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Guests/Visiting Rotarians

The meeting, presided over by President Frank Spencer, had 21 Rotarians in attendance, and one guest, former Wilton Rotarian, Craig Johnson.

Announcements

Chris reported that the Homefront project on Saturday went very well, and he thanked those who participated and contributed to the successful transformation.

Richard asked everyone to please sign up for a shift at the Craft Fair, and to continue to solicit for the silent auction.

Bob announced that the Rose Sale will be Thursday, June 7th.

Bill M. asked for volunteers on Friday, May 18th to set up for the Tree Festival at Cranbury Park.

Frank announced that through our efforts at the library book sale, we donated \$409 to the library from hot dog sales.

Frank also informed the club that a woman who will be homeless for approximately one year, due to the fire at Wilton Crest, is looking for an apartment, and to please let him know if anyone has a possible lead.

Program

Our speaker today, Carmen Cid, a teacher for 24 years, spoke to us about the Achievement Gap that exists in Connecticut schools. This gap, which is the largest in the country, and begins in third grade, is the difference in educational performance between Connecticut's low-income and non-low-income students. The gap disproportionately affects minority students, primarily African-American and Latino children. Many low achieving students drop out of school, thereby forfeiting the knowledge they need to join a skilled workforce. Statistics show that those who finish high school and go on to postsecondary education earn twice as much as dropouts and are far less likely to be unemployed. Closing the gap would improve Connecticut's economy and quality of life for all of its residents. Governor Malloy has made improvement of student achievement a top priority and it is a major issue on the state's legislative agenda.

See you on May 18th at Marly's.....Carol