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Today's meeting hosted 14 Wilton Rotarians and 1 guest (courtesy of Pat Russo), Rico Renzi of Verizon in Wilton. President Frank continued his successful reign, leading the program in his outstanding "winning friends and influencing people" style by arranging for a terrific wine-tasting set up for club members to partake with lunch. Everyone tipped their glasses, toasted Frank, and agreed that Marly's pasta entrée and dessert cake accompanying the wine was exceptionally good.

Announcements:

1. Bud reported that the club's new Wine Tasting fundraising event is now targeted for February with Vintage Wine. The committee will meet at 11:30 on Oct. 14 prior to the weekly lunch at Marly's to discuss a specific date, potential theme, music, food, decorations, publicity, ticket price, silent auction, and other activities that could be included for the evening. Everyone interested is invited to join the planning session. Bud also reminded us that the Knights of Columbus wine tasting is coming up, please contact him for details.
2. A lengthy Foundation Newsletter has been posted on the District website updating Rotarians on several projects such as PolioPlus and other global humanitarian efforts.
3. The club's Grants Committee will be following up with Wilton Commons to prepare a District Managed Grant application to help satisfy our \$10K commitment to that organization.
4. It was clarified that the Rotarian who passed away recently was Dick Benson of the Madison Club, not Rick Benson of Westport.
5. There will be a club assembly on Oct. 21 to get input and feedback on where we stand and how we should be proceeding in the coming year with current and new projects.
6. Judy White will be having dinner with Pam Lucas in Vegas on 10/18 as part of a jaunt she is taking with her daughter.

Program:

Since there was no scheduled speaker, our guest (and prospective member) Rico Renzi was imposed on to give a brief talk about Wilton Verizon. He took over the business 4 months ago and is very interested in getting acclimated to the community and serving customers. He reported that Android phones are now outselling iPhones, and cellphones today are truly powerful hand-held computers with all their capabilities and features for those who understand everything they can do. He would like to set up some demos at the store and is more than happy to answer any technology questions you may have, so please call or stop in.

Frank ended the meeting on a hilarious note by telling a penguin joke.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, October 14, 2011