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Today's meeting hosted 18 Wilton Rotarians and 1 guest, Eric Glass with President Paul presiding on a chilly "March staying in like a lion" day (aka pi day).

Announcements:

1. Karen thanked members for writing notes on Craft Show program ad solicitation letter and for committing to business ads themselves. The program guide is being revamped this year in hopes we can attract more advertisers.
2. Eric Glass, who is a junior at Gettysburg College, spoke about being president and publicity manager of the Rotoract club there. With about 5-10 members, the club has several projects including Adopt A Highway with the Gettysburg Rotary club, Read Across America, and work at a local homeless shelter. Eric will be applying for a Rotary District Scholarship and starting an internship when college is out in May. It was great to see Eric again and applaud his continuing Rotary involvement.
3. Carol announced that the Police Awards are set for Monday, March 24 at Trackside 6:00 pm. Need some volunteers at 5:30 to help with set up, please contact Carol if you can help.
4. John Lemke is forming a Rotary golf team to take advantage of Groupon deals at local courses. So far, Paul B., Matt, Jay, John, Frank and Luis have signed on so far, need 2 more to make two foursomes.
5. The Board and Trustees will meet 6:15 March 20 at Marly's to discuss weighty topics.
6. District Assembly/Conference is May 3 in Mystic, Paul/Carol/Karen/Patty/Andy/Susan G. plan to represent the club, more are welcome to learn more about Rotary and meet clubmembers from throughout the District.
7. Y Swamp Romp is this afternoon at 4 pm, Kiwanis Pond, Susan and Karen plunging in the frigid waters, thanks to all who are sponsoring them, photos will follow.
8. Carol attended the multi-district President Elect Training Session (PETS) last week in Framingham, MA. Very intense, informative, inspirational, met wonderful Rotarians from throughout New England, Rotary theme next year is "Light Up Rotary".

Program:

A great presentation from Mitch Ancona, owner of Ancona's Wine and Spirits in Ridgefield and Wilton. Mitch brought 2 bottles of a Cava Spanish champagne which Carol and Beth popped outdoors using a serious saber (very dramatic) and then was served all around. Mitch also demonstrated the latest wine gadget called Coravin which removes the wine from the bottle

without opening it through a thin needle and argon gas system. Great for “accessing” bottles without consuming the whole thing or having to re-cork. Works excellently on most wines except the sparkling kind or those with plastic corks. Somewhat pricey at \$300, but worth it for those having extensive cellars or spouses who do not imbibe. Second wine sampled was a white burgundy Aligote (sp.), very tasty at a reasonable \$16. New areas are focusing on more eclectic varietals which are in demand as a change from the usual chardonnays, pinot noirs, cabernets, etc. Mitch promised to come back and open the red wine we didn't have time to get to.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 21st, Dr. Michael Crystal