



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

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*President Paul Burnham presiding over 15 Rotarians at Marly's.*

### Guests/Visitors:

None today (see speaker info below).

### Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. **Fall Carnival:** September 20-21-22, Route 7 Tennis Courts. Sign up list circulated by Patty Sweeney via email. Need help for shifts on Saturday and Sunday.
2. **Wilton Farmer's Market:** Now open every Wednesday afternoon in the parking lot the Wilton Historical Society on Route 7.
3. **Sympathies:** Our sympathies are extended to Mary and Pat Russo, on the recent passing of Mary's mother.
4. **Wilton Rotary Facebook Page:** Janeen Leppert, Executive Director of the Wilton Chamber of Commerce, has volunteered to take over maintenance and updating of the Club's Facebook Page. Can membership be far behind?!
5. **Another Gathering at Marly's:** President Paul encourages other Rotarians to join him on Monday's, 6:30 PM (unless otherwise noted), at the Marly's bar, for more Rotary fellowship.
6. **[www.wiltonrotaryclub.org](http://www.wiltonrotaryclub.org):** Check our website for news, photos, past issues of the *Drummer*, and our online member directory (accessible only by password).
7. **Next Meeting:** The question came up a few times today – YES, there is a Rotary meeting at Marly's next Friday (in advance of Labor Day weekend)!



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### Today's Program

Mike Evans, founder of "Full Court Peace," a non-profit organization that helps with conflict resolution through youth involvement in basketball, spoke to us about his fascinating, and sometimes harrowing experiences in trying to bring his organization's message to Northern Ireland and other troubled areas. While in Northern Ireland, he assembled the first integrated high school boys' basketball team, comprised of five Catholic and five Protestant teenage boys from segregated schools. See CNN video link: <http://edition.cnn.com/video/#/video/living/2009/01/23/dcl.lapin.ypwr.mike.evans.cnn?iref=allsearch>. Mike is currently Head Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach at New Canaan High School. He graduated from Harvard's Graduate School of Education in 2011, where he was a Manager for the Ivy League Champion Men's Basketball Team. Before that, Mike played semi-professional basketball in Northern Ireland, before starting "Full Court Peace" ([www.fullcourtpeace.org](http://www.fullcourtpeace.org)) in 2007. Mike played college basketball at Hamilton College, where he was team captain and holds the career record for three-point percentage (44%) and most threes in a game (9). While at Hamilton, Mike played on two NCAA Division III tournament teams, one of which reached the Sweet 16 in 2003. Mike is a 2001 graduate of Weston High School, where he scored 1,000 points in just two seasons, and became the school's first All-State player in 15 years.

### Personal Message

For those of you not at today's meeting, here is a message I shared with those in attendance:

"I have accepted a position (paid) as the Commander of a new Navy Junior ROTC unit at Bridgeport Military Academy, a brand new high school opening next week at the Fairchild Wheeler Multi District Magnet High School on the Bridgeport/Trumbull line. I am very excited about this opportunity as it represents an intersection of my Navy experience and interest in working with teenage youth. But at the same time, it will impact my participation in Rotary. The school schedule will not allow me to attend many meetings, but I do plan to come to fundraising and social events to the greatest extent possible. I also hope to establish an Interact Club at the Magnet School. So, with school starting next week, this will be my last meeting for a while, and my final Drummer too. As a Wilton Rotarian for 25 years, I will miss the fellowship of our meetings, but I will stay in touch, and of course, I'll still be in town! **Best regards, Bill**"