



Wilton Rotary Drummer

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Our 30th Year of Service!

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President Karen Strickland presiding at Marly's, with 23 Rotarians in attendance.

Guests/Visitors

Ileana Slavin (prospective member and guest of Elaine Tai-Lauria,); Brian Sweeney (WHS senior, son of Patty).

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. **Beatlemania is Coming:** Carol reminded us about the joint Rotary / Kiwanis fundraiser on Saturday, December 1st – “Beatlemania” – to benefit Wilton Social Services. It will take place at the Clune Auditorium at Wilton High School. General admission tickets, \$35, premium seating \$50. To make this a success, everyone is expected to sell/purchase at least 2 tickets (available at future meetings and at the Kiwanis web site). Check out the Beatlemania ‘scare crow’ across from the Post Office!
2. **Board Meeting Results:** The Board met last night. Among other business, President-elect Paul Burnham presented updated Bylaws which were approved, and will be voted on by the general membership at the first meeting in December.
3. **3rd Grade Dictionary Project:** Delayed until arrival of dictionaries. Stay tuned for further details.
4. **District Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference (RYLA):** Two WHS students were selected to attend this event in November.
5. **Thanksgiving Baskets:** The Club will put together 3 baskets; Pat Russo will coordinate, and a sign-up sheet for donations will be circulated. Wilton Social Services has a need for about 65 baskets this year. Fun ‘n Fines from Nov. 2-9-16 will also go toward this effort. From Nov. 30th to Dec. 14th, Fun ‘n Fines Collections will go toward the purchase of \$200 gift cards for Social Services clients.
6. **Holiday Luncheon and Grab Bag:** Friday, Dec. 21st. More details forthcoming.
7. **Future Programs/Events:**
 - a. October 26th: Art Gottleib, US Coast Guard Auxiliary - Norwalk Flotilla 72
 - b. November 2nd: Dennis Wong, Polio Eradication
 - c. November 9th: Rick Bassett, DG Elect the Rotary Foundation
 - d. November 16th: Open
 - e. November 23rd: No meeting
 - f. Dec. 1st: Beatlemania



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Today's Program

Evan Schiller and his wife Lisa presented a fascinating and compelling story, "Saving the Big Cats of Africa." Evan is a professional, award winning photographer from Weston who, along with Lisa, has travelled to big game preserves in Africa to document and photograph the plight of big cats such as lions, cheetahs, leopards and tigers, many of whom face depletion or even extinction if current patterns of hunting and poaching continue. The "Big Cat Initiative" raises funds to increase awareness of this problem. For further information about Evan and the Big Cats story, check out the following links;

- Evan's website: <http://bigcatshots.com/>
- African People & Wildlife Fund: <http://afrpw.org/>
- Big Cats Initiative: <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/big-cats/>
- Lisa's Blog: <http://laholzwarth.wordpress.com/>
- Preserve the Big Cats: <http://www.facebook.com/PreserveTheBigCats?ref=ts&fref=ts>

See you Friday at Marly'sBill