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Twenty-one Rotarians turned out on a beautiful late summer day to meet, with President Karen presiding and Very Recent-President Wendy in attendance. In addition to a fine lunch presented by Marley's, the club was treated to a presentation by the Director of the Woodcock Nature Center, Henryk Terszkiewicz, as to what's happening at the Nature Center.

Announcements:

1. Rotarians are all revved up for the Carnival beginning tonight. Pat reported that finely tuned plans are in place and being executed. Tufano is here. The weather forecast is excellent. No contingency has been overlooked.
2. President Karen announced that Matt Castaldi will be attending the District's membership seminar.
3. President Karen also announced that she and President Elect Paul are in the process of forming a committee to work on the constitution of the board for the 2013-2014 year. An unconfirmed report from an unreliable source had President Karen also saying "apres moi le deluge."
4. Members were reminded of the club's commitment to the "Every Rotarian Every Year" goal for giving to the Rotary Foundation.

Program: Henryk Terszkiewicz – Director, The Woodcock Nature Center

Henryk regaled Rotarians with tales of wild animals and flora at the Woodcock Nature Center. The Nature Center, a 501(c)(3) organization situated on almost 149 acres of protected land, is thriving. Its mission is to raise the public's level of knowledge of the local environment and counter the Nature Deficit Disorder attributed to the mesmerizing distraction presented by computer games, etc. The Nature Center has developed and uses several miles of trails and teaching facilities on the Center's property to achieve this goal. Henryk discussed the growth in nature camps run by the Nature Center. While the nature camps are oriented to children, the Nature Center runs a number of programs designed for adults. Future plans include improvements to Center's building and trails.

More information concerning the Nature Center is available at www.woodcocknaturecenter.org.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, September 21, 2012 – Marly's - With First Selectman, Bill Brennan to discuss the Wilton Economic Development Commission