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Once again, Friday the 13th came and went and, all things considered, the world didn't end. In fact, 17 Wilton Rotarians, Visiting Rotarian-In-Residence John Hendrickson and speaker, Wilton Fire Department Chief Ron Kanterman, gathered to share fellowship and a fine lunch at Marly's.

Announcements:

- Joker still missing. "Bud's not playing with full deck" per latest victim, Drummer Editor Andy.
- Wilton Board of Ed jumps on the Peace Pole bandwagon after Carol and Susan presented the project to the School Board
- Chris and Pat represented the club at the Homefront project in Norwalk on May 7.
- Craft Fair, May 28, help still needed.

Upcoming Events (see Pres. Richard):

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| 5/19 — Wilton Rotary Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
Fairfield County Bank | 5/28 — Arts & Crafts Show, Town Green |
| 5/30 — Memorial Day Parade — Wilton Center to
Hillside Cemetery | 5/31 — World Peace Scholarship deadline |
| 6/3 — Meet the WPD — Dunkin Donuts 8 to 10 a.m. | 6/5 — Wilton Library Assoc. Ann. Meeting, 4:00 pm |
| 6/16 — Installation Dinner @ Rolling Hills 6:00 p.m. | 6/18 — 7/1 — Wilton Library — Wilton Reads Circling
the Sun by Paula McLain |

Program: Wilton Fire Department - Chief Ronald Kanterman

Chief Ron Kanterman brought the club up to speed on what has been happening with the Wilton Fire Department. March saw three significant structure fires in a period of ten days. The dry weather also brought numerous, though contained, brush fires. Since completion of construction, traffic on Route 7 has jumped by 50% from preconstruction levels. With the added volume, the WFD has been responding to an increase in vehicle accidents. While mutual aid has helped the WFD maintain its coverage, at some point additional staff may be needed. The WFD is also facing problems with the North Fire House as the facility is aging and needs significant work. During April, the WFD began its April Pools Day series of events to remind the public of the dangers of water activities and to be vigilant to ensure a safe pool, swimming and boating season.

NEXT MEETING — Friday, May 20, 2016 — 12:15 at Marly's