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*President Richard Kent presided over the meeting with 17 Rotarians in attendance. We also had three guests today: Asst. District Governor Coordinator John Hendrickson, and Rotarian Walter Smith and his wife Caryl from Lubbock, TX, who are visiting family in the area.*

### Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. Member Resignation: Richard announced that Doug Macklem has submitted his resignation as a member. We will always be grateful for Doug's contributions to the club, especially for his work on the Board and as a Drummer editor. Good luck Doug!
2. Web Site: Ed Ashway has agreed to continue service as web master for the time being. He is in the process of updating the site with current news and photos. Check it out at [www.wiltonrotaryclub.org](http://www.wiltonrotaryclub.org)
3. District Membership Summit: Monday, 31 August, 6 PM, at the Graduate Club in New Haven; Richard plans to attend. If you would like to join him, please let him know. Not coincidentally, August is RI's Membership Month.
4. Presidents' Meeting: Richard plans to meet soon with the presidents of Kiwanis and the Georgetown Lion's Club to discuss the need to better coordinate the scheduling of fundraising events.
5. Upcoming Events:
  - a. **Carnival, 18-19-20 September**. Sign-up sheet was circulated; Patrick discussed the importance of selling banner sponsorships to supplement carnival income as we are having competition from another Lion's Club Carnival 19-22 August, and "Touch a Truck" on 19 September.
  - b. **District Governor Visit, 2 October**. DG Geraldine Grace Tom will visit the Club to discuss her vision for the District and hear about our club's activities and objectives for 2015-16.



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### **Today's Program**

Unfortunately, today's speaker cancelled at the last minute due to a personal matter. So, our intrepid president announced that the program would instead be a member's biography – his own! Richard told us he was born in Queens, NY, and grew up on Long Island. He attended North Carolina State from which graduated in 1966 with a major in landscape architecture. He served for 10 months in Vietnam and upon returning began his career as a landscape architect. He was with the firm Environmental Design Associates for many years, located in Wilton, becoming a managing partner. The firm completed many local and regional landscape projects under his stewardship. He retired recently and closed the firm down. Richard plans to complete his term as president, sell his house in Ridgefield and move to a beachfront condo on Long Island in late 2016, and do a lot more traveling. Thanks Richard for sharing such an interesting bio with us. Other Rotarians take note – especially newer members – you may be next!

***Next meeting on Friday, 14 August at Marly's .....Bill***