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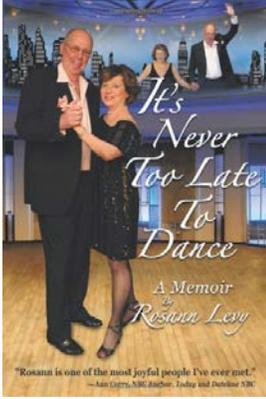
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Little darlings, it's been a long cold lonely winter. Friday, according to the calendar, the season of snow was supposed to give way to the rebirth of spring shortly after the Rotary meeting ended at Marly's. Nature doesn't always follow the clock, but 20 Rotarians defied the snow to join Pres. Carol Johnson and a guest speaker for fellowship and warmth. Guests included Past District Governor Rick, New Haven Rotarian Lou whose office is just across the way, and Westport Rotarian Beth who actually lives in Wilton.

Announcements:

- Citing numerous very depressing statistics, Pres. Carol reminded us that the Rotary theme for this month was "worldwide effort to eliminate illiteracy." If you can read this Drummer you can be part of the solution.
- The Chamber of Commerce recognized numerous Rotarians and Rotary related institutions at its recent dinner. Among those given awards for 25 years of membership in the Chamber and dedication to the town were Chris Lavin, Paul Hafter, Bob Mills, Pat Russo, Judy White, Gregory and Adams, the Wilton Library, and the Wilton Y.
- The police awards are at Trackside on Thursday at 6:30. Help is needed with food transport. Meet at the Village Market at 5. To help at the event itself, meet at Trackside at 5:30 PM. Please note that those very attractive slips of paper given to you by the police for doing 90 on Route 7 in an effort to get to the Rotary meeting on time are not considered awards.
- Beth informed us that Lucy from Chile, our current student exchange program person, will be leaving and will be followed by a young man from Brazil. Followed here, not there. A host family is needed in August.
- President-elect Richard attended PETS the previous weekend. About 550 Presidents-elect attended the impressive, well organized and intensive weekend.
- Bud told us that the Memorial Day Parade Committee met. Rotary will be responsible for the water, the tables and chairs after the parade. Also needed are monitors for behind the hardware store for the parade set up. Timing on that is nine to 10:30 AM.
- The District Assembly and Grant Seminar will be on April 18 at the Sheraton Four Points in Meriden. The District Conference will be held on May 14-17 at Dolce Norwalk.
- Rotary Means Business meets on Wednesdays in Darien — a reminder from your sponsor.

Program: Rosann Levy, memoirist



Rosann Levy spoke to the club about her memoir, [*It's Never Too Late to Dance*](#). This wife of 55 years, mother of four grown children and nine grandchildren had originally wanted to write this memoir as a legacy for her children and grandchildren. Fortunately she chose to share her (and her husband's) story with the world. It is a story of exploration and of joy that began by dancing at last as they neared standard retirement age, weaves its way through Havana nightclubs and the Buena Vista Social Club, and is highlighted by their opening of a Latin ballroom dance studio in Soho at the age of 62. As Levy tells it, it is a story of living her life and overcoming her fears, where dancing is a metaphor for how embracing our fears and responding to risk determine how we handle our future. The lesson, in her words, is that one should open one's eyes and live life to the fullest. She suggested that Rotarians look at what they're doing; if they're happy, great, but if they want, try new adventures. In the end,

[whatever your passion is, whatever you love, keep on dancing.](#)

NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 27, 2015 at Marly's