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President Bud Boucher presided over the meeting with 12 Rotarians in attendance, plus former Wilton Rotarian, three time past president and Paul Harris Fellow Karen Strickland!

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. Peace Poles: The first installation of 11 poles will be at the Wilton Library on 20 September. Proceeds from the Club's 50-50 will be used to pay for eight of the poles, and the other three will be paid for by individual Club members. The poles display messages of peace in 22 different languages.
2. Carnival: 16-17-18 September. Patrick reported that he and Rosa are working diligently to re-sign last year's banner sponsors and bring in new ones. Sign-up sheets circulated by Carol. A new feature this year: a bike acquired from Outdoor Sports Center will be raffled off in a special tent next to the ticket booth.
3. CT United Ride: Patrick reminded the club that on Sunday, 9/11, the annual CT Ride event will pass through Wilton on Route 7 from between 11:50 AM and 12:30 PM. Expect delays and road closures. Also on 9/11 at 10 AM, the Wilton FD will hold a remembrance service at Fire Headquarters.
4. No Meeting Next Week! Club members voted to not hold a meeting on 2 September to give everyone a head start on the Labor Day Weekend. Next meeting on Friday, 9 September at Marly's!

Today's Program

No formal program. However, Amy Wilkinson of the New Canaan Rotary spoke to us about a District Managed Grant application that she is coordinating with the Stamford Club. The goal is to raise a total of \$7,500 from local clubs which, if approved by the District, would be matched, for a total of \$15,000. The grant would be used to benefit the Trailblazers Academy in Stamford, a public school of choice for more than 170 students in grades six, seven, and eight who are struggling to succeed academically and have discipline problems in the public school system. The funds would be used primarily to purchase textbooks and other needed supplies. She invited the Wilton club to join in the



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effort with a contribution. Bud Boucher said this would be taken up at the next board meeting.

A personal note: this is my last meeting and last Drummer issue for a while. I return 29 August to for my fourth year as the Senior Naval Science Instructor at Bridgeport Military Academy. I hope to see some of you at the Carnival next month and perhaps around town!

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