



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

Wilton, Connecticut USA District 7980

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*Our 31<sup>st</sup> Year of Service!*

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*Past President Patrick Russo presiding at Marly's on a beautiful spring day with 18 Rotarians in attendance.*

### Guests/Visitors:

None today.

### Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. **Annual Dinner:** Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM, Red Barn. \$55 p.p. Invitation sent via email by Patty to all members
2. **Charles Jones Memorial Bench:** On order. Placement planned at town tennis courts around his birthday in July.
3. **Craft Fair Update:** Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM – 4 PM. 33 vendors thus far. Ad sales in the booklet are down this year, but many thanks to all who contributed. Richard still needs help to man shifts in the gazebo.
4. **Cranbury Park Tree Festival:** Thanks to those who helped with set setup last Friday, including Bill Meehan, Pat Russo and Paul Hafter.
5. **Memorial Day Parade:** Rotary will again do set-up/water at Hillside Cemetery May 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to noon.
6. **Board Meeting Results:** Pat reviewed a number of local organizations that the Board approved last night to receive Rotary grants in the coming weeks. Three new members were also approved, and will be inducted in the near future.
7. **Rose Sale:** June 13<sup>th</sup>; \$15 per dozen; start selling now. Pick up at Trackside.
8. **District 7980 Conference:** Karen and Carol Johnson are on their way to Saratoga Springs to attend the conference this weekend. Expect a detailed report next Friday!
9. **Rotary Foundation Giving – Every Rotarian, Every Year:** Please make Rotary one of your charities of choice and give a personal gift to the Foundation. Consider being a Sustaining Member by giving \$100/year.
10. **[www.wiltonrotaryclub.org](http://www.wiltonrotaryclub.org):** Check our website for news, photos, past issues of the *Drummer*, and our online member directory (accessible only by password).



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### Future Programs and Events:

- a. May 24<sup>th</sup>: Family Court Judge Marylouise Schofield, Stamford/Norwalk District Superior Court
- b. May 25<sup>th</sup>: Rotary Arts and Craft Fair
- c. May 27<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day
- d. May 31<sup>st</sup>: Sam Brown, Project Amigo in Mexico
- e. June 13<sup>th</sup>: Rose Sale
- f. June 20<sup>th</sup>: Annual Dinner

### Today's Program

Douglas Cutler AIA, president/founder of Douglas Cutler Architects, posed the question: **Superstorms and Floods: Will You be Ready Next Time?** Doug is a specialist in designing and building modular coastal homes to withstand the ravages of hurricanes and super storms like Sandy in 2012. He noted that the design of a "storm resistant" home is based upon the latest engineering requirements set forth by FEMA. FEMA regulations require the design to resist 120 MPH wind speeds and a wave force on the foundation of 850 pounds per SF laterally. The modular homes he specializes in meet these standards and are engineered for safe use in each specific geographic region where they are sold. For further information, go to [www.douglascutlerarchitects.com](http://www.douglascutlerarchitects.com).

**See you next Friday at Marly's .....Bill**