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One prospective and 17 current Wilton Rotarians joined our speaker at Rolling Hills for lunch on the International Day of Peace.

Announcements:

- Thanks to Pat, Rosa, and all the volunteers for another successful Carnival. Ticket receipts were down slightly, not bad considering the increased competition. Next year's Carnival will be Sept. 13-15.
- Grant season is here. Applications are due by Nov. 1. See Carol for details.
- Want to know what's going on in the District? Visit <http://www.rotary7980.org/>.
- District training and the conference will be combined this year. It will be in Southbury at a time to be determined.
- A shared services project for the District is under discussion.
- I think September 27 is the next Rotary Day at Wayback. Check with Bud to be sure.
- Octoberfest at Trackside is October 13. The food truck fundraiser will be at Middlebrook October 28 at 10 am.

Program: Preserving open space

Donna Merrill, executive director of the [Wilton Land Conservation Trust](#), spoke about conservation in Wilton and what it means for the town. The Trust is currently raising funds to buy the 13-acre meadow at 183 Ridgefield Road. It seeks to protect land in perpetuity and is completely privately funded. It now protects 11 properties adding up to about 850 acres.

Noting that Wilton sits in the path of the Atlantic Flyway, the aerial highway for migrating birds and Jay, Merrill offered numerous reasons for protecting open space. These include preserving the character of the town, being able to experience the land, creating public value, and maintaining its ecological function.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, September 28 at Rolling Hills