



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

Wilton, Connecticut USA District 7980

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*President Paul Burnham presiding over 14 Rotarians at Marly's.*

### Guests/Visitors:

Jordan, niece of Paul Hafter.

### Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. **2013-14 Dues:** Many Rotarians still have not submitted same. Please remit payment to the PO Box or give to Patty Sweeney as soon as possible.
2. **Chamber Street Fair:** Scheduled for this Saturday, 10 AM, in Wilton Center. The Club will have a tent where we will offer beer and wine for sale. John Lemke is coordinating.
3. **Fall Carnival:** September 20-21-22, Route 7 Tennis Courts. Pat Russo is heading up the event again this year. More details to come.
4. **Wilton Farmer's Market:** Now open every Wednesday afternoon in the parking lot the Wilton Historical Society on Route 7.
5. **July Board Meeting Deliberations:** At the Board meeting last night:
  - a. 100% of Fun and Fines collected this month will go to the District's Tornado Relief Project in Oklahoma (Paul had originally stipulated 50%).
  - b. Fun and Fines collected for the balance of the year will go to Wilton Rotary's Trust Fund B, rather than toward Club operating expenses. It was revealed that that this fund contains \$15,000 less in it than originally thought, and needs to be replenished.
  - c. The Trustees of the Trust Fund will meet later this month – date TBD.
  - d. Membership Goal – 42 net members by end of Paul's term.
6. **Thank You Note:** President Paul read a thank you note from Gennifer Abilock Clemmons, a 2013 Wilton High graduate who received one of the two Rotary Scholarships this year. Gennifer will attend Elon University this fall.
7. **[www.wiltonrotaryclub.org](http://www.wiltonrotaryclub.org):** Check our website for news, photos, past issues of the *Drummer*, and our online member directory (accessible only by password).



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### **Today's Program**

Shalini Madaras, a Paul Harris Fellow and Gold Star Mother who is also president of the Kick for Knick Foundation, and spearheaded efforts to raise funds for the PFC Nicholas Madaras Home in Bridgeport for homeless female veterans, spoke to us about her latest project, SEED (Society of Educational and Economic Development) in Chennai, India. SEED aims to educate children of prisoners, terminally-ill patients, murder victims, and prostitutes. It provides board, lodging, clothing and a free education for 271 children from 3-18 years of age. They receive both standard education and vocational training in variety of skills and subjects. Many students go on to higher levels of learning or to employment in the private sector. Shalini visited there recently to assess first hand the needs of the organization and distributed soccer balls to the children. For further information, visit <http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=166>

***See you Friday at Marly's.....Bill***