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Wilton's finest service club, drew the usual suspects (and then some) to its weekly meeting this second Friday of May - Boucher, Burnham, Freedman (presiding), Glass, Goldman, Johnson, Kent, Russo, Sharlach, Smith, White – along with speaker Mr. Robert Cashel, guest Ms. Mary Ann Genuario from the Riverbook Family Y, and two representatives from the Wilton Chamber of Commerce – Director Debra Hansen and able-bodied assistant our very own Ms. Camille Carreira.

Announcements –

1. Community Service Day is May 11. Club members will be de-littering, etc., the Norwalk River Valley Trail. Susan, Pat, and Christene are committed, others to join? But not Bill Glass who will be at the American Legion collecting toiletries for Homes for the Brave. He's hoping you can stop by with a donation.
2. The District Conference, etc., is the weekend of May 17 in Southbury. Should be fun. Pam, Susan and Chrstene will be attending. Others?
3. We will, once again, provide water at the cemetery on Memorial Day, at the end of the parade route.
4. Wilton residents, don't forget to vote on the 11th for the proposed budget.
5. The Installation Dinner is set for Thursday evening, June 20 at Rolling Hills.

SPECIAL EVENT!

President Freedman inducted the Wilton Chamber of Commerce into the Club, pinning both Debra and Camille.

ANOTHER LOSER!

Bud saw to it that no one else will draw the jack of clubs before the current 50-50 pot is disbursed. Now closing in on \$400.00.

PROGRAM

Bob Cashel is the Chief Executive Officer and the President of Family and Children's Agency (FCA), one of the largest charitable organizations of its type in Fairfield County. It has 200 full time employees, and 50 part-time employees, and serves perhaps 13,000 Fairfield County residents annually. It has a budget of about \$18,000,000. The funds come in part from the State through contracts, in part from fees in charges for its services, and about 15% from donations. One of its biggest supporters is Wilton's Minks to Sinks, which has raised at least \$2,000,000 for FCA over the years.

FCA offers many services – which might be categorized as (1) Mental Health assistance, (2) Substance Abuse treatment, (3) Child Abuse – both rectification and prevention, (4) Foster Care Assistance, (5) After School Programs (in Norwalk), (6) Services for the Homeless, (7) Adoption assistance, and (8) Services for Seniors.

Most seniors want to stay in their homes, but that is impossible for those who cannot rely upon care from younger family members. The cost of private duty full time aides is about \$425 a day in Fairfield County. FCA provides non-skilled care at a considerably lesser rate, which is all many elderly persons need. (Since it is non-skilled care, FCA is not competing with the various Visiting Nurse organizations and there is little overlap with Medicaid.)

See you Friday.

Paul

NEXT MEETING: – Lunch, Friday, May 19, 12:15 at ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB