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Guests/Visitors

Jack Majesky from CERT, high school students Michael Tartell and Tom Dec. Julie from Westy's.

Announcements:

Paul Hafter stepped up to the plate in lieu of Bill who was doing something in Philadelphia. At the recent board meeting, a grant of \$1,000 was authorized to Wilton CERT (the community emergency response team) Jack Majesky accepted the grant funds on behalf of the Board and spoke at length concerning the organization. There are now CERTS in all 50 states, there are 2,500 members in Connecticut, and 63 in Wilton – including our own Pat Russo. And there is a training session coming up for new volunteers. The grant money will be used for the purchase of new radios – always a problem in Wilton.

Michael Tartell and Tom Dec then spoke at somewhat lesser length about the fortunes of the Wilton High School Debate Team, which our club has sponsored for a number of years. They reported that this was the best ever year, as far as they could tell, in terms of results. Competitions had taken them to Yale and Columbia among other places, and there is a very strong freshman class.

Richard reported that things looked good for the Craft Show – with more than 50 booths sold. And the weather report is fabulous. Karen reported on the planned Memorial Day activities

Judy reported on the District Conference at West Point. We. received at least one presidential citation. Abe Gordon had been our District's representative to the international Rotary Board – his place has been taken by Al Hirst – PDG and in his youth a Wilton native.

Fun 'n Fines for Kick for Nick. Please check out the website in a week or two – it is Mark Kolier's creation. Your Drummer editor is on the Board – a truly wonderful organization.

Time to think about the rose sale.

Today's Program

Twenty-four years ago Ted Rose, a typewriter salesman from northern California, went to visit the Colima volcano, got on a bus that didn't take him where he thought he was going, and ended up in a neighborhood he wasn't expecting. What he saw when the bus stopped has turned into his life's work. It led to his founding Project Amigo, a 501©(3) corporation which aims to provide assistance to the children of Colima, enabling them to achieve their highest potential by providing educational opportunities material support, enrichment activities and medical and dental services not otherwise available to them. The program is very closely tied to Rotary. Ted works with both US and Mexican clubs to sponsor projects benefiting the children. There are volunteer work weeks several weeks during the year – something for all of us to think about. Check out www.projectamigo.org.

Ted is now the President of the Colima Rotary Club. He was joined at the meeting by his wife, Susan Hill, the President of the nearby Villa de Alvarez Rotary Club and herself a key staff member of Project Amigo.

If our club were ever to consider an international hands-on service project, this might be it.

See you Friday..... Paul