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**15 or so Rotarians gathered to celebrate the end of April together with Brigitta Stone, who works in local social media, a guest of Beth Edwards, and our speaker, Pam Keough.**

**Announcements:**

- 1. Annual Dinner is June 16 at Rolling Hills. Invitation has been mailed out.**
- 2. The Craft Fair is happening, even though the number of crafters appears to be down significantly. About \$3,000.00 was raised from ads in the program, copies of which were distributed at the meeting. Kudos to Paul H., Richard, Bill and others who assisted in putting this together earlier than ever. Rotarians are still needed to join the weather committee.**
- 3. Home Front is happening May 7 – 61 Meadow Street, Norwalk – kudos to Chris for continuing our involvement this and each and every year. May others find the time and inclination to join him this year.**
- 4. A Foundation moment. We have eight weeks to go either to become an EREY Club (every Rotarian every year) or not. Susan has sent around the form, couldn't be easier.**
- 5. The Ridgefield Rotary Club is selling flags as a fundraiser.**

**Program:**

**Pam Keough is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The Foundation began spontaneously in Phoenix, Arizona, when a young boy Chris G., dying of leukemia, was granted his wish to become, for one day, a police officer. This was 35 years ago. Today there is a chapter in every state. About 2,600 wishes have been granted nation-wide, including five for children from Wilton.**

**The most common wish, of course, is to go to Disney World. Another common wish is to meet a sports star or movie personality. But some are much simpler and more poignant perhaps. One child simply wanted a party for his caregivers. Pam finds**

**that almost everyone in a position to help will do so – Disney does everything to make the occasion beautiful for the child and his or her entire family. One thing almost any of us could do would be to donate our frequent flier miles – Go to CT.Wish.Org for details.**

**Sometimes a child recovers. This is certainly GOOD news – and a thrill for all. No parent should ever think that approaching Make a Wish Foundation with his or her child’s wish means the parent has lost hope. Not at all. No one will ever ask for a refund.**

***NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 13, 2016. Did I see you then and there?***

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