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Twenty Rotarians and one guest appeared for another fine lunch hosted by Marley's. Attorney Eric Osterberg commanded the club's attention as we heard a thumbnail sketch of everything you ever wanted to know about intellectual property law and then some.

Announcements:

1. The process of giving a nip and tuck to the club's By-Laws is nearing a conclusion. The revisions should be in place, including the amendment designating Paul Burnham's house as the permanent site of the club's annual Holiday Bash, by calendar year end.
2. Carol and her assistants are busy planning every possible detail for the December 1, 2012 Beatlemania fundraiser. The goal is for each Rotarian to sell as many dozens of tickets as possible (but not less than two tickets). Tickets for "preferred" seats are \$50. Tickets for the rest of us are \$35.
3. The grant committee will soon be reviewing grant requests for the first half of the 2012-2013 club year. Please encourage worthy potential candidates for grants to apply. Grant applications must be received by November 15 to be considered during this grant period.
4. The dictionary project is rocking and rolling ahead. The dictionaries will be labeled on Wednesday, October 17, 4:30 p.m. at Paul's Prosperous Printing. Please help. Libations are encouraged.

Program: Attorney Eric Osterberg of Osterberg, LLC

Attorney Eric Osterberg practices intellectual property law in Stamford. Eric provided a brief overview of a once esoteric area of law that now makes more regular appearances in the news headlines. Eric described the distinctions between copyright, trademark, trade secrets and patent law, all segments of the intellectual property field. Eric also discussed how the demands of today's increasingly globalized marketplace are leading to international battles between market rivals (and a boon to intellectual property lawyers). Underlying the disputes is the conflict inherent in intellectual property law between encouraging innovation and protecting property rights. Notwithstanding Eric's excellent presentation, no light was shed on how to translate the Club's valuable intellectual property collection into a more liquid asset.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, October 19, 2012 – Marly's - With Evan Schiller to discuss Big Cats of Africa