



Wilton Rotary Drummer
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Guests: None
Announcements

- President Victor Tenore updated us with Carnival news – the carnival has moved back one week in September to the weekend of 9/25 & 9/26 and 9/27 in order to avoid conflict with the Jewish New Year Holiday. If you want a specific shift please email Victor prior to the email sign up that will be sent around. This is our major fundraiser and Victor mentioned we are counting on a strong turnout from the club to participate – Amber Alert will not be held that weekend so as to get as many people involved as possible.
- The 2010 Rotary International Convention will be held in the 3rd week of June 2010 in Montreal. The New Canaan Rotary club is chartering a bus and all Wilton Rotarians are welcome and encouraged to come along to attend.
- Fun and Fines - \$ 147 have been collected for Social Services and this past Wednesday Patty Sweeney delivered \$ 115 worth of paper goods and sundries which were well appreciated by Social Services.

Program: – Colin Gershon – District Governor 7980

- Area 2 Assistant Governor Phoebe Leask introduced Colin to our club acknowledging Colin's commitment to environmental issues as well as his prowess as a quiet leader
- Colin in turn acknowledged our own Karen Strickland as grants coordinator for our district.
- 18,000 – 20,000 people will attend the RI convention in June 2010.
- Foundation discussion – the Gates Foundation as added to its original \$ 100MM commitment toward Polio Plus by adding another pledge of \$ 250MM. Rotary has come up with \$ 300MM so the total is \$ 550 million. Colin also talked about 'Purple Pinky Day' where children who have been inoculated against polio have their pinky's dyed purple to assure they are not inoculated twice.
- Managed Grant Program (also known as District Simplified Grant as pointed out by Frank Spencer) offers now up to \$ 3,000 up from \$ 2,500 last year (remember Kick for Nick was a grant match from last year)
- There will be two GSE teams this year – one for Australia in October and the other for South Africa next April 2010.
- This was DG Colin's 32nd visit to district clubs since July 1
- Two new clubs (Beacon Falls and Black Rock) are on provisional status expecting to get to the magic number of 20.
- Colin Service projects such as Hole-in-the Wall (you can sponsor a child for as little as \$ 200) and Make-A-Difference Day which will be held this year on Saturday October 10th. Next Spring consider participating in Arbor Day in April.
- The 2010 District Conference will be held in May in Burlington, VT.

See you next Friday at the Greens Mark