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President Luis convened the meeting with 25 Rotarians in attendance and one guest (Buck Griswold).

First order of business was a presentation of Wilton Rotary's \$6000 donation to the Wilton Commons affordable senior living project to fund refrigerators for some of the units that will be built. Buck graciously accepted our contribution and expressed sincere thanks to Wilton Rotary and the matching funds from District 7980 in support of Wilton Commons. He gave us an update on progress, and the hope is that ground can be broken in August 2011 for an opening date of late 2012 or early 2013. 51 units will be initially built on Town land near Trakside Teen Center, with rents ranging from about \$500 a month up to \$1100. Purpose of the project is to enable seniors to remain in Wilton and to allow Wilton residents to move elderly parents closer to their families.

Announcements:

1. Richard reminded everyone of the Norwalk River Valley Trail information sessions to be held in the 5 towns. Wilton's meeting is May 10, 6:30 PM at the high school.
2. Patty passed around adorable thank you cards with illustrations and beautiful cursive writing from Our Lady of Fatima students who received dictionaries from our project.
3. Annual Dinner is scheduled for June 23, Silvermine Golf Club. Details to follow.
4. Craft Show coming up on Saturday, May 28, please volunteer to help.

Program:

Dan Kinley gave a very colorful and informative presentation on what it is like to be part of a Civil War reenactment group, which he has been involved with for many years. Upwards of 10,000 reenactors gather on historic battlefields to play a role as either Union or Confederate soldiers. Everything is very authentic, and Dan wore a typical outfit complete with rifle and bayonet. The Wilton Historical Society has a great collection of Civil War artifacts and special exhibits on the period, so be sure to take some time and visit.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 13, 2011