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Eighteen Rotarians joined President Carol Johnson for her first meeting as president.

Announcements

1. Chamber Street Fair: Saturday, 10 AM – 4 PM. Old Ridgefield Road, from the Village Market to the Library. The club will have a beer tent adjacent to the Kiwanis hot dog stand. Thanks to those who signed up to man the booth.
2. Happy Birthday, Jay: We will toast you on July 16th!
3. Rotary Fellowship Dinner: Tuesday, July 22nd, Norwalk Inn. \$30 p.p. Norwalk, Wilton and both Westport clubs are coming together for an evening of fellowship and idea sharing. See Carol if you would like to attend (this does NOT replace our meeting on July 25th!).
4. Board Meeting: Thursday, July 17th, 5:00 PM, Fairfield County Bank, 2nd floor conference room.
5. Rotary Youth Exchange: Karen reported that our inbound student from Chile, Lucia, is due to arrive in Wilton on August 18th. Two host families have been confirmed, and a third is close to making a decision to host. We will officially meet and greet Lucia at our meeting on August 22nd.
6. DG Visit: District Governor Mukund Nori will make his official visit to the club on August 1st.
7. Rotary Theme, 2014-15: Confucius once said: "It is better to light a single candle, than to curse the darkness." Although the Chinese philosopher lived nearly 2,400 years before Rotary was founded, RI President 2014-15 Gary C.K. Huang calls him "the world's first Rotarian." Inspired by his teachings, Huang chose "Light Up Rotary" as his theme this year.

Today's Program

President Carol gave a spirited presentation to mark the beginning of her term, focusing on the history of Rotary, internationally and here in Wilton. She also outlined her plans for the coming year. She intends to continue with our current fundraisers and volunteer activities, including the carnival, craft fair, rose sale, adopt a spot, 3rd grade dictionary distribution, and the chamber street fair. She also introduced her supporting cast of Avenue of Service chairs:

- Club Service: Matt Castaldi
- Community Service: Pat Russo
- Vocational Service: Doug Macklem
- International Service: Richard Kent
- New Generations: Janeen Leppert



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In addition, Carol hopes to grow our membership from the current level of 37, financially support local charities and organizations, and importantly, have fun. We wish her all the best and she can count on our full support!

See you next FridayBill

Ed. Note: I am pleased to serve as Guest Editor for this issue of the Drummer (it actually gives Bill Meehan more time to finalize the Drummer editor rotation!)