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Guests/Visiting Rotarians

The meeting, presided over by President Frank Spencer, had 16 Rotarians in attendance, and two guests, Mike Coogan of C&K Insurance, prospective member, and Caroline Armstrong, exchange student.

Announcements

- Envelope stuffing for the Craft Fair will be on Tuesday at 5:00 at Fairfield County Bank.
- The tenth annual Police Awards are Monday at 6:30 at the Wilton Library. Volunteers are needed to attend, and to help with set up and clean up. Those who can help out are asked to meet at the Village Market at 5:30.
- The "Swamp Romp" is this afternoon at 5:00 at the "Y." Donations are still being accepted for the "Development Team." Thanks to all who have already contributed.
- Volunteers are needed to help input email addresses for a distribution list for the email solicitation for the Craft Fair booklet.
- The prospective member letters were mailed last week. Please follow up with those you agreed to contact.
- Installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors will begin shortly. Volunteers are need for this life saving project.
- Services for Bill Mitchell, Past President of our club, will be tomorrow morning in New Rochelle at the Holy Name of Jesus Church.
- We will have a club assembly at our meeting on April 20th.
- Frank is working through the process of applying for awards to be presented at the district conference.
- Our Homefront project, joint with Kiwanis will be on May 5th.

- **Caroline Armstrong, a junior at Wilton High School, and our exchange student who will be going to Argentina, spoke about international living and cultural immersion. Caroline will be spending her senior year at a Spanish speaking high school, beginning in August. She will return to Wilton to graduate in June. She thanked the club for providing this opportunity which she is looking very forward to.**

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Program

Muriel Cerreta, a former member of our club, introduced Kari Pesavento, Director of the Children's Connection, and Richard Colangelo, Assistant State District Attorney of Norwalk/Stamford.

The Human Services Council is the umbrella agency for the Children's Connection. HSC began in 1944 and serves the Greater Norwalk area, which includes Westport, Wilton, and Weston. The Children's Connection responds to the needs of physically and sexually abused children and their families. They work to raise awareness about the issue of child abuse through seminars, workshops, and media campaigns. Their mission is to create a world where no child is harmed and no family is left without guidance. Today's program focused on Internet Safety, Cyber Bullying, Sexting and Team Response. Technology provides an additional avenue for predators, and oftentimes, children are not aware of the consequences that come with this technology. One of the biggest dangers comes with the extraordinarily popular Facebook, where postings are permanent, can be manipulated, and ultimately very damaging.

Colleges and employers are viewing Facebook pages of their prospects, and Mr. Colangelo cited a case where an 18 year old student forfeited his full ride to Yale, when he was seen on Facebook celebrating his admission with underage drinking. Cyber harassment and bullying are monitored by undercover online prosecutors, who are experts in computer forensics. These crimes carry a mandatory jail term of one year.

See you on the 30th at Marly's

Carol