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Guests/Visitors – Taylor McCurdy and his friend Jose Ignacio

Meeting held in the Brubeck Room at the Wilton Library

Thanks to all who helped out at the program honoring Wilton's bravest – Cliff, Bud, Bill Meehan, Pat etc., I'm sure there were others.

Thanks in advance to all who help set up the Memorial Day parade terminus at the cemetery – the water station, chairs, loudspeaker system, etc. We can always use more hands. Special kudos to Karen who is the Chair of the Committee this year.

Thanks in advance also to all who have helped put together tomorrow's Craft Fair – especially Richard and Patty. Seems we had enough folks to set up tonight, but we may need more for tomorrow's cleanup. We have at least 55 crafters signed up – more than in many a year.

Announcements – Next week we will be probably be meeting at Tuscan Oven. President Pat announced that Skye Bar is out of the running as a permanent home.

Program #1. Taylor McCurdy, our outbound Rotary Exchange scholar, returned with a slide show on his PC, showing his year in photos. He was in Chile, going to a German school, which meant, among other things, that he had to learn German as though he were fluent in Spanish. Nonetheless, he had a wonderful year. Highlights of the photos included the waterfalls at the spot where Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil meet, a glacier that is actually not disappearing in southern Chile, and shots of the streets in Rio.

Program #2 Bing Ventres, our Paul Harris fellow, presented regarding Memorial Day celebrations in Wilton in the past. The day has been remembered, in one way or another since the 1890s, and the present format has remained substantially unchanged since a few years after WWII. This year the Town has decided not to be involved, which is a result of the perceived potential for a lawsuit from groups that wish to participate so as to further their own agenda, rather than in tribute to those who have served and passed away. It may also have something to do with the town budget

On June 7 at 11:00 AM, a piece of sculpture will be dedicated in the Library garden in memory of Andy Schloss. Please be there – it will mean a great deal to Larry and Sally.

Installation dinner at the Silvermine Golf Club on June 23. Vic is looking for officers and committee chairs

Pat regrets to report that the Board has decided that dues will be increasing to \$185 per year, next year. This is the first increase in a very long time.

See you Friday.

Paul