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With the dynasty of President Christene entering its final quarter, eleven Wilton Rotarians and League of Woman Voters guest speakers, Tina Gardner and Karen Silverberg, assembled for a hearty meal at Rolling Hills, chasing away the frosty, wet early Spring weather.

Announcements:

- **"Bullets, Bonds & Butter: Wilton Responds to War 1776-2006"** – The joint Wilton Historical Society - Wilton American Legion exhibit continues its run at the Historical Society.
- **April 10 and May 8 are Wayback Burger Days.**
- **April 27 – Wilton Library Book Sale – Rotary Healthy Hot Dog Day** – Help needed.
- **May 17 – 19 – Rotary District 7980 Conference and Training Assembly** at Heritage Hotel and Conference Center, Southbury.
- **June 2 – Wilton (Riverbrook) YMCA – Sea to Table Community Celebration – Pat Russo** to be recognized as Distinguished Citizen of the Year. Club members are assembling a table. Contact Christene if you would like to join the festivities honoring Pat.
- **Paul B.** picked the five of diamonds and the pot grows to \$294.

PROGRAM: Tina Gardner and Karen Silverberg, Wilton League of Woman Voters

Tina is the Convener and Karen the Voter Services Chair. The Wilton League of Women Voters, formed in 1940, is the local League of the League of Women Voters of the United States. The National LWV is celebrating its 99th year as we approach the 100th anniversary of the 1920 ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. Paul, a young man at the time, recalls the ratification. The rest of us benefited from Tina's and Karen's comments concerning the 19th Amendment. The Amendment prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote on the basis of sex. Tina and Karen also outlined the good work of the LWV particularly in the present time when civil discourse on government, politics and social issues seems so difficult. The Wilton LWV, along the national LWV, advocates for the adoption of laws that facilitate the exercise of voting rights, reform campaign finance, and encourage open government. The Wilton LWV enables forums giving the public an opportunity to hear from candidates and vice versa. The Wilton LWV also works towards facilitating informed and active participation in local government. For more information about the Wilton League, its work, and activities visit www.wiltonlww.org.

NEXT MEETING: – Lunch Meeting, Friday, April 12, 12:15 at ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB