

# Rotary



## WILTON ROTARY DRUMMER

ROTARY CLUB OF WILTON, CONNECTICUT

DISTRICT 7980

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Fourteen Rotarians and two guests joined president Pam Brown at Rolling Hills CC to share in fellowship on a beautiful fall afternoon.

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### GUESTS/VISITORS

Tony McDowell, Assistant District Governor (Area 2); Aline Libassi, today's speaker.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Rise Against Hunger.** Wi-Act's annual all-day meal packaging event tomorrow, at WEPCO.
2. **World Polio Day.** Thursday, 24 October. Learn more about Rotary's fight to eradicate Polio at [www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org). A fundraiser/concert for Polio Plus featuring folk artist Arlo Guthrie will be held in Milford on Friday, 22 November. See details at <http://rotary7980.org/index.php>
3. **Smoke Detectors for Wilton Seniors.** Patrick updated us on this long standing program supported by Wilton Rotary. He anticipates getting about 50 smoke detectors from the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Still needs to secure carbon monoxide detectors from another source. Many thanks, Pat, for your work in keeping this vital program going!
4. **The 50/50 Pot Keeps Growing.** Judy White drew the wrong card so the elusive prize continues to grow, now well over \$600.
5. **Upcoming Meetings/Events.**
  - a. *25 October:* Club meeting at Rolling Hills. Speaker: Edward Hynes (friend of Paul Burnham) on the capture of Danbury by the Redcoats in 1779.
  - b. *11 November:* Veterans Day Observance at Wilton Veterans Memorial, 10:30 AM.
  - c. *15 November:* American Legion District 3 fundraiser at Danbury Hat Tricks semi-pro hockey game. \$14 adults, \$10 children under 12. See Bud for tickets.
  - d. *29 November:* Thanksgiving recess, NO meeting.

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

Rotary is truly an international organization, and this fact was brought to life by our speaker today, Aline Libassi, secretary of the Rotary Club in Tulum, Mexico. Aline is originally from Salisbury, Conn., and settled with her husband in Tulum after retirement about seven years ago. Tulum is a small resort town on the Caribbean coast of Mexico, about two hours by car south of Cancun on Yucatán peninsula, and area also famous for its Mayan ruins. While it caters to affluent tourists from North America and Europe, it's local population has many of the same problems faced by other communities in Mexico – lack of clean drinking water, poor educational opportunities, litter, access to good medical care. Tulum Rotary – just six members strong – is engaged in an incredible array of community service projects to address these and other needs, including: weekly diabetes screening clinics, water fountains in local schools, trash bins, a Rotary playground/park, and a scholarship program. Fundraising is very difficult in the local community, so Aline is looking for assistance from clubs in our district. She recently held a fundraiser with the Salisbury Rotary that raised over \$1500. An inspiring story of the impact even very small club can have on its community!

***Next meeting Friday, 25 October, 1215, at Rolling Hills CC***