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ATTENDANCE: 29 of 49 (59%)

Guests/Visiting Rotarians

Joseph Saad, guest of Inaam Baz.

Announcements

1. President Frank announced the sad news of the passing of Ron Barlow's wife, Dorothea. Services were to be held Saturday, June 23rd at 11 AM at St. Francis Episcopal Church Chapel in Stamford.
2. Bob Mills announced that the rose sale was quite successful netting approximately \$2280 for the club. If you have not paid for your roses, please send the money directly to Bob so he can finish the accounting.
3. President Frank announced that the Board had discussed again the issue of giving \$500 to the Wilton Center lamppost project but it had been denied in a 6 to 5 vote with one abstention. *Editor's Note: I find this vote very disturbing. The Center should be the showcase of Wilton and improvements that start in the Center, can move outward from there. We always have our hand out asking businesses for money, but are not willing to give a little back here? I think the Club needs to reconsider this vote before it asks the business community for more money.*
4. John Lemke announced that the Board had approved giving money to buy the Amber Alert equipment necessary to get started with this project. Ray DiGiorgio will submit a grant as well and there is a good chance this equipment will be in place by Carnival time.
5. **The Installation Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 28th at 6:30 pm at Silvermine Golf Club – the cost to attend is \$46 and there is a CASH BAR!**
6. President Frank noted that there would be no meeting on June 29th or July 6th.

Fun & Fines

Kathy Leeds wished yours truly a Happy Birthday! Bob Mills was pleased to have served over his last Trackside meeting. Charles Jones was happy to see that President Frank had survived his year as president! Bill Glass was happy for the Class of 2007. Several Rotarians thanked President Frank for his term as our club President. Victor Tenore was pleased his wife has finished her third year of law school. Larry Schloss said his son has been accepted to a school in Paris – another place to visit! Mark Koler was pleased that his daughter will be going to camp – without her boyfriend (or so Mark thinks!). President Frank was happy that Bill Meehan will soon be president!

Program

Thom Smith who sells long term care insurance presented a panel of people who would speak about dealing with your aging parents. He said the increase in the population of senior citizens will change the way business does business. The increase will create staffing issues as there are more people retiring than coming up through the job ranks. The state of elder care in this country is at a crisis point and it is only going to get worse.

Edward Sussman, an estate planning attorney, said time is the key to controlling what happens to your or your parents estates. If you wait too long, you may have fewer options in dealing with elder care. Everybody should have a power of attorney, health care proxy, living will and an updated will. Kids over 18 need a power of attorney as well. Everybody needs to protect themselves against the IRS! If you ignore all these warnings, the State of Connecticut will decide what happens to you estate.

Steve Lammereau who is a reverse mortgage specialist said the government's plan for dealing with the elderly crisis is to have the seniors take reverse mortgages on their properties.

Mr. Smith said the government is looking for business to step in and decide how care will be delivered versus government determining it. Parent care is a family issue and should start with a conversation long before it becomes an issue. Call the senior center, in Wilton, Liz Doty is the directory, for a list of questions you need to ask and have answered about elderly care.

Connecticut is one of the worst states in the nation for estate taxes. If your estate is under \$2 million – there is no estate tax. \$2,000,000.01 and you will give quite a bit to Uncle Sam!

Also, for those who are interested – the worst place to put your important papers is in a safe deposit box which only bears your name! (The freezer still works as a safe place!)

Next meeting Friday July 13th.

See you at the SilvermineStephanie