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President Paul presided over the meeting with 22 Rotarians in attendance and 3 guests:

Alexandra - Karen Strickland's grand-daughter visiting from NYC

Erin O'Connell – our exchange student outbound to Ecuador this coming year.

Caroline Armstrong – our returning exchange student and speaker for today

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

- **Charles Jones:** President Paul passed around a lovely thank you letter from Charles's wife Anita; thanking the club for our tribute to Charles of the bench at the tennis courts.
- **Chamber Street Fair:** John L – reported we had a GREAT PRESENCE at the street fair and may have broken even financially.
- **Fall Carnival:** Pat R – reported that he had obtained the commitment of the Burrito Shack to provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and possibly Burritos. Pat went on to say that he expects 1 or 2 other food vendors to participate.
- **LobsterFest:** Bud B announced that he is selling tickets to the 28th Annual New Canaan Rotary Club's LobsterFest. This year, half of the \$30 ticket price, will go towards the building of a war memorial at the Legion Hall. See Bud for details and tickets.
- **Club Budget 2013-2014:** President Paul presented the "Club Members' Account" budget for 7/1/13 through 6/30/14. He then moved the budget be accepted Victor T seconded and the members present voted unanimously for it.
- **Red Sox Ticket's:** President Paul has tickets for the Sept. 4th game against the Tiger's
- **Monday's @ Marly's:** Due to other commitments President Paul will not be able to be at Marly's for the next 2 Mondays.
- **YMCA Golf Outing:** Karen S told us of the Golf Outing at Tashua Knolls that will benefit YMCA youth programs. See Karen for details.
- **Fun & Fines:** President Paul reminded everyone that Fun & Fines this month is dedicated to Oklahoma Tornado relief.

Program: Caroline Armstrong, spoke to us of her experience as a Wilton student, recently returned from Argentina, where she attended school on a year-long Rotary scholarship. To this writer, Caroline epitomizes the essence of the Rotary Student exchange program. She spoke, with great gratitude, about the changes she had observed in herself as a result of all the experiences she had in this Rotary sponsored program – self-confidence, appreciation, and a new perspective of how America is viewed by people from other countries – to name a few. She has made what she expects to be life-long friends with her hosts and other exchange students she met from around the world. Members who missed this presentation missed out on an exceptional program by an exceptional young lady.

See you all next week at Marly's

Addendum/Correction: President Paul caught the fact that my notes ran together -

There are 2 separate golf outings: The Y golf outing and the Tashua Knolls golf outing are separate golf events. The latter is sponsored by the Newtown Rotary Club. It takes place on September 9. See me for details. The Y golf outing takes place on September 23, at Rolling Hills I believe contact Karen S concerning the Y golf outing.