeting with Parks & Rec to secure a location for Charles Jones bench at the town tennis courts
9. The District Assembly will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 8 am-2 pm @ SCSU New Haven
10. A donation sign-up sheet was passed around for the Annual Swamp Romp at the Y pond
 - a. President Karen and Susan Betsworth will be braving the cold waters. Sponsorship donations benefit the scholarship fund.
11. Other Announcements:
 - a. Bill Glass attended the District Gov. selection meeting at which Geraldine Tom by unanimous vote was selected as the District Governor Elect.
 - b. Wilton Rotary will be sending 6 high school students to Next Generations conference tomorrow.
 - c. Our Youth Exchange outbound student Eric Noonan is a candidate for Presidential Scholarship Award



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Todays' Program

Wilton resident Teresa Mucci spoke about the CT Northeast Organic Farming Association's (ctnofa) major exposition - that was held this Saturday (3/2) at Wilton High School.

The Winter Conference had over 50 workshops and over 60 vendors & exhibitors. Workshops ranged over the entire spectrum of Organic Farming from "Beekeeping Basics" to "Raising Dairy Goats & Cheese Making" and from "Simple Steps to Organic Lawn Care" to "Foods & Well Being: Building Community Resilience"

For more information go to ctnofa's website at <http://ctnofa.org>

Next week's program at Marly's will feature:

Casey Pickett from CT Innovation Ecosystem