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Today's meeting hosted 16 Wilton Rotarians, a prospective member (Beth Edwards) and a visiting Rotarian from the New Canaan Club (Ed Norgaard). President Paul led the program with Lieutenant Andy Mais at the ready.

Announcements:

1. Karen said that Wilton High School student Harry Black is applying to be an Exchange Student during his gap year 2014-15 sponsored by our club. Interview is scheduled for next Friday, Oct. 18 at 1:30. Anyone who can stay to talk with Harry for about 20 minutes is invited to participate.
2. President Paul asked if there is interest in building a Rotary scarecrow for the Chamber's lamppost display over Halloween. There being no volunteers to spearhead this project, we will simply enjoy seeing the creations of other groups when they go up in Wilton Center.
3. District Governor Elect Mukund Nori is promoting a Rotary leadership training conference on Nov. 2. If interested, see President Paul for details.
4. Foundation Dinner is Nov. 7 in Branford, President Paul and Karen Strickland are attending, let Paul know if you plan to go. Registration is on District website.
5. Deadline for community groups to submit grant requests to Wilton Rotary is Nov. 1.
6. Rotary hats are for sale at \$10 each, contact Paul for yours.
7. Pat announced a 6-week CERT training course starting in October. Contact him for details.
8. President Paul reminded us about Mondays at Marly's 6:30 pm to join him in Rotary chat.
9. Anyone with ideas/contacts for speakers, please let Andy know for booking in 2014.

Program: Anne Richards, AARP & Stay at Home in Wilton

Anne has lived in town for 40 years volunteering for many local organizations. She is a leader with AARP's Norwalk/Wilton chapter which has 54 members. Anne described the benefits of AARP membership which include discounts on travel, insurance and other services, a monthly magazine, driver's ed courses, Silver Sneakers fitness program. The chapter supports organizations like PAWS, Salvation Army, Domestic Violence, Norwalk Senior Center. Stay at Home Wilton is 3 years old with 74 members. They sponsor lots of social events to keep people connected and busy, recommend contractors, and assist with daily needs. Annual membership is \$360 single/\$480 couple. They need 30 volunteers to help with transportation and small maintenance projects. Anne encouraged everyone to check out the websites for both AARP and Stay at Home and think about joining.

NEXT MEETING: Friday October 18, 2013 Speaker is Dennis Wong, Westport Rotary