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Today's attendees: More than a handful, **absent was our drawing winner Susan Goldman**, who was agilely represented, by declining to pick the potentially card winning, Carol Johnson; prospective member Fr. Reggie Norman; and our guest speaker from Beardsley Zoo, its' Curator of Education, Jim Knox.

*****IMPORTANT *** Coming events –**

POLICE Awards, sponsored by our Club, **THIS MONDAY, March 9th, at 6PM at the Library**. It is more than appropriate, that we have a strong club representation. Please attend. **[KEEP EYE OUT FOR UPDATES AS EVENT SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE]**

March 26th American Legion Celebration Dinner at the Frank C. Godfrey American Legion Post 12, 60 County Street, Norwalk, CT. This is across from Norwalk High School. There is no charge for veterans, \$18 for guests.

April 25th, for the Library's Book Sale, we will be serving Hot Dogs at the Library.

Foundation minute: Given by Pam, reviewed what is the Rotary Foundation. Christene was unable to attend as she was practicing, with her water wings, for Saturdays Swamp Romp at the Y.

Prospective members: Dr. Reggie Norman and Kevin McMullan have submitted their applications' for membership in the Rotary Club of Wilton. Please send any comments or concerns you may have to Pam.

Todays' speaker: Jim Knox, Curator of Education at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo

Jim's presentation was: Saving Animals From Extinction: Tales of Species Recovery in Connecticut. The Beardsley Zoo along with the other Zoo's around the world work together in breeding and exchanging these animals to accommodate to their native wildlife habitat. In most cases they are eventually released back into the wild. Jim Know is a Writer and Host for PBS television's Wild Zoofari. He has shared his knowledge of and passion for wildlife with millions of viewers throughout the U.S., Russia, Thailand, the Middle East, and Europe, on Animal Planet. A member of the Explorers Club, Jim has served as an on-camera Wildlife Expert for the Today Show, The

CBS Early Show and Fox News. He has been featured in The New York Times; has served as Wildlife Consultant for Men's Journal Magazine; and Guest Host for Connoisseur Media Star 99.9FM's Anna & Raven Show. At Beardsley Zoo he directs Education and Wildlife Conservation programs for this AZA accredited Zoo. Jim is a graduate of Cornell University where he studied Animal Science and Applied Economics. He has studied rhinos, lions and Great White Sharks in South Africa; conducted field research for Alaskan Brown Bears; field conservation for Atlantic Salmon; and written nationally for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Finally, Jim is the Co-Creator of The Conservation Discovery Corps, which won first place honors with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums as the Outstanding Education Program in the nation.

Speaking with Richard after today's presentation, we are going to ask Jim to return to our club to further enlighten us about this phenomenal resource we have at Beardsley Zoo.

NEXT MEETING: Lucky **Friday the 13th** at Rolling Hills.

[**ONLY TWO** cards left in Madam Zelda's mystery deck, as managed by Bud. At last count, according to Bud, the pot stands at \$1,010.]