



Wilton Rotary Drummer

Wilton, Connecticut USA District 7980

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Our 30th Year of Service!

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President Karen Strickland presiding at Marly's, with 26 Rotarians in attendance.

Guests/Visitors

ADG John Hendrickson.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. **New Member!** I was pleased to preside over the induction today of Elaine Tai-Lauria. Elaine is our 39th member and was sponsored by Kathy Leeds. She is the Executive Director of the Wilton Library. Welcome Elaine!
2. **Carnival Results:** The Carnival was a smashing success – with records broken for Friday night attendance, number of bracelets sold, number of tickets sold, number of food vendors, and total revenue. Our net is expected to be about \$16,000. Patrick thanked everyone for their support and participation (29 members plus my wife and daughter!). Patrick himself deserves a huge “pat” on the back for a job very well done!
3. **Past President:** ADG John Hendrickson presented Wendy Macedo with her Past President's pin. We wish Wendy all the best in her new assignment with Patriot Bank's Trumbull office.
4. **Rotary Apparel for Sale:** See Carol Johnson if you would like to purchase a Rotary ball cap and/or polo shirt.
5. **New Fundraiser:** Carol reminded us about the joint Rotary / Kiwanis fundraising event on Saturday, December 1st – “Beatlemania” – to benefit Wilton Social Services. It will take place at the Clune Auditorium at Wilton High School. General admission tickets, \$35, premium seating \$50. To make this a success, everyone is expected to sell/purchase at least 2-3 tickets.
6. **Board meeting:** September 27th, 8 AM, The Wilton Bank.
7. **Outbound Exchange Student:** Continuing our tradition of supporting the Rotary Youth Exchange program, WHS senior Sacha Gilles was interviewed and approved today by several club members to apply to the District for an exchange in 2013-14. If approved by the District after another interview in November, Sacha will be on track to go to Ecuador (his first choice) after he graduates next year.



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8. **Upcoming Programs:**

- a. September 28th: Dr. Keith Overland, Health Care Reform Law
- b. October 5th: Ed Ashway, Navigating Rotary Websites
- c. October 12th: Open
- d. October 19th: Evan Schiller, Big Cats of Africa

Today's Program

Bill Brennan, Wilton First Selectman, updated the Club on the latest developments in town:

- Wilton Economic Development Commission: a newly established commission of nine members that will investigate ways to grow Wilton's economic base. It is modeled after similar commissions in other Connecticut towns;
- Bond Offering: Wilton secured \$8 million in bond financing at the unheard rate of 1.9625%. Bill attributed this to a Moody's AAA Bond rating and the excellent financial condition of the town;
- Gas is Coming: Bill has met extensively with high executives at Yankee Gas about bringing a gas line into Wilton center from Route 7/Wolfpit Road, and then up to Wilton High School. This could result in significant energy savings for schools and businesses that connect to it. A working relationship has been established but much work needs to be done before this happens.
- Road Paving: Five miles paved so far this year; will continue through early November, and then again in the Spring;
- Sewer Line Extension on Wolfpit Road: to be completed in December.

Bill complimented the Club on its successful carnival and thanked us for our outstanding support of the community.

See you Friday at Marly'sBill