



Wilton Rotary Drummer
Wilton, Connecticut
www.wiltonrotaryclub.org



May 9, 2014

Vol. 33, No. 44

Editor: Karen Strickland

Today's meeting hosted 17 Wilton Rotarians and prospective member Ray from Wells Fargo Bank.

Announcements:

- Board members are reminded of meeting on 5/15, 6:15 pm, location to be confirmed
- Donations for Craft Show silent auction go to Susan Goldman, every member should try to provide an item.
- Three foursomes of Wilton Rotary golfers participated in the New Canaan Rotary outing to benefit PolioPlus. President Paul won closest to the pin and John Lemke presented him with an antique golf club and ball to commemorate the accomplishment.
- District Assembly/Conference May 3 in Mystic, several members attended to see Pat Russo receive a Community Service Award, and our club was recognized for outstanding achievement.
- HomeFront with Kiwanis at a house in Norwalk was successful, thanks to Chris who organized and everyone who helped.
- Go Green Festival end of day take down went smoothly thanks to Rotarian assistance recruited by Andy.
- Grants Committee will meet after 5/15 deadline for applications to determine distribution.
- Frank, Matt and Bill Glass are reviewing 30+ applications from students for the \$1000 Service Above Self Award, 2 will be selected for presentation at 5/29 high school ceremony.
- Annual Dinner scheduled for June 25, Rolling Hills Country Club, \$50 per person, sign up sheet will be circulated soon.
- Current Paul Harris Fellows to meet today after Rotary to discuss this year's candidates.
- Giving to the Rotary Foundation will have a final push to achieve 100% member participation by June 30 to meet club/District goals. Thanks to those who have donated, others please go to RI website or contact Karen Strickland.
- Paul Hafter has a new puppy and is clocking many steps on the pedometer for dog walking.

Program: Rotary Vocational Training Team to Sierra Leone

Guest speakers Ronnie Katz and Audrey Pabs-Garnon were part of a vocational exchange sponsored by Norwalk Rotary that traveled to Sierra Leone to promote early childhood education. Ronnie, a former teacher in Norwalk, saw an ad in The Hour about the program and volunteered to go. During the 2 week trip, the team stayed in Rotary member homes and visited five preschools, one of which is operated by Audrey. They also helped develop curriculum for local teachers. Two team members will return in January. For the second half of the exchange, five educators from Sierra Leone recently came to Norwalk and saw a number of preschools in our

area. Their future plans for Sierra Leone include establishing mobile and community libraries that schools can access, a children's museum, a science center, and an eco-playground.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 16, speaker is Mark Gilmore on protecting online privacy for you and your kids.

