



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

Wilton, Connecticut

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### **Guests/Visiting Rotarians**

### **Announcements**

1. Don't forget to email Victor to let him know when you will work at the Carnival 9/25-27. He will send out sign-up sheet soon. Pat has signs if you could get and put around town. If you want to put on sign on property, also check with Pat as you will need special sticker/permit.
2. Still using fun 'n fines for Social Services food pantry
3. Club website has been updated—check it out.

Program and comments:

Bob Russell was our speaker talking about the business history of Wilton. Bob has been a member of Kiwanis for 16 yrs., but has spoken with Rotary more than his own club. His book on the History of Wilton is available at the Wilton Library and for purchase at the Historical Society gift shop. In his time to speak with us, we only got thru about a 150 years but I will give you some facts:

**DID YOU KNOW??:**

Earliest business in Wilton was in 1802

In the census of 1810, there were 5 distilleries, 2 mills, 2 tanners and a few stores.

Gilbert/Bennett factory started in 1816 and was running into 1980's

Wilton Center was all farm land and not developed until the railroad came thru town in the 1840's

The now Coldwell Banker building is the oldest business building in town (moved from original location)

There was a great fire in Wilton in 1930

Tony the Barber was established in 1933 and was open until 1993

Zoning became law in 1938  
Angelic Perfume, maker of Black Satin perfume, was in business in 1948  
and in an article in May 1950 Life magazine.

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