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Sixteen members of Wilton's finest service organization gathered at Marly's for Friday fun and fellowship as the wind down of Richard's year arrives and the start up of Bud's year commences.

Richard turned the floor over to Bud who shared with us the great news that Christene Freedman will assume the presidency for the 2017-8 year, thereby fulfilling the fundamental task of any volunteer, that being figuring out an acceptable exit strategy. Elaine will be leaving the board due to increasingly heavy work commitments but Carol, being the proverbial glutton for punishment that she is, has signed up for another term. Other officers and board members as before.

Your most humble emergency Drummer editor reported on the craft show. We should clear more than \$4,000.00 once a certain law firm pays for its full page ad in the program, and there are a few other stragglers we all know well. Thanks to all who volunteered their time, talent and treasure for the cause. Almost all the vendors left happy – and hopefully we will have more vendors participating next year.

Laila advises that her bank is sponsoring a seminar, taking place twice – both June 9 and June 16 at 5:30 P.M. at the Greens at Cannondale – entitled Preventing Financial Exploitation of Seniors. A topic deserving the attention of all. Dinner will be served. Be sure to make a reservation – 203 761-9271, ask for Chris.

Have a Cup with a Cop at Dunkin was well attended – perhaps because attendance meant free doughnuts.

Our annual Rose Sale is June 9. Bob Mills has extended the ordering deadline to Monday the 6th.

If you haven't signed up for the annual dinner, please do so. We are a few short of the number we committed to Rolling Hills would attend. Please talk to Bud.

Program – Our exchange student, Elise Spykerbosch, spoke to us about her year as a Wilton High School Junior. She took Math, English, German, US History and choir, and seems to have enjoyed the high school. She experienced for the first time trick or treating, real Christmas trees, pool parties, mall wanderings, and a ski trip, and was also able to enjoy a trip to Broadway to see Kinky Boots, several trips to New Haven including at least one college football game, and additional trips to Boston, Philadelphia, California, and Florida. Three host families and now lots of memories.

Thanks to Beth and to Susan for personally taking on 99.9% of the club's commitment to Elise and the youth exchange program.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, June 9, 2016. Don't miss Richard's last meeting at Marly's as President!