



Rotary Club of Wilton August 26, 2011



President Frank Spencer called the meeting to order. We had 18 members and one guest in attendance (Mary Anne Franco, Wilton Library Head of Network Services).

Announcements:

- Frank passed around a note of appreciation from **Rick Kellam's** widow. There will be a service for Rick on Friday, September 23rd. Karen and Pat have overseen the ordering of Rick's plaque and the rejuvenation of our Rotary sign for the gazebo. Rick's daughter Holly may come to Wilton to see the plaque installed.
- Pat sent around the **Carnival** signup sheet and asked for volunteers to post signs in high-traffic areas.
- Ron Barlow spoke about the **lobster dinner event** in New Canaan. We get half of all the ticket sales we make (\$15 per ticket would come to the Club. The event is scheduled for Friday, September 23rd, from 5-8 and Saturday, September 24th, from 12-8 at the New Canaan Historical Society on Route 124.
- Bud Boucher announced that we will try to find an alternate date for the **Wine Tasting Fundraiser**. There was a suggestion that we combine wine tasting with our holiday party, but no conclusion was reached.
- Pat mentioned the fact that, in light of the **approaching hurricane**, there is going to be a storm shelter available at Miller Driscoll School that will be run by a generator and showers will be available. He reminded us not to go near fallen power lines and to secure our propane tanks.
- Frank mentioned that we need **speakers** for October – December. Cliff is no longer finding speakers – he will keep the calendar, but it is up to us to contact potential speakers and arrange the dates/equipment needed, etc.

Program:

Mary Anne Franco spoke to us about eBooks and eBook readers. eBooks are a digital form of a book produced on, published by, and readable on computers or other digital devices. She brought along an iPad, a Kindle, a Nook, and an iTouch for us all to try and explained the features of each. eBooks are portable, searchable electronically, may have enhanced content, readers can hold many books, the font size is easily changed, and some have text-to-speech capability. On the other hand, if you lose your reader, you lose all your books (temporarily), backlit readers can cause eyestrain and can't be read in sunlight, while e-ink readers (Kindle) require a light when it's dark. Although the charge lasts a while, you do need power to recharge. E-readers can be damaged by water and dropping. Mary Anne wrapped up her presentation with a comparison of the various reading devices, including prices and where to get the books to load on them.

Drummer: Kathy Leeds