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Today's meeting hosted 19 Wilton Rotarians and 2 guests, prospective member Mike Cella and Carole Kleinfeld. President Paul led the meeting on a beautiful summer day.

Announcements:

1. The club wished Susan Betsworth a Happy Birthday on her special day.
2. Paul reported on last night's Board meeting:
 - a. Price of Carnival wristbands will go up from \$22 to \$25
 - b. Luis is following up on a grant request to benefit the Anini School
 - c. Luis is working on a plan for continuation of the Interact Club with Rotary leadership vs. at the high school
3. A Rotary Summit meeting will be held Nov. 9-10 in Ecuador to explore grant projects in that country, advise Paul if you want to attend
4. A Rotary Zone meeting will be held in Cromwell on Sept. 7 to review best practices for running a club, advise Paul if you want to attend
5. A thank you note was received from Cathy Pierce of Social Services thanking Rotary for our \$1K donation to the food pantry
6. Thanks to Paul Hafter for producing a large Rotary banner for use at our special events
7. Matt reminded everyone to pay their club dues

Program:

Dick Dubow, Wilton Selectman, resident since 1978 and elected public servant for 26 years, talked about major issues facing the town which include: a) many capital improvement projects to take place over next 2.5 years at great expense (roads, major renovation of Miller/Driscoll, boiler/roof/restroom replacement at schools and town buildings, expanded space for Town Hall/police/preschool/special needs programs, North Wilton Fire Station upgrades); b) evaluating cost impact of these projects on debt service; c) filling positions of fire chief, new Facilities Manager, school superintendent; c) moving the Yankee Gas project ahead; d) managing collective bargaining on 4 contracts; e) considering ordinances for noise/litter/Sunday liquor sales; f) working with Economic Development Commission on strategic business plan. So there is certainly a lot to be done in our little town. Dick said Wilton has received national recognition for energy saving and budget management.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, August 23, 2013 – Speaker Michael Evans of Full Court Peace whose mission is to unite, strengthen and educate local and global communities through creation of youth basketball teams and basketball systems. See you then!