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Twelve Wilton Rotarians and John Hendrickson (visiting from Westport in a non-official capacity) gathered to hear Wilton Police Chief Robert Crosby speak about the Department and Officer of the Year, John Godfrey.

Announcements:

- President Richard reported that the Board met on May 19 and had voted to increase annual dues \$10 to \$230 for the fiscal year starting July 1, as a result of higher dues required to be sent to the District. The Board reviewed a proposal from a web site consultant and expects to carry out its final evaluation at the next Board meeting.
- The Wilton Rotary will conduct its annual rose sale on a date to be determined in June, but the sale will not be held on June 16, the day of Annual Dinner.
- President Richard circulated a sign up sheet for the Annual Dinner for Rotarians and their guests. Fifteen have signed up to date, and Richard urged those who can attend to sign up so that we can meet the 30-person minimum required by the Rolling Hills Country Club.
- Paul Burnham reported that 15 crafters have signed up to participate in the May 28 Crafts Fair, which is less than prior years.
- Lastly, John Hendrickson was lucky as his number came up to draw a card in Bud's game of chance, but unlucky in not drawing the winner. Pot: \$593. Cards left: 28.

Upcoming Events:

- 5/23 - Grants Committee Meeting.
- 5/26 - Wilton High Schools Awards, where Rotary will give out two college scholarships.
- 5/28 - Arts & Crafts Show, Town Green.
- 5/30 - Memorial Day Parade - Wilton Center to Hillside Cemetery, where Rotary will man the water booth. See Paul Hafter if you wish to assist.
- 5/31 - World Peace Scholarship deadline.
- 6/3 - Meet the Wilton Police Department - Dunkin Donuts 8 to 10 am.
- 6/5 - Wilton Library Assn. Meeting, 4 pm.
- 6/16 Wilton Rotary Installation Dinner @ Rolling Hills Country Club.
- 6/18-7/1 - Wilton Library - Wilton Reads Circling the Sun, by Paula McLain.

Program:

Chief Crosby, who has been with the Wilton Police Department for 32 years, introduced Officer Godfrey, who has been Records Officer since 2008. Officer Godfrey was recognized as Officer of the Year for going above and beyond what is expected of him in his important behind the scenes work at the Department.

Chief Crosby discussed the Department, which has 45 officers, including two full time school resource officers and an officer who deals with issues facing senior citizens. There is a minimum of five personnel on duty during each of the three eight - hour shifts each day. Wilton does not have many of the problems faced by a Department in a larger city, and the officers can focus more on quality of life issues.

NEXT MEETING – Friday May 27 – 12:15 at Marly's