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President Wendy Macedo presiding at Marly's, with 18 Rotarians in attendance.

Guests/Visitors

Today's speaker, Elaine Tai-Lauria, Executive Director of the Wilton Library. We hope Elaine will become a Club member soon!

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. **Wendy's Announcement:** Wendy announced that, due to the pending closure of her Patriot Bank branch in the Stop & Shop plaza, she will be relocating to a branch in Trumbull in early September and thus will be unable to continue as Club president. The Board is formulating a succession/leadership plan for the balance of 2012-13. Further details will be forthcoming. Wendy, we wish you all the best and will miss your many contributions to the Club.
2. **Wilton Sidewalk Sale:** Saturday, July 21st, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was a big success for Wilton merchants and the Chamber. The Club hosted a beer tent. While we only netted \$121, it was good exposure and experience for the Club.
3. **DG Visit:** District 7980 Governor Brian Amey and ADG John Hendrickson will visit the club next Friday (August 3rd) as part of the DG's annual club tour. Please plan to attend this important meeting.
4. **Speakers Needed:** We need speakers/programs for the next few weeks. This is a key part of the Club's fellowship. Please let Wendy know if you have someone in mind, or if you would like to serve in the capacity of Program Coordinator.
5. **Rotary Youth Exchange Visit:** Lino Cardenas, our exchange student from Ecuador, and Lois Amador, representing his first host family, will be guests of the Club on August 24th. Lino is arriving earlier that week and will be attending Wilton High starting on August 27th. We expect to see and hear from Lino frequently during his stay in Wilton. Karen and I will be attending a district training/info session on Tuesday night on this year's Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Today's Program

Elaine Tai-Lauria, Executive Director of the Wilton Library, spoke to us about the current state and future plans of one of the town's true treasures. Elaine, who succeeded Kathy Leeds in the position on July 1st, is a Wilton resident and worked previously at the Greenwich Library. She said the library has a new strategic plan that focuses on three themes:

- *Partnership*: the Library is a partner with the community to help it become a better place for all residents and businesses;
- *Innovation*: continuous improvement in technology and services – to be the center for access of information;
- *Responsibility*: a responsibility to the community to be a vibrant Library for users of all ages. The Library is a part of the town – it is there to serve you!

Elaine said the Wilton Library Association gets about 75% of its annual budget through a town appropriation, and the balance comes from fundraising and private donations.

For more information, please visit www.wiltonlibrary.org

See you Friday at Marly's for the DG visit.....Bill