



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

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**ATTENDANCE: 22 of 51 (43%)**

**Guests/Visiting Rotarians**

Preston Stuart, Carol Heinz

### **Announcements**

1. President Bill said the next Board meeting will be TUESDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> at Wilton Bank at 8:00 AM.
2. Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> is Earth Day at the WLA – they have asked us to cook Turkey dogs from 1 pm until 2:30 pm – volunteers are needed. We are also on for cooking Hot Dogs on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Book Sale – more info will follow.
3. Ray D. thanked the folks who helped out with Amber Alert this past weekend and said the next Amber Alert program will be May 4<sup>th</sup> at Gilbert & Bennett School.
4. Frank S. said the GSE team from Mexico will be in our area week of May 12<sup>th</sup> and we will see them on May 14<sup>th</sup> for a Wilton tour and May 16<sup>th</sup> for a joint lunch with New Canaan Rotary – RSVPs for the lunch are helpful so Frank Whitman can be sure you have something to eat!
5. Bob Mills will be handling the Rotary Rose sale once again on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
6. Bill M. announced that the Rotary Club has signed up to be involved with Birdies for Charity which is a program through the Travelers Championship. I assume more info will follow.
7. Frank S. announced that First Selectman Bill Brennan has said that Rotary will not be able to use the space by the tennis courts for the carnival – we have not given up hope yet on this option.
8. Karen S. went to the district assembly with 300 of her closest district Rotary friends!

### **Fun & Fines**

Paul H. was happy that a.) he was home watching TV this year and b.) realizing that the flood of '07 was last year and he had survived April '08 with nary a drop of water! Victor T. was happy that April 15<sup>th</sup> has passed. Frank S. was equally pleased! Don G. apparently does not realize that the Brooklyn Dodgers no longer exist because he keeps talking about their undefeated season! Judy W. was happy that Karen S. was able to help out with Amber Alert this weekend because the printer got jammed and somehow without a hammer, Karen was able to unjam it!

### **Program**

Stuart Svirsky, President of the Mid Fairfield County Board of Realtors, presented some information on the local real estate market. First of all, all real estate is local – even though the markets in California and Florida are in the news so much – the Fairfield County market is okay. In 2007 the median price of a house in the US was \$220,300, in CT it was \$328,200 and in Fairfield County it was \$516,400. The median price of a house in Wilton in 2001 was \$755,000 and in 2007 it was approximately \$1,000,000 – a 31% increase. The time a house sits on the market in Wilton has increased 7.9% while the median price and the number of units sold has decreased in this last year. Overall, your house value is expected to rise 6% per year and double in 10 years so it's always a good time to buy real estate!

Next meeting Friday April 25th. Upcoming speaker list:

April 25, 2008	Julia Hobbie Low, American Cancer Society
May 2, 2008	Peter Gioia, Economist with CBIA
May 9, 2008	Todd Marlin, Bridgeport Bluefish
May 16, 2008	Joint with New Canaan for GSE team
May 23, 2008	Susan Hill & Ted Rose, Project Amigo

***See you at the Silvermine .....Stephanie***