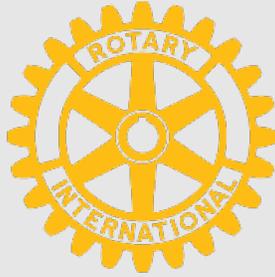


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Eighteen Rotarians, including two from Norwalk, joined our guest, associate Wilton Rotarian Phil Lauria, for our first lunch of fall at Marly's.

Announcements:

- While the financials are not yet done, Carnival seems to have been a success, financially and in terms of smiles generated. Our bike raffle was also successful, excellent for an initial effort. Kudos to Pat, Rosa, and all the volunteers who made it work.
 - For the Wilton Bulletin carnival slideshow, [click here](#)
- One reason for our fundraisers is to help bring peace to all. This was exemplified in our town this week with the installation of our first peace pole at the library. Thank you to Carol and team who made the dream real.
 - For coverage in the Hour, [click here](#)
 - For coverage in the Bulletin, [click here](#)
 - For coverage in Good Morning Wilton, [click here](#)
- At least one Wilton student wants to participate in RYLA.
- Another student wants to participate in our youth exchange program – good to see interest from our younger citizens in what Rotary offers.
- Wilton Library's [Awesome Autumn Book Sale](#) continues through Sunday at 5.
- Chris Cook and Bob Green of Norwalk asked our club to participate in a request for a District Managed Grant to help fund a camp program for underserved 8-year-olds in Norwalk. The ask of our club is \$500. The total cost of the program would be less than \$16K, and would keep about 75 youngsters away from the streets during the summer at a variety of camps. The program would be run in cooperation with the Family and Children's Agency of Norwalk. The Board will address the request at its next meeting. To share your thoughts with President Bud, [click here](#).



Upcoming events (see Pres. Bud):

10/20 — Board meeting	10/24 — World Polio Day
6/10-14, 2017 — RI Convention , Atlanta GA	

Program: Wilton Commons

Phil Lauria was clearly destined to marry a Rotarian, having been president of Interact in Buffalo, NY, from 1968-71. That spirit of service above self still motivates him, as was apparent from his discussion of Wilton Commons, where he serves as a Board member. The Board of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit has nine members, five of whom must be Wilton residents. Wilton Commons was first proposed more than a decade ago by a group led by the legendary George Ciaccio as an affordable home for seniors in Wilton. Construction of the first phase of 51 units was completed about three years ago. Construction of the next phase — 23 units of congregate housing — began about a year ago. Ribbon cutting is scheduled for late October, with an open house set for early December. It should be a point of pride for our club that we have provided support for this worthy endeavor. More details on Wilton Commons [are here](#).

NEXT MEETING: Friday, September 30, 2016 at Marly's

“With our Peace Poles, we will be joining tens of thousands of communities in 180 countries that share our vision for world peace. We hope that the presence of these Peace Poles in Wilton will serve as a reminder that ‘we need to be the change in the world that we want to see’ and ‘to let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.’ ”

—Carol Johnson