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Seven Wilton Rotarians attended lunch, many of whom were delayed by the unmarked closure of Cannon Road due to Metro North work at the crossing in front of Cannondale Station. There was a Road Closed sign up by Saturday afternoon.

Announcements:

- **Carnival Sponsorships.** Phil and Patrick need involvement by all Members in contacting and signing up sponsors for the Carnival. See Phil's July 16 email to Members, which includes a list of 2018's sponsors and new leads, and the sign up forms for the banners.
- **Lunch Price Increased from \$26 to \$28.** The \$2 late arrival fee mentioned in the July 19 Drummer does not appear to be correct and refers to the price increase of lunch. Neither President Pam nor any Member present at the meeting knew the background of the approval of the price increase. As a Club Member, I would like to know how the increase was approved, especially in light of the continued decrease in Club membership and decrease in attendance at meetings. I would also like to know if the Club is considering alternatives to Rolling Hills.
- **Speaker Chair Needed.** The Club needs a person to chair the Committee that lines up speakers. Please contact President Pam.
- **Scheduling.** There will be no meeting on Aug. 30, the Friday before Labor Day Weekend. President Pam will be out the next four weeks due to knee replacement surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

PROGRAM: Carl Schmidt Foundation

Sam Schmitt, grandson of artist Carl Schmitt (1889-1989), made a presentation about his grandfather's life, art, and Studio-Gallery, which is located on Borglum Road in the Wilton section of Silvermine. Carl Schmitt was an American painter who developed over his long career a unique vision that assimilated traditional European approaches to art with the modern movements. The Carl Schmitt Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation, was established in 1996 to perpetuate the legacy of Mr. Schmitt and to make

his achievement as an outstanding man, artist, and profound thinker on aesthetics better known. Private tours of the Studio-Gallery can be arranged through Sam Schmitt: samuel.schmitt@carlschmitt.org.

As a sidebar, Patrick Russo installed smoke detectors in one of the family houses near the Studio as part of the Rotary Service Project for senior citizens.

NEXT MEETING: – Lunch Meeting, Friday, August 2, 12:15 at ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB