



Wilton Rotary Drummer
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Guests: Michele Kolier
Location: Wilton Playshop

Announcements

- Board meeting this Thursday October 18 @ Wilton Bank.
- Flyers and tickets for Annie and the Wonder band are being printed and will be circulated. Requests for ad space are out now. Please consider an ad.
- Next Amber Alert will be 10/20 at the Library – Ray will not be there and needs three members to help administrate. Caldwell Banker will sponsor the sign-up for \$ 500.
- 10/28 is the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Halloween Hustle and once again Wilton Rotary will sponsor the water station. Please volunteer to help that Sunday morning. See Stephanie Barksdale.
- Mark Kolier noted that (2) Wilton High School (WHS) students will attend the RYLA conference in Stratford the first weekend in November.
- Karen Strickland mentioned that WHS student Taylor McCurdy is interested in the Rotary Exchange and Karen is working on getting host families here in Wilton to house a corresponding foreign student as that is the way the program works. If you can house a student for 3 months please see Karen as we need your help!
- Fun and fines – Lots of hope for the Red Sox. The Yankees and Mets are toast.

Program

Mark introduced Zelig Pforzheimer Board President for the Wilton Playshop which is badly in need of major renovations. Since 1937 the mission of the Wilton Playshop has been to further the performing arts by providing quality live Theatre to the greater Wilton area, and by doing so provide an educational and growing experience for all involved. For more information please visit www.wiltonplayshop.org The Playshop will be closed for about six months because of damage to the building the announcement was made on Wednesday, October 3rd. Zelig gave the members a slide show and a tour of the facility.

Since Zelig and the board of directors were installed in June, they and several volunteers have spent countless hours at the playshop, cleaning, and organizing set pieces, lighting equipment, props, and costumes. This effort extended to a professional inspection of the playshop, where water damage was discovered, further aggravated by a roof in dire need of repair and gutters that had not been cleaned and that were installed incorrectly, causing further damage to some of the annexes to the main stage area, officials of the playshop said.

"The entire wall of the annex needs to be rebuilt. All of the supporting beams have rotted through and must be replaced," Ms. Pforzheimer wrote to members of the board of directors. "The only thing holding up that side of the building is an interior wall that divides the backstage area and the costume closet. No one can access that area until it is completely rebuilt ... it is currently braced with two-by-fours to prevent it from collapsing ..." (Reprinted from a Wilton Bulletin Article). Here is this reporter hoping that the club will consider supporting the efforts both from a manpower standpoint as well as fundraising.

See you next Friday at the Silvermine Tavern..... Mark