



**Wilton Rotary Drummer**  
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*President Luis Garcia presiding at Marly's, with 19 Rotarians in attendance.*

*Guests/Visitors:* PDG Rick Benson

**Announcements:**

**1. Upcoming Dates/Events of Note:**

- a. District Assembly, Meriden: April 16<sup>th</sup>
- b. No meeting: April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday
- c. Town Meeting/Budget Vote: May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- d. District 7980 Conference, Sturbridge, MA: May 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>
- e. Rotary Arts and Crafts Show: Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>
- f. Rose Sale: June 17<sup>th</sup>
- g. Installation Dinner: late June

2. **Drummer Editors Needed – Please!:** Contact Bill Glass, [nu76@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nu76@sbcglobal.net); especially important since one of our editors, Frank Spencer, will be taking over as president in July!

3. **Senior Protection Program:** Pat Russo handed out more smoke detectors, CO detectors and instructions to those Rotarians who signed up to deliver and install them. This is a wonderful community service program that sets Rotary apart from other service groups in town. Way to go Patrick!

4. **Police Awards:** Well Done to Karen, Patrick, Kathy, Bill Meehan and others I may have missed for staging the Wilton Police Award Ceremony at the Library last Monday night. Another great example of how Wilton Rotary stays connected to the community.

5. **Rev. Nigel Mumford:** Past president and Paul Harris Fellow the Rev. Nigel Mumford has contacted me. Currently residing and ministering in the Greenwich, NY, area, he survived a serious case of the Swine flu last year, and will be in Ridgefield on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for a prayer healing conference. Nigel will try to attend our meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Today's Program**

Past District Governor Rick Benson made a presentation on the status of Rotary International's signature fundraising and international service program – Polio Plus. He applauded the Club for its consistent past support of the campaign while encouraging us to consider helping RI meet its ambitious challenge campaign called “End Polio Now,” which has a goal to raise \$200MM by the end of May (RI's convention in New Orleans; they are 85% there). More details from the RI web site:

“Polio Plus, the most ambitious program in Rotary's history, is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. For more than 20 years, Rotary has led the private sector in the global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease. Today, Polio Plus and its role in the initiative is recognized worldwide as a model of public-private cooperation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal.

There are currently four countries that still have pockets of the disease: Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria (PAIN).

In addition to providing financial and volunteer support, Rotary works to urge support from other public and private sector partners. This includes the campaign to End Polio Now, inspired by the extraordinary challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.”

***See you Friday, April Fool's Day, at Marly's .....Bill***