



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

Wilton, Connecticut USA District 7980

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**Attendance & Guests:** 18 Club members were in attendance and 1 guest – Kevin Murray.

### **Special Announcement:**

The following persons have been accepted for membership in the Wilton Rotary Club and will be inducted on May 31st:

Kevin Murray  
Laila Khouri  
Susan Goldman

### **Announcements:**

- The Craft Fair did take place on May 25<sup>th</sup> as planned. The weather was horrendous but Richard Kent made another great effort this year. He will let the club know the impact of the bad weather at the next meeting. Special thanks to Bill Glass for work on the program and all the club members who helped with the fair planning and preparation.
- Bill Meehan, Patty, Karen, Paul B., Paul H., Eric Glass, and Frank helped hand out water and direct traffic at the Memorial Day Ceremonies at Bald Hill Cemetery. We all sincerely thank: each of our club members who have served in the military, all of the men and women currently in the armed services, our service veterans, and our first-responders..
- Paul Harris Awards - letter sent to community winner Don Hazzard, Commander of the American Legion, both Mr. Hazzard and a club member will be presented awards at Annual our Dinner (June 20<sup>th</sup>)
- The Rose Sale pick up will be on June 13<sup>th</sup>, with orders to be placed several weeks prior. As usual, Bob Mills will be in charge and will be asking for our help and Rose sales orders.
- Luis and Frank travelled to Anini Orphanage in Guatemala and presented Wilton Rotary Club's gift of a new commercial gas stove, refrigerator, and freezer to the orphans on May 18<sup>th</sup>. A celebration was held at Anini to acknowledge the donation and, residents capable of speaking, stood up in front of everyone and expressed their tremendous gratitude and appreciation for the gifts. On July 12<sup>th</sup> Frank and Luis will give a presentation on the Anini Project.
- The Wilton High School awards ceremony will take place May 30<sup>th</sup> Bill Glass's committee (Frank and Matt) has reviewed 30 applicants and selected a winner.
- Karen and Carol attended the District Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY.
- Karen acknowledged those club members who have made donations to the Rotary Foundation this year and urged members who have not made a contribution to please do so by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Charles Jones memorial bench has been ordered.
- We will need volunteers to staff the Rotary Booth at the Wilton Street Fair 7/20.
- Annual Dinner June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Red Barn. Invitations have been sent. Please contact Paul Burnham for details.

**Program:**

Peg Koellmer gave her update on the local and national real estate markets and informed the club that:

- CT is lagging behind the national market in terms of recovery but its number of units sold is increasing although selling prices are not.
- Some units for sale are receiving multiples offers but for less than the asking price.
- Contractors who need to borrow money in order to construct homes for the real estate market are still having difficulties obtaining loans from banks.
- Peg wants the market to level out and make a steady, gradual recovery.

**Upcoming programs**

31-May	Sam Brown - Project Amigo in Mexico
7-Jun	Don McGran - Security Advisor on Identity Theft and Scams
14-Jun	Adam Ney: Assistant Director for Public Affairs CBIA-Business Climate in CT.
21-Jun	No Meeting (Annual Dinner 6/20/13)

See you all next week at Marly's