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The last of the meeting before the astronomical end of summer saw 22 Rotarians, one visiting Rotarian – Ben Lauper from a club in South Carolina - and our guest speaker joined together for lunch at Marlys

Announcements:

- Pat R. – reviewed with the club the outcomes of our annual carnival. Extraordinarily, our net will be over \$16,000 – this even with the weather shutting us down on Saturday after only three and a half hours. Karen S.'s suggestion of selling large sponsorship signs worked brilliantly. Paul H. did an excellent job printing those signs. All agreed that Pat R., once again, had done a superlative job of organizing and executing the club's biggest fundraiser.
- September 27 – Rotary Leadership Institute at University of New Haven. More leaders welcome! Contact Carol if you would like to attend.
- October 17 – Doug M. told the club that Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County will offer flu shots to club members (and guests) at a 30% discount at the Oct 17th meeting. VNHFCs public health nurse requests that you arrive at Marlys about 20 minutes early to receive your shot. Please note: if you have Anthem BC/BS, Aetna, Healthy CT, or Medicare (part b) – VNHFC will bill those insurances for the vaccine, but will need your Insurance ID to do so.
- October 26 – Stop Hunger Now! – Paul B. reminded everyone that our club has committed, along with the New Canaan club, to pack 40,000 meals to go to needy children. This effort will take place at WEPCO – please save the Oct. 26th date on your calendar to participate in this worthy cause.
- November 1 - Rotary United Nations Day – contact Carol, sign ups in progress.
- Elizabeth E. briefly spoke about our involvement in this year's Rotary Youth Exchange – article to appear in the Wilton Bulletin re: this year's participants.

Program: Jennifer Mattei, Director - SHU's environmental science and management graduate program

Jennifer spoke to the club concerning the ongoing efforts to restore the the Milford Point Estuary. For fifty years (thru 1986) the site had been used for a gun club. The first problem was to remove more than 320 tons of lead that had accumulated from those 50 years of gun club use. Wave caused erosion continues to expose lead pellets, which shore birds swallow to use as grist. To prevent this wave caused erosion, a solution that has found some success along the south-eastern coast of the US, is the use of concrete balls, called "reef balls". The balls weigh in excess of 1,000 lbs. and look like they were molded out of the heart of a wheel of Swiss cheese (a lot of wholes). They dissipate the force of the waves to prevent erosion. Currently success is measured in centimeters but it looks like the solution may be working!

NEXT MEETING: Friday, September 26, 2014at Marlys