



Wilton Rotary Drummer

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ATTENDANCE: 17 of 49 (35%) Including the long lost Randy Mineo!

Guests/Visiting Rotarians

George & Judy Brunstad, Ginny & Susan Glass, Gladys & Immanuel St. Juste

Installation

Bill Glass welcomed Yessenia “Jessie” Martinez from Westy’s Storage (65 Danbury Road) into the club. Jessie said Westy’s will open next Friday (May 18th).

Announcements

1. President Frank has scheduled a dedication of the O’Sullivan bench for Friday, May 18th at 10 AM at the post office (which is where the bench is located). Since there is no Rotary meeting, you can still see all your Rotary friends by attending this dedication.
2. Richard Kent announced that the craft show is on Saturday, May 26th and currently there are 35 crafters – a few more would make the space look quite full.
3. The rose sale is scheduled for June 15th – more information will follow.
4. Ray DiGiorgio and John Lemke announced that the banks are not raising lots of funds yet for the Amber Alert – sounds like about \$300 has been raised as of this writing.
5. Pat Russo has ordered the handicap ramp for the Monroe house – the ramp is a steel ramp and it is on its way. Help will be needed to install it once it arrives.
6. President Frank said the May schedule is as follows:
 - May 17 – Board meeting, 8 AM, Richard Kent’s office
 - May 18 – No meeting, O’Sullivan Bench dedication 10 AM, post office

May 21 – 25th anniversary of Wilton Rotary Gala, 6:30 pm at Silvermine Tavern, \$12/person (cash bar), please RSVP to Judy White (wiltontravel@snet.net)

May 25 – Sri Lanken GSE team visit

May 26 – Craft Fair

7. Heather Klein announced that all the furniture from the Children's Center must be sold and there is a tag sale on May 19th from 9 am until 12 pm at the Comstock Community Center.

Fun & Fines

Rotarians were very quiet today though all were happy for the new member! Don Boyle was happy his son got a job. John Lemke put money in for Jay Dulberg who was in Newport and John was happy for the first place Red Sox!

Program

Ginny Glass presented on behalf of the Interact Club and thanked the Wilton Rotary Club for its support. They did several projects throughout the year including collecting soccer balls to send to kids in Iraq, raising money for the Haiti orphanage, the drunk driving simulator, and they sponsored a child in Haiti. Ginny proudly presented a check to Pastor St. Juste for the Center of Hope Orphanage in the amount of \$100 which was money the Interact Club raised. Ginny especially thanked for father, Bill, for all his support of the Club!

Pastor Immanuel St. Juste from the Baptist Church in Stamford, mentioned that the orphanage was established to give hope to the hopeless, homeless children in Haiti. As a result of the world AIDS crisis, many children were left without parents. The orphanage is about 95% built but the school had to be stopped at this point due to lack of funds. The generator provided by Wilton Rotary will be used and will be secure as there is ample security on the site. Pastor St. Juste invited club members to go to Haiti to see the orphanage. President Frank said based on his experience with his visit, people seemed happier there than here and this orphanage will provide some hope for people. George Brunstad noted that the people of Haiti have to relate to one another because there are no video games, e-mails, TVs, etc. Judy Brunstad said the people in Haiti are very strong and healthy and they are glad to know that somebody cares.

President Frank thanked the club again for letting him personally experience what a difference the Wilton Rotary is making in Haiti.

Next meeting Friday May 25th.

See you at the SilvermineStephanie