



Wilton Rotary Drummer
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Guests: Wilton's State Representative Toni Boucher (and one -time Rotary Youth Exchange Student)

Announcements

- Pam offered a Rotary Foundation moment that the first Rotary Foundation donation was \$ 500 for what became Easter Seals in 1929.
- Luis announced that his daughter's wedding will be in 2009.
- There was a Board of Directors meeting Thursday 9/18 – President Pat outlined that increasing club membership along with participation and the Rotary Foundation would be areas of focus during his term. The board voted yes on \$ 300 support for a Youth Services presentation on 10/23 on Father's influence on children.
- Amber Alert - Ray noted that 140 children were protected at the recent Rotary Carnival and more than 600 cards have been completed since the inception of the program through the club. A \$ 225 profit was realized at the Amber event at the Carnival. Ambler Farm day is coming up 10/5 and we need some help at that event as well to man the station.
- Carnival roundup – Victor reported that the final club net tally should be somewhere between \$ 11K and \$ 12K making the carnival extremely successful. Perhaps the rainout Friday and rescheduled football game to Saturday may have been an exhibit of the perfect storm.
- GSE (Graduate Student Exchange) – is still looking for team members. If you know non-Rotarians aged 24-40 who would be interested please contact Frank.
- 9/24 is the joint lunch with the Norwalk club. If you have signed up and cannot make it please contact President Pat as he has made a commitment based on those that have signed up.
- There WILL be a meeting 9/26 anyway.
- 10/3 is club assembly. Please make every effort to attend.
- 10/4 is the district 'Make a Difference' day. The plan is to have club members and maybe Interactors participate together in a Norwalk River clean up from 8-12.
- 10/5 – is Ambler alert day. See above.
- The planned club fund-raising concert at Wilton High School for November has been cancelled.

Program: Pat Sesto – Director of Environmental Affairs for the town of Wilton

Pat talked about Trees and gave a handout on 'Give a Tree' which is a program in support of the Wilton Center Tree plan. Highlights included notes that there are 155 trees in Wilton Center with 63 proposed shade trees in the plan and 24 proposed understory trees. The Tree committee acquires the majority of trees through donations. Grants are anticipated and it will be a line item on the upcoming town budget.

Pat's idea for the club participation on 'Make A Difference' day (October 4) is for members to help cut vines off the canopy trees along the Norwalk River. Hope you can join us.

See you next Friday at the Silvermine Tavern..... Mark