



Wilton Rotary Drummer

Wilton, Connecticut USA District 7980

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Our 31st Year of Service!

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President Karen Strickland presiding at Marly's with 21 Rotarians in attendance on Flag Day 

Guests/Visitors:

Jackie Burmeister; Janeen Leppert, Wilton Chamber of Commerce.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. **Annual Dinner:** This Thursday, June 20th, 6 PM, Red Barn. Expect 47 Rotarians and guests to attend. District Governor Elect Rick Bassett will install the new Board; Paul Harris Fellow awards will be presented; and some of the silent auction items that were to be offered at the Arts and Crafts Show will be on display for bidding.
2. **Charles Jones Memorial Bench:** Bill Meehan will coordinate installation with Parks and Rec. Dedication planned for July 12th (after the meeting) at town tennis courts.
3. **SKIP Update:** Jackie Burmeister gave us an update on SKIP – Supporting Kids in Peru. The Club gave Jackie a grant of \$500 after she briefed us on her involvement in the program a few months ago. She travelled to Peru recently and said our donation made it possible to purchase 50 school uniforms for students, who are required to have them to attend school.
4. **Craft Fair Results:** We netted over \$5,500. If you have not paid for your ad, please remit payment to the PO Box, Richard Kent or yours truly as soon as possible.
5. **2013-14 Dues are Due:** Please send payment in to the PO Box or give to Patty Sweeney.
6. **Rose Sale:** 175 dozen sold. We netted about \$1,200.
7. **6th Annual Chamber Taste of Wilton:** June 17th, 5:30 – 8:30 PM at Trackside.
8. **Rotary Foundation Giving – Every Rotarian, Every Year:** Please make Rotary one of your charities of choice and give a personal gift to the Foundation prior to June 30th. Consider becoming a Sustaining Member by giving \$100/year. Nineteen Club members have already done so!
9. **Member Milestones:** Rotarians celebrating birthdays in the next several days are Nikki Blanchard (June 17th); Larry Schloss (June 20th); and Elaine Tai-Lauria (June 27th)



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- 10. **Wilton Farmer's Market:** Now open every Wednesday afternoon in the parking lot the Wilton Historical Society on Route 7.
- 11. **Board Meeting Deliberations:** At the Board meeting last night (final meeting of this Rotary Year):
 - a. Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer positions were established; thank you to Susan Goldman and Susan Betsworth for agreeing to serve in these positions.
 - b. Frank Spencer will chair the Grants Committee.
 - c. Need to apply early for DMG, consider additional support for Guatemala.
 - d. Raffle drawing on 6/15 for Governor's project at Martin DePorres School
 - e. Paul Burnham discussed preliminary plans and personnel for his term; full disclosure to follow at Annual Dinner and 6/28 Rotary meeting.
- 12. www.wiltonrotaryclub.org: Check our website for news, photos, past issues of the *Drummer*, and our online member directory (accessible only by password).

Future Programs and Events:

- a. June 20th : Annual Dinner, 6 PM, Red Barn, Westport
- b. June 21st: No Meeting!
- c. June 28th: Club Forum- President Burnham to outline his agenda for For the new Rotary Year
- d. July 5th: No Meeting!

Today's Program

Adam Ney, a public relations and community outreach specialist at the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA), spoke to us about the business climate in Connecticut. Based in Hartford, the CBIA is the largest, most representative business organization in the state. The picture he painted was not pretty. He pointed out that Connecticut faces many roadblocks to business development, including high taxes, high energy costs and very low to negative GDP growth. In addition, the legislative session and state budget just completed were not very friendly to business in the CBIA's estimation. For further information, visit www.cbia.com

See you Thursday at the Annual Dinner at The Red Barn!.....Bill