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As the reign of President Carol wanes, fourteen Rotarians and speaker, Reggie Fields, held a pre-Craft Fair gathering at Marly's.

Announcements:

- Carol's Factoids – 1706 Wilton first settled by colonists, 1776 – Wilton becomes a “parish”, 1777 – after skirmishes in Danbury and Ridgefield, General Tryon and British troops grab a quick drink at Keeler's Tavern then escape pursuing colonists through Wilton.
- Craft Fair is here – Carol thanked Pat for putting up street signs, Paul B. for overseeing the project and Paul H. and Bill Glass for efforts getting the program together.
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 – Help needed for the water station at the cemetery.
- District Conference – Carol reported that the Club took home the District Governor Citation, Club Service Citation and the Community Service Citation, all for the club's work during the reign of President Carol.
- Youth Exchange – Host families needed. Please notify Beth if you might be able to help.
- Rotary Means Business Event with Westport Rotary on May 27 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Westport Y.
- Doug thanked the club for donating new PT/INR (you know - Prothrombin Time and International Normalized Ratio) devices to Nursing & Home Care.

Program: Reggie Fields – Senior Compliance Officer – General Electric Capital

Wilton resident, Senior Compliance Officer Fields, better known as “Reggie”, did not grow up dreaming of becoming a compliance officer. He had earlier careers as a Darien police officer, a lawyer with the SEC and in private practice. Since joining GE and its affiliates, much of his time has involved projects analyzing, developing and implementing systems to ensure corporate compliance with the many laws and regulations affecting its business. Reggie describes his career in corporate compliance as like a box of mixed chocolates, never knowing what each day might toss into his lap. Compliance issues can be obvious and well known or arise without warning. Reggie cited examples of how compliance issues are triggered indirectly as a result of the business activities of a customer. For example, financial institutions are required to take steps to avoid becoming a participant in money laundering operations. Compliance may also be triggered if a customer gets into a gambling business whether casino or on-line. Many issues now arise with respect to the medical marijuana industry, an area in which federal and state laws conflict.

NEXT MEETING – Friday, May 29 – 12:15 at Marly's