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**Pam Lucas**

**Guests/Visiting Rotarians No visitors today**

**Announcements**

1. Amber Alert was at a Georgetown event on Sunday, thanks to those who helped.
2. Thanks to those who helped with the "dogs" at the library—we will make about a \$600 donation.
3. Craft fair ads are due by Tuesday, May 6. Patty S. would appreciate help with the silent auction--collecting items and setup. Signup sheet will be around on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. Memorial Day parade also offers a volunteer experience at the ceremony at the cemetery after the parade. See Karen if you are available.
5. Happy 50<sup>th</sup> to Paul Hafter.
6. Fun & Fines still going to "Kick for Nick"
7. May 16 will be the GSE meeting with New Canaan. Please let Frank S. know if you will be attending.

**Program**

Peter Gioia, from CBIA, gave us his opinion of the economy and the future in CT. At least his take was not all doom and gloom—he had mixed news, but said that here in Connecticut we are doing a little better than the country as a whole. CT is not in a recession as there are still new jobs and certain manufacturing industries are doing well. Housing has not been overbuilt in CT as in other areas and being the wealthiest state in the Union has helped CT to stay ahead. Of course, rising energy costs are affecting everything from gas, heating/ac, food and other transportation and we are not immune to these rising costs. Peter's other concern was the educated workforce—the pool is declining as graduation rates have declined and the boomers (largest part of work force)

will be retiring with no one to replace them. He felt that politics play a large role in CT and in the business climate—which he feels is anti-business at the moment. Some changes need to take place so that businesses will come or stay in CT. At least it was not all bad news. Hope I hit some of the highlights!!

***See you next Friday at the Silvermine Pam***