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With President Paul attending to matters stemming from the passing of his parents, Long-Ex-President Andy Mais presided on the 70th anniversary of the Normandy landings. Twenty-one Rotarians, including the club's newest member, Ray Alcon, and guest Frank Palmer, enjoyed a fine lunch at Marly's and State Senator Toni Boucher's fast paced state legislative summary.

Announcements:

- June 8 – Georgetown Day – Not the Hoyas – The former wire company town straddling the Wilton, Redding, Ridgefield and Weston border celebrates its heritage with food, drink, crafts and tests of athletic excellence all afternoon – Main Street, Georgetown.
- June 9 – Taste Of Wilton – at the Rotary Gazebo – enjoy culinary delights supplied by Wilton's own masters of gastronomic adventure – 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- June 16 – Golf Tournament to benefit Trackside – contact John Lemke to get in on one of the foursomes that will represent the club.
- June 17 – Submit Rose Sale estimated orders to Bob. Roses – \$15 per dozen – can be picked up on Monday, June 30, from 12 to 1 p.m. at Trackside.
- June 25 – 33rd Annual Wilton Rotary Installation Dinner at Rolling Hills – 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Patty Sweeney
- July 1 – Deadline for payment of 2014-2015 annual club dues

Program: State Senator Toni Boucher

We were fortunate to have State Senator Toni Boucher of the 26th District to report on the mischief and mischief avoided in the just concluded 2014 Connecticut legislative session. Of course, issues related to taxing and spending dominated. Too many ways to spend money competed with the ability or willingness of the state's tax base to support spending. Senator Boucher reported that the legislature exercised uncharacteristic restraint, at least temporarily, in declining to endorse the carrot of expanded Keno lottery-style gambling as the newest revenue gimmick. Better luck next year. Wage issues were addressed with graduated steps to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 in 2017. I can't wait. Senator Boucher also reported that the legislature passed a bill requiring ignition interlock systems for all charged with a DUI offense. Do I hear a toast? Apparently, the law is awaiting Governor Malloy's signature. Other bills allow nurse practitioners to practice independently of doctors, require more financial transparency of for-profit nursing homes and address funding for state colleges and universities.

NEXT MEETING – Friday, June 13 at Marly's in Wilton