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Today's meeting hosted 13 Wilton Rotarians, a visiting Rotarian from the Ridgefield Club, prospective member Ray from Wells Fargo Bank, and our Rotary friends Pam Lucas and Bill Glass.

Announcements:

- Pat and Bud are organizing equipment for hot dog sales at the Library book sale next Saturday, please come over and help if you can.
- Richard needs help in getting OK for Craft Show signs placed at several locations, Chris is available, Ray offered to temporarily store sandwich board signs at Wells Fargo.
- President Paul is seeking golfers for New Canaan Rotary outing, let him know if you can play on May 8 to benefit PolioPlus.
- District Assembly/Conference May 3 in Mystic, several members attending afternoon and dinner sessions, let Paul know if you can be there.
- May 3 is also HomeFront with Kiwanis at a house in Norwalk, Chris is in charge, let him know if you can volunteer.
- Go Green Festival in Wilton Center May 4 needs Rotarian volunteers for end of day take down, Andy is coordinating, let him know if you can help.
- Board meeting topics: To sufficiently fund club operations, additional income has to be generated. These are the options: dues increase from current \$185 to \$200 plus allocating Fun N Fines to club account, or dues increase to \$225 and keep fines to charity. Let Paul know how you feel.
- Annual Dinner scheduled for June 25, Rolling Hills Country Club, \$50 per person
- Current Paul Harris Fellows to meet May 9 after Rotary to discuss this year's candidates
- Pat is forming Carnival Council to generate ideas on how to net more \$\$ from sponsors, event attendees, etc. All are welcome to join in brainstorming.
- Giving to the Rotary Foundation will have a final push to achieve 100% member participation by June 30 to meet club/District goals. Thanks to those who have donated, others please go to RI website or contact Karen Strickland.
- Andy announced that Janeen will be in charge of Programs next year, please let her know if you have people who would be good speakers.

Program: Comstock Community Center Renovation Project

Building Committee Chair Judy Zucker and Vice Chair Bill Brautigam presented the plans which address several major issues with this community facility and town asset: reducing operating & energy costs, increasing security and ADA accessibility, removing hazardous materials, upgrading data/electrical/communications systems, expanding bathroom facilities, providing better egress for

lobby and gym, installing fire alarms and sprinkler systems. Public usage has increased significantly in the past 6 years, as Comstock now houses the Food Pantry, Senior Center, Parks & Recreation and Social Services. Built as a school in 1955, it is in dire need of renovation and the estimated cost of the improvements is \$9.9 million, which is Question 4 on the town ballot. Final voting will be on May 10, if approved construction starts Jan. 2015 for completion a year later.

Happy Easter!

NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 25, speaker is young man from Malawi on African issues



President Paul with guest speakers Comstock Community Center Project Chair Judy Zucker and Vice Chair Bill Brautigam

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