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Satellite photos of hurricanes spinning across the Atlantic have not dampened unbridled optimism surrounding the upcoming Carnival. Sixteen Rotarians gathered at Rolling Hills to discuss Carnival preparations and listen while Louise Washer and Jackie Algon describe the state of the Norwalk River and the buzz about Wilton's Pollinator Pathway program.

Announcements:

- **September 14 -16** – Wilton Rotary Carnival – Block out the dates. More help needed. No volunteer will be turned away. Led by Pat, Rotarians have been working their buns off to make the Carnival great again. Tufano Amusements promises the world's finest Carnival rides, games and assorted fun. Pat is supplementing nutritious cotton candy and candied peanuts with at least two, maybe three, classically trained gourmet chefs manning food trucks. Paul will run the flea circus.
- **September 24** – Rotary Future Leaders Meeting, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at The Graduate Club, New Haven. It's unlikely Dustin Hoffman and Katherine Ross will appear. But, Rotarians will gather to discuss future Rotary leadership opportunities. Contact Christene for further info.
- Matt claimed the raffle's winning ticket. Unfortunately, Matt picked a losing card.
- Once again, Andy warned that dues are due.

Speaker: Louise Washer and Jackie Algon - Pollinator Pathways

Louise tackled some big issues in a 20 minute presentation. Louise is the President of the Norwalk River Watershed Association, Inc. The NRWA is a non-profit seeking to improve the 40,000-acre Norwalk River watershed. NRWA's work involves advocacy, education and research as well as labor to restore the river's banks, meadows and forests. The Norwalk River is slowly coming back. Progress is being made but it's not there yet. NRWA is working to remove abandoned dams and the water quality problems that persist. The Wilton Pollinator Pathway program is a collaboration of the NRWA, Wilton Garden Club, Wilton Land Conservation Trust and Woodcock Nature Center. The plan is to create a corridor providing habitat and nutrition for pollinators, those insects, birds and other animals that move pollen from one plant to another making pollination great again. Per Louise and Jackie, it's easy to be part of the pathway. Plant some native flowers, shrubs and trees. Avoid lawn pesticides and chemicals. Consider organic lawn fertilizers. See more at <http://norwalkriver.org/>.

NEXT MEETING: – Lunch Meeting, Friday, September 14, 12:15 at ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB