



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

Wilton, Connecticut

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**Attendance:** 21 of 46 (46%)

### **Guests/Visiting Rotarians**

Carlos Reinoso, guest speaker from the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling.

### **Announcements**

1. Ray D. thanked the folks who made the latest Amber Alert a success – 65 children protected, \$165 collected. Matt C., Craig J., Bill G., Judy W., and Paul H. all helped Ray.
2. Larry S. said he had all the names and items needed for the senior fire protection program. If the batteries need replacing, he suggested just replacing the fire detector all together. Also, plug in the CO2 detectors unless the house has electric heat where it is not needed.
3. Apparently, we remain homeless, though a survey will be sent soon asking members how they have liked each place we have been for lunch – this Friday, President Pat suggested we return to Trackside to regroup.
4. The Newport Rotary conference is May 3<sup>rd</sup> with the deadline for registration approaching soon.
5. The next Board meeting is April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fun & Fines:**

Paul H. was in a hurry for fun and fines so nobody said much except – Go UConn!

## **Program**

Carlos Reinoso of the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling said the mission of his CCPG is not to stop gambling but to reduce the prevalence of problem and compulsive gambling. Gambling is just like any other addiction in that it effects other people; people steal to feed the habit; people lie; and addicts often end up in prison or commit suicide. It is harder to detect a problem gambler than perhaps a problem drinker or drug addict. Problem gamblers will go to any extreme to get the high of gambling even wearing diapers so they won't have to leave their seats to go to the bathroom. Some forms of gambling in CT include on-line casinos, the CT sponsored lottery; tribal casinos; animal fights; off track betting; sports betting; etc. Some problem gambling statistics: lifetime losses average \$89,616; debts average \$34,794 and 5% go into bankruptcy; 33% have difficulty paying bills and 23% use savings. You might be a problem gambler if you answer yes to any or all of these questions: have you ever borrowed money in order to gamble or cover lost money? Have you ever thought you might have a gambling problem, or been told that you might? Have you ever been untruthful about the extent of your gambling or hidden it from others? Have you ever tried to stop or cut back on how much or how often you gamble? If you need more information check out [www.problemgambling.org](http://www.problemgambling.org).

***See you next Friday somewhere!..... (Stephanie) Also, please be on the lookout for the survey which will help us figure out where to call ourselves home!***

Upcoming speaker schedule:

April 3, 2009	Tracy Boyce Feng Shui <a href="mailto:tracybfengshui@aol.com">tracybfengshui@aol.com</a>
April 10, 2009	Good Friday
April 17, 2009	Ed Kulhawik/Pete Trahan
April 24, 2009	Open – any suggestions?
May 1, 2009	Debbie Fay bespeak