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Guests/Visiting Rotarians

Nineteen Rotarians were in attendance, with one guest, Michael Kennedy, of EmpireDrugFree.com. Michael's company provides drug testing to ensure safe drivers for school buses, truck drivers, and anyone involved in public transportation. This last meeting of our Rotary year was presided over by President Luis Garcia. In celebration of his successful year, Luis bought a round of drinks, and Pat Russo offered a toast to Luis, thanking him for serving as our president.

Announcements

1. Frank Spencer announced that he will be contacting next year's board members, so those who will be serving can expect to hear from him soon.
2. Patty Sweeney acknowledged Kiwanis' letter to the editor in the Wilton Bulletin, thanking Rotary for helping with the Homefront project.
3. Luis read a thank you note from Eric Glass, who was awarded our club's "Service Above Self" Scholarship. Eric will be matriculating at Gettysburg College this Fall.

Program

Today's speaker was Wilton's own former First Selectman and town historian, Bob Russell. Bob presented a fascinating program on Wilton's extensive history of veterans. Wilton has had soldiers serve in every war, beginning with the French and Indian War, right through the current war in Iraq. Veteran's whose names bear Wilton streets, homesteads, or other significant landmarks in town include Samuel Comstock and Matthew Mead who were commissioned just prior to the battle of Lexington and Concord, and who also fought at Valley Forge. There are monuments and plaques dedicated to our veterans at the VFW, at town hall, and our recently dedicated Veteran's Memorial Green. Bob is incredibly knowledgeable, and his stories are so interesting, and since I cannot do them justice in the Drummer, I suggest you check out his bestselling book, "Wilton Connecticut, Three Centuries of People, Places, and Progress."

See you on July 8th at Marly's.....Carol





