



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

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Twenty Rotarians, guest Robin Axness, and, from the Ridgefield Playhouse, speaker Allison Stockel and Suzanne Brennan, gathered at Marly's on a balmy September afternoon for the first meeting of the third month in the reign of President Carol.

### Announcements:

- WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Pam Brown, Facilities Manager - Wilton Congregational Church, and Christene Freedman, Development Director - Wilton Family Y.
- September 6 – Lobsterfest – Contact Bud – Proceeds go towards Wilton American Legion Post 86 development of the Soldiers Memorial
- September 11 – 9/11 remembrance, 10:00 a.m. at the Wilton Fire Department.
- September 12 – 14 – Wilton Rotary Carnival – Pat announced all 20 banner sponsorships have been taken thanks to the generosity of local businesses and organizations.
- September 21 – World Peace Day
- September 27 – Rotary Leadership Institute at University of New Haven. We need more leaders! Contact Carol if you would like to attend.
- November 1 - Rotary United Nations Day – contact Carol, sign ups in progress.

### Program: Allison Stockel – Executive Director – Ridgefield Playhouse

Had Benedict Arnold and General William Tryon been in attendance they undoubtedly would claim credit for this institution. But, instead of those rascals, the Playhouse is a product of the Ridgefield community coming together to repurpose the Cass Gilbert, Jr. designed former high school theatre into a facility that now hosts 150 live performing acts each year plus countless film presentations. Allison is serving in her 10<sup>th</sup> year as Executive Director. Since Jose Feliciano's opening performance in December of 2000, the Ridgefield Playhouse has brought a diverse menu of performing arts to our corner of Connecticut. Operating as a non-profit institution, the Playhouse books performing artists who appeal to a wide variety of ages and tastes. The artists appearing at the Playhouse include major musical performers such as The Allman Brothers Band and Willie Nelson, as well as lesser known acts and local artists. The Playhouse also presents films, such as the upcoming, October 14, Met Opera In HD performance of Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*. As a non-profit institution, the Playhouse will continue to rely on ticket revenues, sponsorships and donations to accomplish its mission of bringing performing arts to the community.

***NEXT MEETING – Friday, September 12 at Marly's***