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Announcements

- **Rotary Youth Exchange:** Our inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student, Victoria Koch, will be arriving in the area from Germany on August 12th. She is very excited about coming to Wilton and being a part of our community this coming school year. We will all have a chance to welcome her at our meeting on August 22nd, at which she will be our guest (also attending will be representatives of her host families). Please plan to attend this special meeting to meet this special young lady.

- **Dues Due:** 2008-09 dues are due now. Please remit to Wendy via PO Box 271.

Today's Program

Rick Benson, District Governor (DG) for 2008-09, was our featured speaker. Rick, from Westport, is a well-known Rotary leader to Wilton Rotarians, having served as Assistant District Governor for our Area 2 for many years. He took the big "promotion" this year and we were honored to have him as our guest.

DG Rick was introduced by Jane Norgren, ADG for Area 1 (Phoebe Leask, ADG for Area 2 is recuperating from hip replacement surgery). Rick is a third generation Rotarian originally from Buffalo, and has held many leadership positions at the club and district level since becoming a Rotarian 1989. He runs a successful real estate development firm in Westport.

He outlined his vision and objectives for the District:

- ❑ Grow District net Membership by 4% per year.
- ❑ Increase Total Rotary Foundation giving by 5% per year and increase TRF program participation in all categories; support the PolioPlus Challenge Grant.
- ❑ Increase District participation in World Community Service humanitarian projects and partnerships with other non-governmental organizations.
- ❑ Promote the District mission of improved Community, Communication, Cooperation, Commitment and Continuing education at all leadership levels.

DG Rick complemented the Club on its terrific record of achievement and looks forward to a strong year of accomplishment under President Patrick.

For more information on the District, check out its newly redesigned web site, www.rotary7980.org

See you next Friday ***Bill***