



Wilton Rotary Drummer

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ATTENDANCE: 25 of 49 (51%)

Guests/Visiting Rotarians

Larry Shiller, potential member; Laura Holleran; Adrienne Reedy; Barbara Myers.

Announcements

1. Past President Frank, in what was hopefully a bloodless coup, took the reigns back from President Bill – at least for this meeting – and allowed Larry Shiller who has a foundation called Rising Stars the opportunity to speak. He would like kids across the country to become #1 in math and to have a positive math role model very much like their sports role models. He is offering to do a benefit concert with half the proceeds to benefit Rotary and half his foundation.
2. Karen S. announced that Annie and the Wonder Band will be performing live Saturday November 10th from 3 pm until 5 pm. Amber Alert will also be available during this concert.
3. Amber Alert will be at Ambler Farm Day, Sunday, September 30th starting at 11:45 AM – volunteers appreciated.
4. Paul H. announced that today was the Wilton Chamber of Commerce Random Acts of Kindness Day where 500 roses were handed out to motorists along River Road.
5. Kathy L. invited all women of Wilton to come to the Ladies Soiree at the Library this Sunday, September 30th from 6 – 8 pm for \$50 and help support the technology at the WLA.
6. Cliff J. reminded everyone of the Alzheimer's Walk to be held October 7th at Calf Pasture Beach, Norwalk (I think!).

Fun & Fines

John L. put some happy dollars in because he survived successful knee surgery. Bill G. is keeping the club afloat with his support of the Boston Red Sox (go Sox!). Mark K. is headed to Dennison University for parents weekend. Jay D. was happy that tomorrow is Ron B.s birthday. Stephanie B. was happy that Pam L. was still alive despite a little choking incident at a local restaurant!

Program

Adrienne Reedy and Barbara Myers of ABC, A Better Chance of Wilton were present to give an update on their club. ABC actually started in 1963 with the mission of increasing the number of educated minority youths – statistics say that an African American male between the ages of 18 and 22 is more likely to be in jail than college. Three ways of meeting this mission include placing students in private schools in their own communities, placing kids at boarding schools across the country, and placing kids in public school settings in communities like Wilton.

Wilton currently has 8 scholars – 2 seniors, 3 juniors, 2 sophomores, and 1 freshman. They receive no government funding for the \$200,000 annual operating budget. John and Monisha Gibson are the resident directors in Wilton and they are alumni of an ABC program. The scholars are chosen based on their ability to function in Wilton High School, their good character, and their ability to fit into the Wilton community.

Next meeting Friday October 5th. Upcoming speaker list:

October 5 – Susan Pascucci, Norwalk Nagarotti Sister City Project

October 12 – Zelig Pforzheimer, Wilton Playshop

October 19 – currently open if someone has any speaker ideas

October 26 – Dr. Wendy Coren, Equine Chiropractor

See you at the SilvermineStephanie