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With twenty three Rotarians, guest Alex Lee, and speaker, Judge Anthony DePanfilis, packing the rafters at Marly's, the second quarter of the reign of our most excellent President Carol started off with a bang.

Announcements:

- October 7, 5 p.m. at Prosperous Printing – Dictionary Project: Help needed prepping dictionaries for distribution and consuming Paul H's inventory of fine Irish whiskey.
- October 10, 8:30 a.m. at Cider Mill – Dictionary Project: Help needed to distribute dictionaries to the 3rd grade classes. Please advise Elaine if you can attend.
- October 17 Meeting at Marly's – Flu Shots: Arrive early and receive a nurse administered flu shot at discounted rate courtesy of Nursing & Home Care.
- October 31 – Nov. 2 – RYLA conference in Chester: Wilton Rotary to sponsor two students.
- October 26 – Stop Hunger Now! – Create thousands of prepackaged meals in one day at WEPCO. Paul B. is organizing shifts of Rotarians to participate at 9, 11 or 3. Advise Paul if you can help.

Program: Hon. Anthony DePanfilis – Judge, Probate Court, Norwalk/Wilton District

While Judge Judy presides over the court of make believe, the very real Judge Tony has presided over the Norwalk/Wilton Probate Court since 1997. A former president of the Norwalk Rotary Club, Judge DePanfilis presides over the court that may have the most relevance to the families in Wilton and Norwalk. The Norwalk/Wilton Probate Court, created in 1806, is the 6th largest of the 54 Connecticut Probate Courts. A world removed from the plodding Court of Chancery ripped in Dickens' *Bleak House*, Judge DePanfilis takes pride in the prompt and responsive manner in which cases are resolved in the Norwalk/Wilton Probate Court. Estate matters constitute only one part of the 700 cases filed there annually. Judge DePanfilis described his caseload to be more like a social services court. In addition to its jurisdiction over decedent's estates, the Probate Court handles conservatorships, matters affecting the guardianship of children and trusts. If, for example, disease or other circumstances render a person incapable of managing their affairs the Probate Court can appoint a conservator, i.e., a person responsible to manage the income and assets of the impaired individual. The Probate Court also handles parenting issues ranging from the removal of unfit parents to the granting of adoptions. And, should any of our Pauls desire to change their name to Pauline, Judge Tony is the guy that can make that happen.

NEXT MEETING – Friday, October 10 at Marly's