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Guests: Kevin Murray of Granite Advisors, Laila Khouri of People's Bank, Susan Goldman of Gregory & Adams. All are potential members.

Announcements:

- We have 3 May birthdays – Bill Meehan will celebrate his tomorrow.
- HomeFront will take place tomorrow in Norwalk with the Wilton Kiwanis Club with Chris Lavin in charge of our volunteers. The sign-up sheet was circulated
- Thanks were given to the Library Book Sale volunteers last Saturday who sold hot dogs. Patty did her own volunteer activity, working to weed and spruce up the Adopt a Spot.
- Richard gave a Craft Fair update –we have over 30 crafters so far, and ads are coming in. He will need help getting signs up and all members are asked to look at the silent auction list from the last 2 years (attached), please review and see what you can help obtain. We also need club members to take ads in the program (only 14 of 40 have renewed so far), so let Bill Glass know what you can do.
- The Memorial Day Parade will take place on May 27th. Rotary once again will be doing set-up/water at cemetery and we will need volunteers – a sign-up list will be circulated next week.
- A Paul Harris Awards will be given to community person Don Hazzard, Commander of the American Legion (the Rotarian selected for an award is a surprise) and presentations will be made at the Annual Dinner on June 20th.
- The Rose Sale pick up will be on June 13th, with orders to be placed several weeks prior. As usual, Bob Mills will be in charge and will be asking for our information.
- The Grants Committee met May 1st to review applications and has recommendations for the May 16th Board meeting.
- The Wilton High School awards ceremony will take place May 30th and will include 2 Rotary scholarship recipients, Bill Glass's committee (Frank and Matt) is reviewing 30 applicants.
- Karen extended a welcome to our 3 guests today, and said we hope they will be attending our meetings from now on and joining us soon as members of Wilton Rotary. She urged members to remember to bring someone as a prospective member & check the Club website for news and photos.
- The Wilton Singers will be performing next weekend (Friday and Saturday nights) at WEPCO.
- This Saturday there will be a fundraiser for Trakside, "Run for the Roses." The admission price is \$60 per person.

Program: Wilton Police Department and the K-9 Unit

Captain Mike Lynch and Officer Steve Rangel spoke about the K-9 unit and its star, the German Shepherd Enzo. Officer Rangel and Enzo are always together and have been since the dog a WPD staff member. Obedience training is extensive and very important (for Enzo, it began in Eastern Europe). The uses for a K-9 unit in Wilton are primarily locating drugs and missing persons (children and adults) Drugs change and hard to keep dogs smelling up to date; drug detecting canines are reliable and accurate – courts are favorable. Officer Rangel mentioned that dog uses and the personalities of the dogs must mesh (for example, bomb sniffers must be calm and methodical, while drug sniffers can be “highly motivated.”) We repaired to the Gazebo for a fabulous and exciting demonstration.

Our next program will be an update from Ambler Farm – see you all at Marly’s on May 10th!