



Wilton Rotary Drummer

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President Frank Spencer presiding at Marly's, with 17 Rotarians in attendance.

Announcements:

1. **Arts and Crafts Fair May 26th:** Richard indicated that we have about 25 crafters signed up to date. Solicitations for ads is going well – most from last year are returning. Please let me know if you want to feature your business card this year (\$30).
2. **Homefront 2012:** Saturday, May 5th, 8 AM – 3 PM. Chris Lavin is our house captain. Wilton Rotary will be sharing a project with Wilton Kiwanis at a house in Westport. Please contact Chris if you would like to participate.
3. **Annual Dinner:** Incoming president Wendy announced that the event will take place on **Thursday, June 21st**, at Silvermine Golf Club in Norwalk. More details will be forthcoming. There will be *no* meeting on June 22nd.

Today's Program

Today's program was the second and last Club Assembly of Frank's term – an opportunity for the club leadership to review accomplishments/progress made in the Four Avenues of Service, and for members to ask questions. Highlights included:

Community Service (Patrick):

- 357 smoke detectors installed in homes of Wilton seniors since beginning of that program.
- Adopt a Spot sign/location will be worked on this spring.
- New road signs announcing Marly's as our permanent meeting place will be up soon along major roadways (as will a sign in the restaurant itself).
- Homefront on May 5th (see note above).

Club Service (Paul):

- Membership – we are at about 36 now – several new members have attended recent meetings; only 4 responses came in a result of the 800 piece mailing that went out a few weeks ago to Wilton businesses; Board decided is not in a position to “subsidize” meal costs for members who request it; Carol Johnson indicated that she has updated the membership roster both at the District and RI levels; the roster on the web site has also been bought up to date with latest contact info.
- Programs – Cliff Juleson has been doing a good job in this area but we need someone to take over for him next year; also, Club members are strongly encouraged to recommend a program/person to speak.

Vocational Service (Bill G. for Matt Castaldi)

- Interact Club at Wilton High School has about 10 active members; advisor, Lorraine Morlath, a counselor, has been difficult to reach, but recently told Matt the club is sponsoring a young child in Haiti and has had a couple of fundraisers this year to benefit “Stop Hunger Now.”
- Wilton Rotary will award two \$1,000 scholarships to WHS seniors again this year at the WHS Awards Assembly on May 31st; the awards are based on applications submitted by the students and selected by a Rotary Club committee.

International Service:

- Club is sponsoring a WHS junior, Caroline Armstrong, who is going abroad next school year to Argentina; we are also expected to host a student coming here from Ecuador.

Finances (Wendy):

- The club is in good shape.
- We plan to collaborate with Wilton Kiwanis on a fundraiser during the new Rotary year
- We are also looking to add a new fundraiser next year to supplement the Carnival, Rose Sale, and Arts and Crafts Show.
- We are looking at doing a joint project with Norwalk Rotary.

See you Friday at Marly'sBill