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It was raw. It was wet. Still, ten Wilton Rotarians gathered for at mid-day feast in the spacious Rolling Hills, joined again by Rotarian Bob Green, with special guest speaker Jim Patterson, District Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

Announcements:

- **New Member** – Wilton Chamber of Commerce – Debra Hanson and Camille – have applied for membership.
- **“Bullets, Bonds & Butter: Wilton Responds to War 1776-2006”** – The joint Wilton Historical Society - Wilton American Legion exhibit continues its run at the Historical Society.
- **YMCA Swamp Romp** – President Christene survived to tell the tales of the 2018 Swamp Romp. Christene took the plunge into the frigid depths of the YMCA pond helping raise \$16,000 for YMCA Youth Development Programs.
- **March 25 – 6:00 p.m. - Police Awards Ceremony-** Brubeck Room Wilton Library. Please lend a hand with the (5:30 p.m.) setup. Note the time change.
- **March 27 and April 10 are Wayback Burger Days.**
- **April 27 – Wilton Library Book Sale – Rotary Healthy Hot Dog Day** – Help needed.
- **May 17 – 19 – Rotary District 7980 Conference and Training Assembly** at Heritage Hotel and Conference Center, Southbury.
- **Carol** showed everyone how to pick the Queen of Spades. The pot grows for another week.
- **Bud** – See the March 21 Wilton Bulletin article on Bud’s exploits in service of our country. <https://www.wiltonbulletin.com/137570/the-foxhole-spotlight-on-bud-boucher/>

PROGRAM: Jim Patterson, Powahay District Executive of the Boy Scouts of America

Jim spoke of the many changes taking place within the Boy Scouts of America. The Scouts’ Code has not changed and the BSA program is still known for its ability to help develop positive character traits in youth. But the BSA is no longer an exclusively male domain. There are now female Cubs and Scouts in 14 Connecticut female Troops. BSA in the Powahay District (Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford and Wilton) has been concentrating on reaching out to new and diverse communities that do not now have a strong scout presence. BSA has enlisted community organizations in this effort. An example is the Stamford Rotary Club, the Chartering Organization of Cub Scouts Den 8. See more at www.ctyankee.org/districts/powahay.

NEXT MEETING: – Lunch Meeting, Friday, March 29, 12:15 at ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB