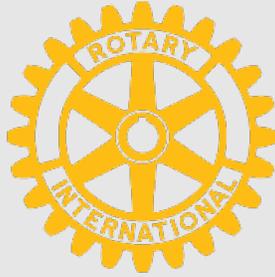


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Thirteen Rotarians joined our speaker for lunch and a shot at the raffle prize. One out of two had to do.

## Announcements:

- The Board had a meeting on Thursday 4/20. Next board meeting is May 18 in the conference room at Fairfield County Bank. The meetings are open to club members.
- Help is needed for the hot dog sale during the Library's book sale tomorrow. Tomorrow is also Wilton Cleanup Day, so there should be a hungry crowd to feed. If you can help out at 2—or any other time—[reach out to Bud](#).
- The Rose Sale is June 14.
- Trakside is holding a fundraiser on Friday night, 4/28. Cost is \$25 per head.
- Arrangements for carnival are proceeding apace.
- The installation of smoke and CO detectors is complete.
- We need more exhibitors for the Crafts Fair. Paul B will send a list of possibles around. If you know any, tell them how much you'd like to see them there. Approximately 125 letters were sent seeking ads and sponsorships. In the longer term, the Crafts Fair needs to evolve. It came into being before eBay and Etsy. The Board would like to hear your suggestions on what direction to pursue.
- Our second half grant process is beginning. The Grants Committee is accepting applications now.
- Wilton Go-Green is scheduled for May 7. For the past few years, Rotary has provided the muscle to do teardown from 4-6 pm (or set-up from 7-9 am if you prefer). At least two of the usual suspects won't be in town for this one, so we need new blood. [Reach out to your humble editor](#) if interested.

## Upcoming events (see Pres. Bud):

4/28-30 — <a href="#">2017 Rotary District Conference</a>	5/11 — <a href="#">New Canaan Rotary golf outing</a>
5-18 — Board meeting	5/27 — <a href="#">Arts and Crafts Show</a>
6/10-14 — <a href="#">RI Convention</a> , Atlanta GA	6/14 — Rose sale
6/22 — 2017 Wilton Rotary Installation Dinner	9/15-17 — Carnival

## Program: The Wilton environment

Mike Conklin, Wilton's Director of Environmental Affairs, described Wilton's efforts on the environmental front. Mike replaced Pat Sesto in this position, but is no stranger to Wilton. He has worked for the town for 13 years, the 12 previous to this as an environmental analyst.

There are three staffers in his department, which provides support to numerous town boards and committees. He and his team also spearhead a number of events, including Saturday's [Cleanup Day](#). Almost 300 people have been recruited thus far to participate. Each will grab gloves and a garbage bag to fill with the junk we don't need to see lying around.

Apparently, the town does listen when you call in complaining about unsightly detritus in Wilton's public areas and along the banks of the Norwalk River. They keep track of those expressed concerns, and come Cleanup Day, send volunteers out to make Wilton clean again.

Satisfaction is not the only reward for volunteers. Each bag full of 8x10 glossies of Paul Burnham gets you a raffle ticket good for lots of prizes. These include \$100 gift certificates to Orem's, \$50 gift certificates to the movies or Wilton Hardware, \$25 certificates for Scoops, and more. Each volunteer also gets a slice of cheese pizza from Pinocchio's. The fun runs from 9 am to noon and Town Green is the starting point.

The chess park across from Stop & Shop is another recent accomplishment of Mike and his team. The goal there, he said, was to open "windows" to the river "to engage people to see the river" and thus protect it.

***NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 28 at Marly's***