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Twelve Wilton Rotarians, our speaker Ellen Simmonds (Executive Director of Pet Animal Welfare Society in Norwalk ("PAWS"), and Kathleen Whelan (self-professed cat lady and volunteer at PAWS), gathered for lunch at Marly's on what was finally a spring afternoon.

Announcements:

- 1. The Club will be cooking and selling hot dogs at the Wilton Library Book Sale on Saturday, April 21 from 11-3, with proceeds to benefit the Library. Contact Bud if you can assist.
- 2. The Club will meet at Jake's Wayback Burgers, 607 Main St., Norwalk (Rt. 7, just south of Tavern on 7) on Thursday, April 26 at 12:15. There will be no meeting on Friday, April 27. The restaurant donated \$190 to the Wilton Rotary in conjunction with the March meeting held there.
- 3. The Club will participate in the Memorial Day Parade on May 28 and ceremony at Hillside Cemetery to honor James B. Whipple, the first Wilton serviceman to give his life in World War I.
- 4. The Wilton Rotary Installation Dinner is June 13 at the Rolling Hills Country Club. Treasurer Andy requests that Rotarians pay the \$60 cost in advance, so that we are not collecting money at the event.
- 5. Christene and Susan attended the PETS training in Framingham, MA.
- 6. The Club will not be going forward with the Bingo event, due to the stringent State of CT regulations concerning permitting and procedures. The Board will continue its efforts to identify an additional fundraising activity.

Program: Pet Animal Welfare Society

PAWS is a no-kill shelter located at 504 Main Ave. in Norwalk that places 100 dogs and 500 cats for adoption annually. PAWS takes in homeless and abused cats from Fairfield County, and animals whose can no longer care for them. PAWS relies of donations and does not receive government money. Visit the web site at www.pawsct.org to view pets that are available for adoption. There are also opportunities for volunteers who wish to help in caring for the animals at the shelter.

NEXT MEETING - Friday, April 20 - 12:15 at Marly's.