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Led by President Christene Freedman, 15 Rotarians and two visitors came together on the first Friday of May to enjoy good fellowship, good food, and a great program at Rolling Hills CC.

## **Guests/Visitors**

Katie Diamond and Daniel Levine of *A Contemporary Theater of Connecticut* (ACT of CT) (speakers, see below).

## **Announcements**

### **1. Future Events**

- **May 4:** Town Wide Clean-Up, 9 a.m.-noon, Town Green, Wilton Center.
- **May 4-6:** Minks to Sinks, town tennis courts. Benefits Family and Children's Agency.
- **May 8:** Wayback Burger benefit for Wilton Rotary, 11 AM to 9 PM.
- **May 10:** New member induction.
- **May 17:** No speaker, but Paul Burnham is investigating a possibility. Stay tuned.
- **May 27:** Wilton Memorial Day Parade, 10 AM.
- **June 2:** Riverbrook Regional YMCA Community Celebration. Shore and Country Club, 3 PM – 7 PM. Our own Patrick Russo will be honored! See Christene if you'd like to attend.
- **June 20:** Installation Dinner for New Regime. RHCC, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Pam Brown gets her turn at the helm!
- **July 1:** New Rotary year begins! (see #7 below)
- **July 20:** Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale. 9 AM - 5 PM, along Old Ridgefield Road.

2. **Wilton Library Book Sale/ Rotary Hot Dogs.** Many thanks Pat, Phil, Jay, Bill M., Judy, Steve and Bud for serving up dozens of Nathan's hot dogs during the Library's book sale last Saturday. Through their efforts, we donated \$198 to the Wilton Library.

3. **Scholarship Awards.** The Scholarship Committee has identified two winners from among 24 senior applicants for the club's \$1,000 "Service Above Self" scholarships. They will be announced at the WHS awards ceremony on 23 May.
4. **Homes for the Brave Collection Drive.** Saturday, May 11, 9 AM- 4 PM, James B. Whipple American Legion Post 86, 112 Old Ridgefield Road. The Post will collect packaged food, new clothing, new personal and miscellaneous items for male and female homeless veterans. All will be donated to Homes for the Brave in Bridgeport.
5. **Trackside's 8th Annual Golf Tournament.** June 6, 8 AM, at Sterling Farms Golf Course in Stamford. See Matt to sign up for golf, donations, or sponsorship opportunities.
6. **Norwalk River Valley Trail Joint Community Service Project.** Saturday, May 11, 9 AM – 11 AM. We will be joined by Rotary Clubs from Westport, Westport Sunrise, and Norwalk. Volunteers will be pruning, trimming, and cleaning up the trail. Meet at Sharp Hill Road and Autumn Ridge Road in Wilton.
7. **2019-2020 Rotary Theme.** RI President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney's theme for 2019-20, *Rotary Connects the World*, asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways Rotary Connects the World, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.

## Today's Program

Katie Diamond, Executive Producer, and Daniel Levine, Artistic Director, of A Contemporary Theater of Connecticut (ACT of CT), spoke to us about this gem of a theater in Ridgefield that is in its second season of bringing Broadway quality productions to our area. Katie and Daniel are highly accomplished and successful actors in their own rights, with multiple credits and awards for shows on Broadway and other venues. The theater is on the site of the former Schlumberger property on Old Quarry Road, in what used to be the Schlumberger Theater. The theater underwent a multi-million-dollar renovation that converted it into a state of the art, 182 seat "Equity" theater, that allows it to engage talented professionals from New York to perform revivals and original shows. Last year – its first year of operation - ACT showcased *EVITA!* and *Mama Mia!* In its second season, ACT is featuring "The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" from May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup>, with plans to show "Little Shop of Horrors," "Godspell," and "Freaky Friday." ACT also offers numerous programs for young people, including a summer theater camp. If you'd like to experience high quality shows right in our backyard, go to [www.actofct.org](http://www.actofct.org) for tickets and more information.

***Next Meeting: Friday, 10 May, 12:15 PM, Rolling Hills Country Club***