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Fifteen Wilton Rotarians and four guests met at Marly's for a presentation by District Governor (DG) Trish Pearson.

Guests/Visitors

DG Trish Pearson; ADG (Area 2) Tony McDowell; Cecilia Staunton and Austin Green from the Riverbrook Regional (aka Wilton) "Y."

Announcements:

1. **World Peace Day, 22 Sept.** On 21 September, Rotary will be supporting a Library event at which children will paint rocks to go around the base of the Peace Pole. Another Pole was recently installed on the campus of Wilton High School.
2. **Club Web Site:** Undergoing upgrades and enhancements by an intern from Wilton High School.
3. **Raffle Drawing:** Winning ticket appropriately held by our guest ADG Tony McDowell, but his luck stopped there.
4. **Happy Anniversary:** Bud announced that he and Toni are celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary.
5. **More News from Bud:** Trackside Oktoberfest fundraiser is 14 October; New Canaan Rotary's Lobsterfest is 22-23 September with proceeds benefitting American Legion Post 86 from \$35 tickets purchased through Bud.
6. **Carnival Update:** 15-16-17 September. Sign-up sheet circulated for manning of the ticket booth and adjacent tent (where bike raffle tickets are being sold). Sponsors also needed for the banners. Please find time to pitch in – this is the club's biggest fundraiser of the year.

Today's Program

Trish Pearson, District Governor for our District (7980) spoke to us about her plans and objectives for her tenure as DG (which runs from 1 July to 30 June 2018). A Member of the Orange Rotary Club since 1994 (where her husband is also a member), she chaired a variety of committees and was President in 2005-06. She is a familiar face in our District, serving as Conference chair for DG Rick Bassett and DG Gerri Tom. She was also a member of her Club's Visioning Team giving her the opportunity to meet many Rotarians throughout the state as well as the District Finance, Nominating and Public Relations Committees. She served as Assistant District Governor for Area 5.

Trish discussed the main areas of focus during her term, including:

- Communications, especially a new District web site
- Strategic Planning, a path to moving the district forward in an era of membership and financial challenges.
- Diversity of Membership, reflecting the demographic composition of our communities

Trish spoke about an international project she is championing this year – one that started at her home club – installing a new water system at a school in Kenya. The project will cost \$145,000, \$55,000 of which has been raised through a District matching grant. She is seeking the support of Clubs in the District to meet the remaining fundraising goal.

She also was very complementary of our club's programs, and made a pitch for the District Conference, to be held in Burlington, VT, in early June 2018.

NEXT MEETING – Friday, 18 August, 1215 at Marly's. Hope to see you then!