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20 Rotarian attended the luncheon and we had the pleasure of hosting three guests: Karen Strickland, Mike Kaelin and Laura Downing.

Announcements:

- President Carol reminded us all that March Rotary theme is Literacy
- The Police awards ceremony was held on March 26th and 11 officers were awarded
- We will have a press release accepting grant applications- deadline is May 1st
- The district assembly is May 18th, if anyone is interested in attending we need to inform Carol ASAP
- We have 3 months left to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation this year
- The library Book Sale is on April 25th and we're looking for volunteers.
- Bud announced that the Spring Fling Trackside fund raiser is also being held on April 25th. Tickets are \$70.

Program:

Our speaker for the day was S. Jane von Trapp, the CEO of Bartlett Arboretum. The Bartlett Arboretum was opened by Francis Bartlett in 1913 with 30 acres and has grown to 93 acres today, and is currently owned by the City of Stamford. Their mission is: "To educate the community about botanical environments and the importance of protecting them for future generations"

They would like to accomplish the following:

- Preserving a 93-acre sanctuary of southwest New England natural ecosystems for generations to explore and enjoy
- Providing comprehensive environmental, horticulture and plant science educational programs for children and adults
- Providing opportunities for recreation, enjoyment and exploration of the natural world for all ages
- Maintaining a diverse collection of trees, gardens and plants that celebrate biodiversity and reflect the ecology and character of our region
- Promoting conservation and principles of sustainable landscape management

The Bartlett offers several educational programs for children and adults and relies on the volunteers that maintain the grounds year round. All are encouraged to visit and walk the beautiful grounds.

***Next meeting is April 10th at Marley's