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Attendance: 21 of 46 (46%)

Guests/Visiting Rotarians

Mike Kundrat, guest of Victor T.; John Seiler awaiting induction; Ed Kulhawik and Pete Trahan – Wilton PD.

Announcements

1. Once again reporting from Tiburon.
2. President Pat announced that Rotary had been asked to sell hot dogs at the Library Earth Day celebration on Sunday April 19th from 1 until 4:30 pm.
3. President Pat announced that on Tuesday, April 21 at 5:30 pm at Trakside Rotarians were being asked to sign soccer balls on behalf of PFC Nick Madaras to be shipped to Iraq.
4. President Pat announced a grant's meeting on Tuesday, April 21st after Breakfast with First Selectman at 8 am in the Library. Wilton Rotary will give out about \$30,000 in grants this year. Including about \$500 per family at the request of social services.
5. The next Board meeting is April 23rd.
6. The April 24th meeting will be at Tuscan Oven with Bill and Shalini Madaras speaking.

7. On April 25th, Wilton Rotary has been invited to “flip” hot dogs at the WLA booksale from 12 until 3 pm – Bud B. would be ecstatic if you were to volunteer to help!
8. Membership forms that were not returned to Kathy L. need to be returned soon – not for marketing purposes, rather for informational purposes!
9. The senior fire protection program is underway.
10. The rose sale looks to be on for June 5th.
11. May 1st is the prospective member luncheon at Tiburon – please let John L. know if your prospective member.
12. Richard K. said crafter booths seem okay for craft show but advertisements are down. Please consider donations for silent auction.
13. The Carnival will be 9/18-19-20th to avoid Oyster Festival which I’m sure made sense to someone somewhere.
14. I just hate 13 messages!

Fun & Fines:

Paul H. met Carlos Fuentes Jr. who is a premier cigar maker – this fast was lost on most Rotarians! Ron B. was glad to be here and it was good to see him. Luis G. mentioned his daughter would be married soon. John L. was pleased to announce that the NYU lost; Pat S. remembered that one of our guests, Pete Trahan, escorted her to the bank deposit after the Carnival, of course there is little proof that the two of them didn't take the money and enjoy a nice vacation!; Victor T. was pleased to deposit some money signed by Timothy Geithner!

Program

Chief Ed Kulhawik thanked Rotary for sponsoring the police awards ceremony in March. He noted that Officer Pete Trahan was the officer of the Year for 2008. Officer Trahan said he has 3 kids, 8, 6 and 4 and his wife works as an emergency pediatric nurse at Yale. Peter T. has a bachelors and masters degree from Salve Regina in Newport, RI. Chief K. spoke about the Citizens Police Academy – of which I am an original graduate. He said the next program should be fall of 2009. He said Route 7 widening is ahead of schedule. He said Officer

Trahan is a member of the Strategic Traffic Patrol which helps set speed limits, offers child seat placements, sets signage needs, etc. Wilton Police is also working on a regional traffic squad at the behest of our very own Chief with New Canaan, Westport, and Norwalk – be on the lookout for these folks at a DUI checkpoint near you!

Next Friday at Tuscan Oven despite the fact that survey said too crowded!