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President Paul presided over the meeting with 20 Rotarians in attendance and 3 guests:

Margot – Judy's Daughter and future speaker
Paul Bologna - (I apologize if I got the spelling wrong)
David Taylor - prospective member

Announcements:

1. Pat Russo said that there is an opportunity, sometime in February 2014, for the club to 'man the bar' at Marly's as an additional fund raiser.
2. President Paul announced that Wendy Macedo has rejoined the club
3. Mike Coogan has resigned his membership.
4. It was noted that the Deadline for Grant applications is November 1st.
5. President Paul praised our website and thanked Ed Ashway for making our site the best Rotary Club website in the state. Paul also said that at the recent state wide conference he attended our Facebook page was highlighted.
6. Finally President Paul once again invited one and all to join him for fellowship and liquid libations on Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at Marly's. This week Andy Mais has agreed to pick up the tab (just kidding).

Program:

Gerard O'Sullivan, Program Manager for Consumer Affairs at the Connecticut Insurance Department.

A few highlights from Mr. O'Sullivan's talk:

The Connecticut Insurance Department acts a consumer advocate for most insurance coverage in the state.
(exceptions include flood insurance and Medicare advantage coverage)

Connecticut has set-up its own Health Insurance Exchange for Affordable Care Act sign-up & compliance.

- 1) Currently 9.6% of CT residents are uninsured – including an estimated 60,000 children. Health
- 2) Insurance, even after full implementation of the ACA, will still be available outside of the Exchange
- 3) You must participate in the exchange if you wish to receive a subsidy – as long as you are eligible.
- 4) You are required to have qualified health insurance (whether you purchase through your company or individually) as of January 1, 2014. The penalty for an individual not having coverage is \$90 or (and this Gerard said is not as well known) 1% of your income – whichever is greater. This penalty goes up in subsequent years.

Gerard referred us to the Exchange Website for further information concerning the ACA and Connecticut's implementation of it at - www.accesshealthct.com. Questions/Help about this and other insurance related issues

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- **NEXT MEETING: Friday, October 11, 2013 – Marly's in Wilton**