



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

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### Announcements:

- October 16 – Wilton Rotary Board meeting starts @ 5pm in the conference room at Fairfield County Bank – All are welcome.
- October 17 – Doug M. reminded the club that Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County (VNHFC – formerly known as NHC) will offer flu shots to club members (and guests) at a 30% discount at the Oct 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. VNHFCs public health nurse requests that you arrive at Marlys about 30 minutes early to receive your shot. Please note: if you have Anthem BC/BS, Aetna, Healthy CT, or Medicare (part b) – VNHFC will bill those insurances for the vaccine, but will need your Insurance ID to do so.
- October 25 – Stop Hunger Now! – Paul Passed around the sign-up sheet for this worthy cause. New Canaan Rotary is joining us in this venture to create 40,000 prepackaged meals in one day at WEPCO.
- November 1 - Rotary United Nations Day – contact Carol, sign ups in progress.
- President Carol – thanked Elaine and all who participated in the labeling & distribution of dictionaries to the third graders at Cider Mill School.
- John L. – recently visited the Jamestown RI Rotary Club and brought back 2 fliers on international projects that that club is involved in – one for micro-flush toilets and one for internet access in remote areas.
- May 2 – 7980 combined District Conference/District Assembly will be held at the Mystic Marriott in Groton CT.

### Program: Bryan Nurnberger, president and founder of Simply Smiles, Inc.

Bryan, with great intensity, spoke with the club about two of the many projects Simply Smiles runs to help the most destitute. The organization takes a holistic approach to helping the poorest. They work first to address immediate needs then - side by side with the population at the 2 sites they are currently involved in – The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation in South Dakota, and the remote mountains of Oaxaca, Mexico to come to a long term solution to the problems these populations are experiencing.

Simply Smiles Oaxaca Project's biggest initial challenge was trust - the medicine (@ \$1 a dose) to cure hook worm, which affects about 90% of this group, cause severe vomiting to rid the body of the infestation; so it seemed like the cure was worse than the disease.

The initial thrust of the project in South Dakota was to develop housing that would resist the ravages of tornadoes and protect from the inevitable 140 degree temperature swings. HUD was unable to accomplish this, even Habitat for Humanity pulled out – because the people had no jobs and therefore defaulted on the typical \$90,000 loan for a Habitat House.

See [www.simplysmiles.org](http://www.simplysmiles.org) for details on these projects and to purchase coffee – 100% of the purchase price (\$10/lbs.) goes to this worthy cause.

***NEXT MEETING: Friday, October 17, 2014 .....at Marlys***