



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

Wilton, Connecticut USA District 7980

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*Our 31<sup>st</sup> Year of Service!*

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*President Karen Strickland presiding at Marly's on a very rainy, chilly, and windy day, with 16 Rotarians in attendance.*

### Guests/Visitors:

Wendy Macedo – still a member – joined us while she was in town on bank business.

### Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. **District's Next Generations and Interact Conferences:** Allie Furlo, a junior at WHS, talked enthusiastically about her experiences at the two conferences.
2. **Fire Dept. Awards Ceremony:** April 24<sup>th</sup> at Trackside; same format as Police Awards; Bill Meehan in charge; sign-up sheet for volunteers was circulated.
3. **Library News:**
  - **Book Sale:** April 27<sup>th</sup>; Rotary to sell hot dogs; Pat will help with set up; sign-up sheet for volunteers passed around.
  - **National Library Week:** Next week; lots of activities at our own library - check them out at [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org).
4. **Wilton Interfaith Council's "Stop Hunger Now" Program:** Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM, St. Matthew's Church. Please consider attending as this is a focus area for Rotary.
5. **Charles Jones Bench:** Revised proposal and plaque inscription awaiting Board approval. Placement planned at town tennis courts.
6. **Craft Fair Update:** Richard reported we have about 30 vendors; please consider placing an ad in the booklet – see me for details.
7. **Cranbury Park Tree Festival:** May 10<sup>th</sup>; Bill Meehan needs help setting up tents from 1:30-3:00 PM, sign-up sheet will be circulated around next week.
8. **Memorial Day Parade:** Rotary will again do set-up/water at Hillside Cemetery May 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to noon.
9. **Get Well:** Our best wishes go out to Dawn Castaldi, who fractured her hip this week, just as Matt was completing his recovery from a broken ankle!
10. **Board Meeting:** Next Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM, Fairfield County Bank board room.
11. **District 7980 Assembly:** Tomorrow, 8 AM -2 PM, SCSU in New Haven. Carol and Karen will attend.



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- 12. **Rotary Foundation Giving – Every Rotarian, Every Year:** Please make Rotary one of your charities of choice and give a personal gift to the Foundation. Consider being a Sustaining Member by giving \$100/year.
- 13. **PHF Awards:** Be thinking of a worthy person in the community to receive one of our Paul Harris Fellow Awards at the Annual Dinner.
- 14. **[www.wiltonrotaryclub.org](http://www.wiltonrotaryclub.org):** Check our website for news, photos, past issues of the *Drummer*, and our online member directory (accessible only by password).

### **Future Programs and Events:**

- a. April 19<sup>th</sup>: Michael Cadden – Living Abroad
- b. April 24<sup>th</sup> : Wilton Fire Dept. Awards at Trackside
- c. April 26<sup>th</sup>: Ken Shephard – GM Bridgeport Bluefish
- d. May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Wilton Police - K-9 Unit
- e. May 5<sup>th</sup> : Wilton Go Green Festival
- f. May 10<sup>th</sup> : Ambler Farm - Update
- g. May 25<sup>th</sup>: Rotary Arts and Craft Fair
- h. May 27<sup>th</sup> : Memorial Day
- i. June 20<sup>th</sup> : Annual Dinner

### **Today's Program**

Bruce Bennett, owner and president of Bruce Bennett Nissan in Georgetown, spoke to us about his 43 year career in the automotive sales business. Bruce purchased the Datsun/Nissan dealership from Bob Sharp in 1987 and grew it into the largest volume Nissan dealer in the state. He is a firm believer in marketing and promotion (as I am!) and allocates a lot of resources promoting his 'brand' on radio, TV and the Internet. His commercials even feature his son and daughter who now work for him. If you are looking for a new or pre-owned Nissan, he welcomes you to stop by and see him and ask for the Rotary deal! More info at [www.brucebennett Nissan.com](http://www.brucebennett Nissan.com)

***See you next Friday at Marly's .....Bill***