



Wilton Rotary Drummer

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Our 31st Year of Service!

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President Karen Strickland presiding at Marly's, with 15 Rotarians in attendance.

Guests/Visitors:

None today.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. **Rotary Theme Month** – March is Literacy Month, but today is World Water Day, recognizing Rotary's global effort to provide safe drinking water and prevent fluorosis.
2. **2013 Wilton Police Awards**: Very well done! Congratulations to the award recipients and to Bill Meehan for coordinating the Club's involvement in the event. Also thanks to the many Rotarian who assisted on a snowy evening. A thank you note was read from Deputy Chief Bob Crosby. The Wilton FD will hold a similar ceremony with Rotary support in April (date TBD).
3. **Swamp Romp Today**: Susan and Karen plus another 38 Y staffers will jump into the frigid waters of Kiwanis Pond at 4 this afternoon to benefit the Y's scholarship fund. The event has raised \$6.6K so far. Karen thanked club members for their financial support.
4. **Board Meeting**: No quorum, only 5 people in attendance, so no official action taken. Discussion on suggested participation for inactive members will be continued at a future meeting.
5. **Youth Exchange News**: Lino is moving on Sunday to his 3rd host family, the Noonan's on Nod Hill Road.
6. **Library Book Sale**: April 27th; the Club will to sell hot dogs; coordinator Pat Russo is looking for volunteers.
7. **Charles Jones Memorial Bench**: Site identified at town tennis courts. Bill Meehan is awaiting Selectmen's OK.
8. **Congratulations Keith!** Keith Overland's son Scott is getting married this weekend in Virginia. Bob Mills – not here today – is attending.
9. **Craft Fair Update**: Permit approved for May 25th. If you would like to place an ad or business card in the booklet, please contact yours truly. Same prices as last year.
10. **Memorial Day Parade**: First committee meeting held yesterday. Rotary is well represented with myself, Karen and Patty (secretary and treasurer!). The Club will again do set-up/water at Hillside Cemetery.



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11. **District 7980 Assembly:** Saturday, April 13th, 8 AM -2 PM, SCSU in New Haven. Paul, Carol and Karen are attending.
12. **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.
13. **PHF Awards:** Be thinking of a worthy person in the community to receive one of our Paul Harris Fellow Awards at the Annual Dinner on Thursday, June 20th.
14. **Our Point of Difference:** How is Rotary different from other service organizations? No one else gets *The Rotarian* magazine every month!
15. **www.wiltonrotaryclub.org:** Check our website for news, photos, past issues of the *Drummer*, and our online member directory (accessible only by password).

Future Programs and Events:

- a. March 29th: **NO MEETING – Good Friday**
- b. April 5th: Mike Lindquist – Wilton Auto & Tire
- c. April 12th: Bruce Bennett – The Future of Electric Cars
- d. April 19th: Michael Cadden – Living Abroad
- e. April 26th: Ken Shephard – GM Bridgeport Bluefish
- f. May 5th: Wilton Go Green Festival
- g. May 25th: Rotary Arts and Craft Fair

Today’s Program

Jerry Goodwin and Karen Stanley from the board of directors of “Wilton Go Green, Inc.” gave us a very informative presentation about the organization. Its mission is to advance a culture of conservation and sustainability in Wilton through “green” initiatives, education, local events, and alliances with governmental and non-profit groups. Their biggest event is coming up on May 5th, when it hosts the “Wilton Go Green Festival” in Wilton center. For more information, visit www.wiltongogreen.org

See you on April 5th at Marly’s**Bill**