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President Frank Spencer presiding at Marly's, with 23 Rotarians in attendance.

Guests:

Debbie Brown, prospective member; Bob Rogers, guest of Bud Boucher.

Announcements:

1. **Rotary Carnival:** September 16-17-18th. Patrick is looking into possibly having a 'pizza truck' there.
2. **Adopt A Spot:** Patrick (a busy guy) is organizing a work session to upgrade the Spot at corner of Horseshoe Road and Wolfpit Road. Please contact him if you can help.
3. **Memorial Service for Rick Kellam:** Friday, September 2nd, 10 AM, United Methodist Church of New Canaan, 165 South Avenue. Come celebrate the life of a dear friend and a true Rotarian. On a separate note, Karen will be looking into the possibility of having a plaque installed at the town center Gazebo in Rick's memory (it would be nice to have this done prior to the service). Sandy Kellam informed me that the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, FL, the organization to which the Club made a donation in Rick's memory, has named a rescued turtle after him!
4. **Fundraiser:** Board voted to proceed with a wine tasting fundraiser sometime this Rotary year. Bud Boucher will be leading a committee to put the details together.

Today's Program

Mac MacGregor, founder of Box House Inc., in Wilton, thanked the Club for its previous financial support (\$3000 donation in 2010) and updated us on the status of the organization's efforts in Haiti.

By way of background:

BOX HOUSE is a practical, affordable housing solution for humans in crisis:

- A unique approach for transforming abandoned shipping containers into family dwellings
- Environmentally friendly - BOX HOUSE recycles containers that no longer meet the standards for trans-oceanic travel
- Sturdy shelters built from durable steel containers can withstand extreme weather conditions and attempts by predators to prey on women and girls
- Local talent, trained by BOX HOUSE and its partners, will provide jobs and create small businesses
- Cost efficient conversion is achieved through simplicity of design and effective building methods
- Innovative finance options, although probably not available in Haiti, will be used in many parts of the rest of the Third World

Due to the difficulty in working with the Haitian government and the sharp increase in the price of containers (mainly from China, \$300 to over \$3000), only six box homes have been erected on the island. Mac is looking into other possible uses and locales for the boxes, including the Far East and South America.

For additional information, visit www.boxhouse.org.

See you next FridayBill