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Guests

Taylor McCurdy, outbound Rotary Youth Exchange student from Wilton, and his dad, Karr (see below).

Announcements

- **Arts and Crafts Show a Big Success:** The weather was perfect and the crowds were gratifying. The Club will net about \$7500 after expenses, a great accomplishment given the difficult economic climate. Thanks to all who helped, especially Richard Kent, Judy White, Tom Ito, Patty Sweeney, and Paul Hafter.
- **Save the Date:** The Annual Installation Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 26th, at the Silvermine Golf Club. Cost about \$45 per person. A sign up sheet was circulated.
- **Board of Directors:** The Board at its meeting last week approved grants to the Wilton CERT and the Trackside Teen Center.
- **Memorial Day Parade:** Thanks to all who helped with the water station at Hillside Cemetery – it was a very popular spot as I can attest!
- **Rotary Youth Exchange:** Taylor McCurdy, a senior at Wilton High, was a special guest. Taylor is the outbound student from Wilton participating in this year's Rotary Youth Exchange, our second such student in the past 3 years. Taylor will be going to Chile in late July for the entire academic year. He has been accepted to Connecticut College, to which he has deferred admission until the fall of 2009. We will be greeting our inbound student from Germany in mid-August. Host families are still being arranged.
- **Rose Sale June 20th:** Sign-up sheets emailed to all members. Cost is \$14/dozen. Goal is to sell 350 dozen – we sold 300 dozen last year. An important fundraiser and an easy sale – let's all work to meet that goal!
- **Meeting Schedule for Balance of this Rotary Year:**
 - June 6th (D-Day): Regular meeting
 - June 13th: Bill presiding over his last meeting
 - June 20th: Summer begins - No meeting – pick up roses at Village Market
 - June 26th: Annual Dinner (no Friday meeting)

Today's Program

Kimberly Crandall, Executive Director of the Dominican Literacy Project, spoke to us about a program that seeks to ease the near 100% illiteracy rate in a part of that impoverished country. Kim and her family have almost single-handedly got this program off the ground. In the past 3 years, it has grown from just an idea to a full-fledged school in the community of Barahone, with dozens of eager students and a newly acquired building. For further information, visit www.dominicanliteracyproject.org

See you next Friday ***Bill***