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Braving brilliant sunshine and temperate weather, Daniel Ksepka, the Bruce Museum Curator of Science, regaled twenty Rotarians who gathered at Marly's to hear tales of our formally attired fine feathered friends.

**Announcements:**

- September 12 – Lobsterfest – Contact Bud – Last chance to join in the fundraiser to help Wilton American Legion Post 86 develop of the Soldiers Memorial
- September 12 – 14 – Wilton Rotary Carnival – as a result of Pat's success in securing banner sponsorships, Pat spent lunch at the Carnival, not Marly's, installing banners.
- September 21 – World Peace Day – in spite of what we read in the papers, it's still on.
- September 27 – Rotary Leadership Institute at University of New Haven. More leaders welcome! Contact Carol if you would like to attend.
- October 26 – Stop Hunger Now! – Paul announced that New Canaan Rotary is joining us in this venture to create 40,000 prepackaged meals in one day at WEPCO.
- November 1 - Rotary United Nations Day – contact Carol, sign ups in progress.



**Program: Daniel Ksepka - Bruce Museum Curator of Science**

Hidden in that far away land known as Greenwich, CT, barely a 2-iron from Greenwich train station, the Bruce is a gem of a fine art and natural sciences museum. Founded by the filthy rich Gotham philanthropist, Bruce Wayne ... wait, wrong story. Left in the will of Robert Moffat Bruce to the Town of Greenwich, the Bruce has developed into a leading museum in Fairfield County. Daniel Ksepka, paleontologist and the Bruce Science Curator, described the many wonderful exhibitions presented by the Bruce and then turned the presentation to penguins, a timely topic given that the tuxedo season is upon us. As Daniel informed, the Emperor penguin, always seen in a tuxedo, is one of seventeen species of penguins still with us (eighteen if you count the Danny DeVito). Penguin species seem at risk due to the changing environment and human encroachment. Compared to times past, the number of living species is greatly reduced. For example, 2 penguin species are now found in New Zealand. Long ago, 10 species inhabited the islands. Some extinct species enjoyed climates unlike the climates now associated with penguins. Daniel shared depictions of extinct penguin species that were native to hot and arid coastal regions.

For more information concerning penguins and the many other exhibitions presented at the Bruce visit [www.brucemuseum.org](http://www.brucemuseum.org).

***NEXT MEETING – Friday, September 19 at Marly's***