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Guests/Visitors

Craig Johnson, a Wilton resident who is a former insurance executive, and is now a part time venture capitalist.

Announcements:

Note from Taylor McCurdy, our outbound Rotary exchange student. He seems to be thriving in Chile and hopes we are all keeping up with him, with his Blog. Chile beat rival Argentina in soccer recently, for the first time in a very long time, and the whole country is ecstatic

Chamber of Commerce events – still need some volunteers for manning the water station at the road race on Sunday morning. Be there at 9:00 AM and you're done by 11:00. "There" I believe is the Chamber office next to Marly's – the former Eric and Michael's.

The annual Rotary Day at the UN is Saturday November 8. Talk to Frank if interested.

Foundation Dinner is 11/6 in Farmington. We have a program next week here on the Rotary Foundation – Pam and Karen.

Ed Ashway sends his regards from Curacao.

Thanksgiving Dinner basket – we are trying to put together two, and Interact another one. Larry will be circulating the sign up sheet again.

Senior Protection Plan coming up again – letters will be going out soon to Wilton residents who might appreciate this service.

This year's Dictionary Project will be dedicated to the memory of Andy Schloss. Larry has written a tribute to be pasted inside each book.

Program:

Peggy Reeves and Susan Bruschi, the candidates for the 143rd District Seat in the Connecticut State Legislature, spoke. The 143rd District comprises 2/3rds of Wilton, roughly all but the southwest quadrant, and about a sixth of Norwalk, basically all of Norwalk which lies within half a mile of Westport. Unlike Stephanie, your editor for the edition of this newsletter who covered the Hartwell-Boucher program two weeks ago, I am able to vote for one of the two candidates, and as the Treasurer of the Reeves Campaign, I suppose it is fair to say that I have known who I would be voting for, for some time. I myself ran for the 143rd seat four years ago.

Most of the questions from the floor concerned taxes. Both candidates are opposed to the \$250.00 annual fee which is imposed upon LLCs and LLPs, regardless of income. Both know that the local property tax is now too high. Both seek to better control spending. Ms. Bruschi favors a Constitutional Convention, Ms. Reeves does not. Both have impressive resumes as far as community service is concerned. Both seem very much in tune with the take on current issues which would appear to prevail in the 143rd. It was difficult to find any noticeable difference of opinion of particular significance, nor a distinct difference in areas of personal interest, and the voter will have to judge for himself or herself which candidate's presence in the General Assembly will be of greater significance to the citizens of the 143rd , and to those of the State as a whole.

See you Friday..... Paul