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President Frank, notwithstanding the blitz of another tax season, joined 16 Rotarians, three guests and speaker Mark Ketley to preside over another weekly meeting.

Announcements:

1. Carol Johnson reported that the Wilton Commons project has entered the construction phase. After ten years of development, this past week the project's ground breaking ceremony was attended by Governor Dannel Malloy, representatives in Connecticut's legislature and selectmen. If all goes well, all those Rotary microwaves and defibrillators will soon have a permanent home.
2. Carol also announced Wilton's Earth Day celebration will take place on April 21 with events at the Wilton Wellness Park near Cider Mill School, a family run in or around Wilton Center and additional events involving Center businesses.
3. A crew from the club will set up tents for the 2012 Norwalk-Wilton Tree Festival at Cranbury Park. The tent erection will take place on Friday, May 18 from about 1:30 (after our lunch meeting) to about 3:00. This is light duty work. Sunshine is guaranteed. All are welcome.
4. Bill Glass announced that he is organizing the housing for the incoming high school exchange student. Anyone who may have a spare bedroom to take on a share of the housing of the incoming student please contact Bill.
5. Crafts Fair - Bill asked that we prompt anyone who may be interested in purchasing an ad for the Crafts Fair program. Richard indicated that vendors are beginning to return reservations for booths. Richard asked for help in sending out reminder emails to vendors and to support program ad sales.
6. Homefront – Chris Lavin reported that the Homefront project will take place on May 5 in conjunction with Kiwanis.
7. Pat Russo reported that the club has installed 370 smoke alarm units in the six years that we have managed the program. Reportedly, most of the 370 smoke alarms were not installed in the same house.
8. President Frank announced that the April board meeting will take place at Fairfield County Bank. Also, our next lunch meeting on Friday, April 20 will be a club assembly.

Program: Mark Ketley – Executive Director - Trackside Teen Center

After sharing a few thoughts concerning the glorious baseball championships he and guest Ted Riegel brought to Wilton in the 1970s, Mark brought us up to date on the Teen Center's current

operations. Mark reported that the Center is increasingly well received with the town's teen population. The Teen Center is now averaging 5,000 teen visits per year. In addition, the Teen Center is becoming a community center for all ages. Many events use the Teen Center's facilities for entertainment and fund raising functions. During the day, the Teen Center is used by many groups in town as a facility for holding meetings. Mark noted that Wilton Commons is being constructed immediately adjacent to the Teen Center site. Mark expects that the future residents of Wilton Commons will also find opportunities to use the Teen Center's facilities.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 20, 2012 – Marly's in Wilton