



Wilton Rotary Drummer

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Attendance:

18 Rotarians attended along with 1 guest: Ed Norgaard.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

- President Karen Strickland spoke about the 4th objective of Rotary, international service, which is based on the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.
- The Rotary theme this month is the Rotarian Magazine that this month includes articles on plastic pollution, a bed bug infestations pill cure, the impact of bilingualism on cognitive function, land mine awareness, the ecology of money, the role of social networks in disasters, boxer Manny Pacquiao, Nigerian polio eradication, the celebrity impact on charitable giving, and factoids on the history of taxes.
- The "swamp romp" at the Y was a huge success, raising over \$10K.
- Our Youth Exchange candidate for this summer will be interviewed today.
- The Fire Department Awards Ceremony will take place at Trackside on April 24th and volunteers will be needed. Bill Meehan is in charge of this effort.
- The Library book sale will be on April 27th and we need volunteers to sell hot dogs. Pat will help with setup.
- The Charles Jones bench was approved by the Selectmen for the tennis courts. Bill Meehan is following up on its installation.
- Richard said we need more crafters for the Craft Fair in May.
- The Memorial Day Parade will take place on May 27th and we'll man a water table at the cemetery as usual.
- District Assembly will take place on Saturday, April 13th from 8 am to 2 pm at Southern CT State University in New Haven. Carol and Karen are going and we have room for one more.
- Paul Harris awards will be coming up and we all should be thinking about a worthy community recipient.



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- Rotary Foundation would like us to be sustaining members by giving \$100 per year. Our Club goal is \$3,800 including Paul Harris donations by the Club and individual donations.
- We will need volunteers for the Go Green "take down" on May 5th, the New Canaan Golf outing on May 9th and note that the Annual Dinner is on June 20th. Our Rose Sale is in June with the date to be decided upon by the Board.

Program: Mike Lindquist of Wilton Tire and Auto

Mike spoke about the events that have taken place from 1992, when he became the owner/operator of Wilton Getty to today when he has been served with "Summary Process" (an order of eviction by Chestnut Petroleum, the new lease holder of his locations in Stamford and Wilton. It was a complicated tale of big business and small entrepreneurs with the issue of control a major theme. At this point, Mike said he would just as soon cease selling gasoline and concentrate on auto repair and service.

Next week's program will be Bruce Bennett from Bruce Bennett Nissan, Inc. and we will gather at Marly's.