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Today's meeting hosted 20 Wilton Rotarians, visiting Rotarian David Walker from the Bridgeport Club, and prospective member Pam Brown from the Wilton Congregational Church.

President Carol began the meeting with a Rotary moment on the importance of international service.

**Announcements:**

- Rotary beer tent at Wilton Street Fair did well, thanks to Paul H. and John Lemke for organizing and all who volunteered during the day.
- Area 2 dinner (Wilton, Norwalk, 2 Westport clubs) at Norwalk Inn 7/22, 8 Wilton Rotarians signed up to attend, DG Mukund presiding
- Newtown Rotary Gift of Life meeting 8/18, let Carol know if you'd like to go
- Board Meeting last night: Please pay dues if you owe, international project to be identified, exchange student Lucia arrives 8/17 and will be at Rotary 8/22
- Carnival is 9/12,13,14 so please plan on doing shifts that weekend, many volunteers needed for tickets/traffic safety control, Pat will have sign up sheet soon
- President Carol presented Bill Glass with a Paul Harris pin adorned with one sapphire to recognize his cumulative contribution of \$2000 to the Foundation
- John Lemke is recovering from 4 broken ribs as a result of a fall, please don't hug him
- Wendy Macedo's First County Bank branch was robbed, everyone is OK, perp caught on camera and is expected to be apprehended

**Program: Wilton Fire Chief Ron Kanterman, with Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo**

Our new Chief has received a warm welcome in Wilton after a career in NYC and eastern CT. Bio is extremely impressive, and he gave a great presentation on the rich history of firefighting. 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. fire company founded in Philly by Ben Franklin, but even Caesar had firemen way back in BC. 1<sup>st</sup> career department founded in Cincinnati, and Wilton's career firefighters work closely with volunteers in Georgetown and our police department. Many famous fires with big losses – Chicago Fire Oct. 8, Coconut Grove Nightclub, Warwick RI club, World Trade Center tragedy, recent wildfires out West. Big improvements in technology, protective clothing, firefighting techniques, several innovations coming from resourceful firemen with ideas for better equipment and making them happen, but brave people are still the key to success in saving lives. Lots of great stories from the Chief's years in the firehouse, Wilton residents are in good hands.

***NEXT MEETING: Friday, July 25, speaker is Wilton Y Exec Bob McDowell***



President Paul with guest speakers Comstock Community Center Project Chair Judy Zucker and Vice Chair Bill Brautigam