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Guests: Martha Buttenheim and Vitas Kisielius – Julia Kisielius' parents

Announcements:

1. September 8/9/10 is this year's carnival at the regular location near the WHS tennis courts. Victor Tenore volunteered to be the point person for this year's carnival. There will be a meeting closer to the date but save the dates – we need you to work!
2. Money Owed. Frank urged us to send in surveys and pay up for dues, outstanding dinner money and any rose sale money (the latter should be given to Bob Mills).
3. ASHA project – Mr. Kumar whose daughter and her friend attended a spring time luncheon to discuss their project to put computers in schools in Asia reported that they are grateful for the computer donated in part by our club. They will address our club at some point next spring to detail the progress.
4. John Lemke caught a big bluefish and a big striped bass in a tournament on Block Island. No photo evidence or sample was offered but it is believed to not be another fish story.

Program:

Karen Strickland introduced our speaker, Julia Kisielius a recent graduate of Wilton High School. Sponsored by our club through the Rotary Youth Exchange program, Julia spent the year in Argentina based in a city called Bariloche. She lived 6 months with the Garcia family and 6 months with the Kleiman family and considered the family members to be her own while she was there. Her laptop died which made saving photos difficult. She made friends by joining a public chorus (for 2 pesos about \$ 5) and this allowed here to have contact with many different kinds of people which proved to be a very enriching experience. Julia pointed out that physical contact is much greater in South America that here in the U.S... She and her Korean-American girlfriend had many notes to compare on the way things were in comparison to at home. Argentinean Card games, Mate (pronounced mahtay), (a shared drink served in a gourd and used as something to foster a group discussion a la a peace pipe) were new experiences that she really enjoyed. She traveled extensively through the Rotary exchange program to all provinces in Argentina. Julia is a special young woman and she represented herself, her family and our club in exemplary fashion.

See you next Friday at the SilvermineMark