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Guests/Visiting Rotarians

Nineteen Rotarians were in attendance, and two guests; Eric Glass, son of Bill Glass, who will be starting his freshman year at Gettysburg in a few weeks, and Torie Clancy, Executive Director of the Wilton Chamber of Commerce.

Announcements

1. Bud announced that our wine tasting fundraiser will be on November 11th at Trackside. Vintage Wines will be arranging for the wines. There will be a meeting at Trackside next Friday (8/12) at 11:30 for anyone who is interested in helping with the event.
2. Pat reminded everyone that the carnival will be September 16th, 17th, and 18th. Posters will be forthcoming, and the possibility of having the pizza truck is being explored. Wristbands will be available all weekend and will cost \$22.
3. Ron announced that he attended a meeting of the New Canaan Rotary Club, and they will be here in a couple of weeks to offer tickets for their lobster fest at a discounted rate.

4. Karen has ordered the plaque that is to be placed at the gazebo to honor Rick Kellam. She also mentioned that the Rotary sign at the gazebo needs maintenance.

Program

The honorable William F. Brennan, First Selectman of Wilton, provided an update on some of the things that are happening in and around our town.

*** A strategic initiative to convert the center of town, up through the school system to natural gas has been delayed because of an easement problem at the end of River Road. Once this issue has been cleared, natural gas will not only provide an alternative energy source for many, but will also provide an energy cost savings to the town of over 40%.**

***The weather this past winter resulted in extensive damage to many of the 128 miles of town roads. The town is working to make repairs as efficiently as possible, as the price of asphalt has increased 40% over the past two years. Repairs are being prioritized based on the level of damage.**

*** The effect of a possible rating downgrade by Moody's would be minimal, as the town has low debt, conservative fiscal policies in place, as well as a reserve.**

***A \$200M STEEP Grant has allowed for sidewalks and curbing in the center. This adds to the attractiveness of making Wilton Center a destination. Many new retail businesses have opened in the center over the past several months.**

***The town has re-applied for a grant to connect the railroad station with Wilton Center via a walkway.**

***A "Scarecrow Fest," sponsored by the Wilton Chamber will take place from mid-October through Halloween in Wilton Center.**

***Demolition began near the corner of Routes 7 and 33 for a new gas station and convenience store.**

See you on the 12th at Marly's.....Carol



