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Today's attendees: Boucher, Brown, Burnham, Dulberg, Freedman, Glass, Goldman, Hafter, Hansen, Johnson, Kent, Meehan, Russo, Sharlach, Smith, Tai-Lauria, White. Also Bob Grant, Norwalk Rotarian and prospective member, Molly Carmody, prospective member, and Jessica Feighan (our speaker) and two guests of hers. A full house, we ran out of chairs!

Coming meetings - August 16 – Connecticut's insurance commissioner.

August 23 – Norwalk River Valley Trail

August 30 – no meeting (Labor Day weekend)

September 6 – District representatives regarding membership

September 13 – Pam will present regarding her plans for the year.

Trustees meeting immediately followed the Club meeting, and the Directors will meet on August 15

Planning for carnival – Sponsorships coming in, but please keep them coming. Planet Pizza is our main food vendor, with Bubble and Brew providing additional liquid refreshments. Permits will be needed for them and for Tony Tufano, the carnival operator himself, from the Town, but this appears to be just a matter of paperwork. A sign up sheet will be circulated at our next meeting – all hands on deck!

Bud advises that Trackside will be having its food truck fund-raiser on August 17 – not sure where, but one of the food trucks will be serving beer. Also, our next date at Wayback Burger will be August 22. Plan to have lunch there!

Christene drew the jack of diamonds and left the 50-50 pot, now over \$500, for someone else.

Molly Carmody, my guest, is the manager of the new Nordstrom's store in Norwalk, which will be opening in mid-October in the new mall. There will be an opening reception on October 10, with 100% of the proceeds going to two local charities, Fairfield County's Community Foundation and the

Domestic Violence Crisis Center. (Contact your editor for details). Molly is a new Wilton resident and a prospective club member and could not have been more enthusiastic about the shopping experience that her store's customers will soon be able to enjoy.

PROGRAM: Jessica Feighan is the Director of Outreach, Education and Operations at the Rowan Center, a not-for-profit entity based in Stamford which serves all of the eight towns of lower Fairfield County which it has done since 1979. The firm provides a 24 hour, 365 day a year hot-line which victims of sexual violence can call to hear a friendly, concerned voice (English or Spanish). It provides companions and advocates for victims who seek medical treatment and/or assistance with all aspects of the criminal system. It provides support to the local public schools (including the Wilton schools) at all grade levels in order to help youngsters learn about these unfortunate aspects of life and how to deal with them.

We may have certain ideas as to what the victims of sexual violence might look like. Jessica's message to all of us is that we should not.

On that happy note ...

See you Friday.

Paul