



Wilton Rotary Club

Meeting July 29, 2011



In attendance: 29 members and guests

Guests: David Santucci from Danbury, District Governor Rupri Rupwani, and Assistant Governor John Hendrickson

President's Remarks:

- Past President Luis Garcia was given a banner by Ray Klingensmith celebrating Luis's service.
- Two people were given Paul Harris awards at our annual meeting: Wendy Macedo and Marilyn Dugan.
- Pat Russo was named Rotarian of the year.
- We discussed the plaque in memory of Rick Kellam to be attached to the Gazebo.
- A winetasting fundraiser was proposed and got general approval at the Board meeting.

Membership:

Debbie Gran was made a new member of the Club, inducted by the District Governor and given a ceremonial kiss by Ron Barlow.

Speaker:

ADG John Henderson introduced DG Rupri Rupwani. Rupri spoke about the changes recently instituted in the District, with special emphasis on the new website and database of members. He urged us to visit the site (<http://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/Accounts/7980/Pages/uPAGES/index.HTML>) to update our information and add a picture of ourselves. He reminded us:

- Login: the email address you have on file
- Password: your RI # (see your address label on the Rotary International magazine)
- District: #7980
- Club: #6761

He noted that the site is totally secure.

Our District 7980 project this year will be to purchase and train 4 guide dogs (one from each county) to serve as companions to needy veterans or other members of the public. He is asking each club to give \$500 this year.

Rupri spoke about the symbol of the lotus flower that Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee has adopted because it stands for hope. He said that District 7980 is one of the highest givers internationally, but that we need to grow our membership. He urged us to make giving and membership fun. His focus recognizes that our concern is for family first, then business, and then Rotary.

We thanked our District Governor and Assistant Governor for visiting.