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The huskies, pulling their sleds, carried 10 Rotarians, and guest, Barb Meehan through the blizzard to Marly's, where we had a productive and informative meeting.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. Rotary Theme Month – March is Literacy Month focusing on efforts to promote reading skills, like our 3rd grade dictionary project, and eliminating illiteracy worldwide.
2. Rotarian Birthdays: Today 3/8 is John Lemke's birthday, Ed Ashway next Tues. 3/12.
3. End Polio Now Event sponsored by District at Sound Tigers hockey game last weekend. Paul H. reported that a fun time was had by all, even though the Sound Tigers went down in defeat.
4. Youth Exchange ski trip to Okemo this weekend, and our exchange student, Lino has been practicing w/host family.
5. Two Rotary Youth Leadership students are going to the RYLA conference March 15-17 in Stratford. Raphael Mettle & Alexandra Furlo will be invited to speak to us afterward about their experience.
6. Police Awards Mon. 3/18 Trackside, thanks to all whom volunteered to help Bill Meehan.
7. The Library Book Sale is Saturday, 4/27. We will be selling hot dogs, and need volunteers.
8. Be sure to attend the Chamber's 1st annual Wilton Restaurant Week next week, March 11-16. Cards are on your table showing participating restaurants, please patronize them.
9. CT Business Day in Hartford – Carol & Karen attended on Wednesday. Carol touched on the highlights which included the Governor's address where he spoke primarily about his three key initiatives; education, job creation, and tax relief for the middle class.
10. Senior Protection project – Pat is busy inspecting and installing the detectors that help protect our seniors. Since the inception



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of the program, we have installed over 400 of these detectors to seniors in need.

11. Charles Jones bench at town tennis courts – Bill Meehan has sent a letter sent to Parks & Rec, and the next step is approval from the Commission at their March meeting.
12. District Assembly on Saturday, April 13th 8 am-2 pm SCSU New Haven, please consider attending.
13. Y Swamp Romp postponed from today to March 22 due to weather/pond conditions, thanks to all who are sponsoring Susan and Karen to benefit Y's scholarship fund.
14. Be thinking of a worthy person in the community to receive one of our Paul Harris Awards at the Annual Dinner.
15. Rotary Foundation giving – Every Rotarian, Every Year. Please make Rotary one of your charities of choice and give a personal gift to the Foundation. Consider being a sustaining member by giving \$100/year.
16. Remember to bring a guest as a prospective new member.
17. Check our club website for news and member photos.

Program

Today's speaker was Casey Pickett, Director of Innovation for the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. The Connecticut Innovation Eco System is a public-private partnership designed to build a statewide innovation ecosystem for increased enterprise and job growth. Startup Connecticut will help to reinvent Connecticut by assisting high-growth entrepreneurship, and will be part of a national network of state and regional efforts coordinated by the national organization, Startup America Partnership. Connecticut is the third state in the nation to adapt its own regional initiative, and its four "hubs" are Hartford, Stamford, New Haven, and in the Eastern section of the State. For additional information on this initiative, visit the website: www.ctgov/ecd.

Next week's program is Jeff Sawyer from Right Marketing Solutions.

See you Friday at Marly'sCarol