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Eleven Rotarians met in the Rolling Hills CC boardroom on a sultry summer afternoon with President Christene Freedman presiding.

Guests/Visitors

Barbara Meehan; District Governor (DG) Larry Gardener.

Announcements:

1. **Words from the DG:** DG Larry Gardener was a surprise guest (though Christene knew in advance!). Larry was not here for his official visit (which is on 31 August), but for an informal get-acquainted stop. He presented Christene with a BE THE INSPIRATION banner from RI, and pins for all of us. Larry also invited us to march with him in the annual Labor Day parade in Newtown (the largest in the state), and to stay after for a BBQ hosted by the Newtown Rotary Club. We look forward to his return next month.
2. **Kiwanis "Lobster and More Clambake":** Friday night, 7 September, Kiwanis Park Pavilion at the Riverbrook Regional YMCA. \$50 pp. Not a fundraiser, just a chance to "break claw" with our friends from Kiwanis. Go to wiltonkiwanis.org/Page/14924 to reserve your spot.
3. **Speakers Bureau:** Beth and Pam were thanked by Christene for the great job they are doing securing speakers/programs for our meetings.
4. **Board Meeting:** Next one Thursday, 16 August, in the Fairfield County Bank boardroom.
5. **Upcoming Fundraisers:**
 - a. **Trackside:** Sunday, 12 August, 11 AM to 6 PM, at Allen's Meadows is the Wilton Food Truck Festival! Enjoy delicious food from 20 different food trucks, craft beers, live music, kids' fun park (including water slide), and an arts & crafts sale! Proceeds support the Trackage Teen Center. Admission is \$10/car.
 - b. **Rotary:** Thursday, 23 August, at Wayback Burgers, Town Line Center in Norwalk. Buy a burger for lunch or dinner and support the club!

6. **August is Membership Development Month.** Do you remember who invited you to join Rotary? Why not make it a point to invite a business associate to a meeting? Their first lunch is on the club. When a recent president of RI was asked why he didn't join Rotary sooner, he said "no one asked me!"

Today's Program:

Our guest speaker was Mark Robbins, President of MHR Development, a clean energy and sustainable development firm based in Norwalk. He has expertise in green, sustainable design as well as in architecture, construction, historic preservation, energy efficiency, and ecological best practices. He was accompanied by the firm's summer intern Mike Cilazzo. Mark gave a detailed presentation on his firm's background and capabilities, and the numerous local projects it is engaged in. Of particular interest to us were projects at School Sisters of Notre Dame and in the Wilton Public Schools (where MHR has been overseeing the installation of solar panels on all four of our public schools). Each of these projects have resulted in significant reductions in energy use and cost savings -- especially important since Connecticut has one the highest energy production costs of any state.

NEXT MEETING – Friday, 3 August, 1215, at Rolling Hills CC