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It was the last weekend of Jeter. It was the first meeting of fall. It was the day dessert came after the meeting was over. It was two days before the Jets would lose again. It was a Rotary meeting at Marly's; 18 Rotarians joined our guest speaker for lunch.

**Announcements:**

- Pat R., the man, the legend, the Amazon.com addict has figured a way to lure us all into sharing his addiction – AmazonSmile. It's an easy way to support Wilton Rotary each time you shop there. Go to smile.amazon.com and register and 0.5% of your eligible purchase will go to Wilton Rotary if you pick Wilton Rotary Trust Fund as your designated beneficiary. Or do it the easy way, go to our website and click on the widget. Elaine also wants you to know you can pick Wilton Library as your designated beneficiary. Bud Boucher suggested the Make Bud Boucher Smile Fund, but apparently there are questions about the legitimacy of its status as a 501(c)(3).
- President Carol spoke about our newest avenue of service: New Generations. Its motto is: "Every Rotarian an example to youth." Bud Boucher thinks donations to the Make Bud Boucher Smile Fund might be an example worth following.
- While Rotary reaches for youth, Pam informed us that because of funding issues, the high school has pulled the Interact Club. Discussions will follow.
- Elaine would like you to join the town in Wilton Reads. The book for fall is *Ragtime*. It's too late to get a free copy, but when you buy one at Amazon, you can make a donation to either the Wilton Rotary Trust Fund or the Wilton Library. Or you can forget about reading or helping the world and make a donation to the Make Bud Boucher Smile Fund. Your call. However, with Wilton Reads, you get a fancy reception on Oct. 24. Drinks are on Elaine (at least that's what I think she said).

**Program: Susan Gilgore, Executive Director, Lockwood-Mathews Mansion**

The Lockwood-Mathews Mansion in Norwalk has been a National Historic Landmark since 1971. It is one of the earliest and most significant examples of Second Empire style architecture in the U.S. Lockwood built the mansion 20 years prior to the Newport mansions, and equipped it with all the finer things in life — hot and cold water, heat, a ventilation system, and flush toilets. Over at the White House, Lincoln had to make do without flush toilets or hot and cold running water at the time. Lockwood also had an early burglar alarm system, and a gold vault in the basement where donations to the Make Bud Boucher Smile Fund may have been stored. Lockwood was on top of the world. Treasurer of the NYSE at 37, he sold bonds for Lincoln to help finance the Civil War, collected more than 80 major paintings, and spent about \$2 Million to build the mansion. Then it all went wrong on Black Friday 1869. The mansion was auctioned off. Mathews got it for \$80,000. Pat Russo represented the buyer. There's much more to tell, but why not visit and see for yourself. A new exhibit is opening, with artifacts that have not been seen in a long time. Stop by.

***NEXT MEETING: Friday, October 3, 2014 .....at Marlys***