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Sixteen stunning Wilton Rotarians and Paul B joined our speaker for lunch at Marly's. If you were not there, you missed a non-salad lunch offering. Next one will be in 2025.

### Announcements:

- Our thoughts are with those affected by the recent natural disasters. Some proceeds from the Carnival will go to Houston.
- Our speaker next week is Alison Jacobson, CEO of First Candle, which works to reduce the rate of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), spearheading research, educating parents, and bringing comfort to grieving families.
- The Carnival is here. Volunteers are still needed. Reach out to [Pat Russo](#) ASAP if you can help. Lots of open slots, especially in the ticket booths, membership tent, and raffle.
- Dues are overdue. We need your support.
- New Canaan Lobsterfest is 9/22-23 (9/23 at the Legion Hall) with proceeds benefiting the Legion. See Bud for info on/tickets for either.
- Raffle is now up to \$4.3 million. Bud lost.

### Upcoming events (see Pres. Christene):

9/15-17 — Carnival	9/21 — Board meeting
9/21 — International Day of Peace	10/27-29 — RYLA

### Program: Social services

Sarah Heath, our new Director of Social Services, joined us from Westport six months ago where she was Director of Human Services. She has also worked in Weston where she was director of Youth Services, clearly saving the best W for last. She reviewed various programs offered to Wiltonians, including programs for youth, the elderly, and those in need. Among them are the Wilton Community Assistance Fund and the food pantry. On average, 70 households a week use the food pantry, and that number is rising. There are 127 people in town now receiving food stamps. Compared to many other places, that may seem laughably low, but one is too many. Sarah invited us to stop by Comstock any time to see all the programs and services our tax dollars and time support.

***NEXT MEETING: Friday, September 15 at Marly's***