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President Paul opened the meeting with 20 Wilton Rotarians in attendance, 1 prospective member, 3 visiting Rotarians (our Assistant District Governor, a member of the Westport Sunrise club & a Rotarian from Atlanta GA) as well as our speaker Jeff Yates.

Announcements:

- 1) President Paul, reminded everyone about the Rotary Club of New Canaan's Golf outing May 8th at the New Canaan Country Club to support Polio Plus.
- 2) The District Conference/Assembly will be held the first weekend in May (5/2 thru 5/4) in Mystic.
- 3) Karen S. contacted the family of our Chilean Exchange student to check and see if he was affected by the earthquake suffered in that part of the world - thankfully he was not.
- 4) Karen S. said that the YMCA's, Mary Ann Genaurio, is running a program to promote Cardiac Health – a free Blood Pressure monitor is available - if you agree to report 2 X every month for four consecutive months.
- 5) Eileen A. announced that the Norwalk Hospital is offering, as part of their Community Health Series, 4 talks hosted by the Greens at Cannondale the first of which will take place at 6:15pm on Wed. April 9th.
- 6) Susan B. told us about the 'Why not buy a Y?' fund raising campaign to support the YMCA.
- 7) Bud B. reminded everyone about the Trackside Spring Fling Fundraiser Saturday 4/26 7pm to 11pm. Tickets are \$70 per person, and \$120 per couple. Tickets may be purchased at trackside.org or by calling 203-834-2888

Program: Jeff Yates, Communications director for Trout Unlimited

Jeff told us that you could, in Fairfield County, cross 9 different rivers with great trout fishing in 20 minutes in your car (without breaking any traffic laws). Who knew? The Mianus Chapter of Trout Unlimited runs fly fishing clinics in the local area. There will be one such clinic Saturday, May 10 @ Merwin Meadows.

Jeff discussed about the three main threats to the health of local rivers. 1) Storm runoff from parking lots – which brings toxic chemicals into streams and rivers. 2) Denuding and channelizing – forcing rivers and streams to run faster than is comfortable for trout and other fish to spawn. 3) Non-point source pollution – chemical fertilizers/insecticides from lawns and gardens. The Mianus Chapter of Trout unlimited is also involved in many conservation activities. Yearly they sponsor a Norwalk River Cleanup this year's event will be Saturday, April 26 @ Merwin Meadows

For more information visit: <http://mianustu.org/>

NEXT MEETING: Friday April 11, 2014at Marly's