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On a very hot and humid August day, President Wendy presided with 22 Wilton Rotarians in attendance. Today was the official visit of our District Governor Brian Amey and Assistant Governor John Hendrickson. Marly's lunch and dessert selections were delicious as always.

**Announcements:**

Pat Russo announced that the Carnival will be held Sept. 14-16. He is contacting Minny Vinny to return with his barbeque and trying to arrange for the Pizza Truck. Posters will be distributed at next week's meeting.

Pat also thanked John Lemke, Karen, and Brian Sweeney (Patty's strong, energetic son) for helping move our elderly lady's household goods from her former Nod Hill home to her new apartment at Ogden House.

Bud said that New Canaan Rotary is doing their annual Lobsterfest on Sept. 21-22 and offering the same ticket incentive as last year: For every \$30 ticket Wilton Rotary sells, we will keep \$15. Bud suggested that we either take a table at New Canaan's event or purchase the lobsters for our own lobsterfest in Wilton. To be discussed further.....

Karen attended the District's Foundation Seminar last Saturday and got complete information on funds available this year for scholarships, district and global grants.

In light of her imminent relocation to the Patriot branch in Trumbull, Wendy presented the transition plan that has been approved by the Board. Karen will step in as interim President from October 1 through June 30 followed by Paul Burnham's term beginning July 1, 2013. Wendy's final meeting will be Sept. 28 and past presidents will be filling in until then if Wendy has to be absent. Governor Brian swore Karen in and wished the club best of luck in the coming year.

**Program:**

Assistant Governor John introduced District Governor Brian, who is past president of Newtown Rotary and past Assistant Governor for Area 3. Brian was born in Southampton, England, served in the RAF and made a career in retail banking. Brian thanked our club for the many community service projects we do each year and our contributions to the District. RI's theme this year is Conflict Resolution, and Brian's focus is "Lighten the Burden for Others". He identified the major challenges Rotary faces going forward: polio eradication, building membership, initiating new humanitarian projects, promoting Rotary in the community, and revisiting the Objects of Rotary especially ethics in business. Brian's special project will support Friends Forever Youth Camp which promotes peace and understanding among international youth from areas of conflict. More details are coming. The District Conference will be May 16-19 at Saratoga NY State Park.

***NEXT MEETING: Fri. 8/10, Speaker - Leslie Nolan, Wilton Historical Society Director***