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22 Wilton Rotarians were joined today by 6 guests (prospective members Pam Brown, Christene Freedman & Cindy Armijo, outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Student Harry Black, visiting Rotarian and District leader John Hendrickson, and guest Laura Downing) for another good luncheon meeting at Marly's presided over by Madame Prez, Carol Johnson who included a Rotary moment on international peace and understanding.

Announcements:

1. Pam Brown has applied for membership and is hereby listed for approval by our club members. If anyone has an objection to her joining, you must notify President Carol no later than August 15.
2. Please check wiltonrotaryclub.org under the member directory to be sure your personal information is current. To make a change, contact President Carol and she will administrate. Also, if you need the user name and password, ask Carol or another Wilton Rotarian who knows.
3. Save the date of Oct. 25 to volunteer for Stop Hunger Now, a food relief project Wilton Rotary will be supporting this year that is sponsored by our local faith community. We are planning to apply for a District Managed Grant to help them purchase supplies.
4. Carnival sign-up is being circulated, help is especially needed Saturday night, one of the busiest times of the weekend. See Pat to add your name. Sponsorship banner signs will be sold to raise additional money, please try to think of potential supporters we can approach.
5. Harry Black talked about his upcoming youth exchange to Ecuador from August 2014 through June 2015. He will be staying in Guayaquil on the coast with at least one host family. He is very appreciative to Rotary for giving him this life-changing opportunity and promised to communicate regularly about his experience there.

Program: Wilton First Selectman, Bill Brennan

Bill brought us up to speed on two major projects going on and coming up in Wilton: the Yankee Gas line installation which is ahead of schedule and will be largely completed at no cost to the town by the time school starts; and the \$44 million much-needed renovation of 50-year old Miller-Driscoll which is a "gateway" school for people with young children making a decision to move into Wilton. He said the town is in very good shape financially, with 89% funding of pensions. Bill also took questions from the audience on a variety of topics.

NEXT MEETING: Fri. 8/15