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**President Luis Garcia Presiding**

**Guests/Visiting Rotarians**

**-There were no guests or visiting Rotarians at today's meeting.**

**Announcements**

1. **Annual Wilton Rotary Club Carnival**- This year's carnival scheduled for September 17, 18, and 19 at the tennis courts. Sign-up sheet to be circulated at 8/13/10 lunch meeting. It's imperative that everyone volunteer and work.

**Program**

Gary Richards, a former Rotarian in San Marino, California and Superintendent of Wilton Public Schools for the last 24 years, discussed the Wilton Public Schools Strategic Plan. The long-range planning teams were established by Dr. David Clune during the early 1980's. The purpose is to put in a planning process that is flexible and supports the goals of systemic thinking and improvement. They tried to develop "Theories of Action" (developed by Harvard Prof. Richard Elmore) that can be thought of as a story line that makes a vision and strategy complete.

From these "Theories of Action" they developed some "Strengths" and "Needs". Several of these are:

- The importance of recruiting, training and retaining quality staff.
- The critical importance in having curriculum that is vertically and horizontally articulated so that we provide assured learning experiences for all children.
- The significance of technology as an integral part of teaching and learning.

**Next Meeting Friday August 13, 2010 Marly's Restaurant Wilton, CT**

***See you at the Rose Sale pick up June 18<sup>th</sup> at Trackside and the  
Installation Dinner June 24<sup>th</sup> at Silvermine Golf Club...Frank Spencer***