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Fifteen Wilton Rotarians joined visitor John Lemke and our speaker for the last lunch in 108 years without the Chicago Cubs as World Series Champions. Congratulations to my fellow alumnus (a few years after me) from Jonathan Edwards at Yale, Theo Epstein, who has removed his second course. Maybe the Jets should consider hiring him next. At 42, Epstein is just about as much younger than I as I am younger than that other famous Old (very old) Blue, Paul Burnham.

Announcements:

- Lunch this Friday will be at the **Wilton Library** President's Room, second floor next to the elevator.
- Bud has tickets to the Army Band performance Saturday, Nov. 5. No cost, but see him now.
- We have sponsored a Wilton HS student for RYLA.
- There will be no meeting the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Upcoming events (see Pres. Bud):

11/06 — District 7980 Rotary Foundation Appreciation Lunch	11/08 — Election day
4/28-30, 2017 — 2017 Rotary District Conference	6/10-14, 2017 — RI Convention , Atlanta GA

Program: Bob McDowell

Kiwanian Bob McDowell of the Riverbrook Regional Y spoke about the current state of the organization, which includes the Wilton and Norwalk Ys and serves Redding as well. Bob has been with the Y for 36 years, the last 10 in Wilton. The Y serves approximately 9,000 individuals, and is the largest youth employer in Fairfield County. It operates with 200 employees and 250 volunteers, and offers more than \$180,000 in financial assistance to clients annually. The summer day camp serves about 500 campers weekly. 80 special needs individuals participate in the Wilton Y's youth development program, 699 young people from the Norwalk Y have received free swim lessons in Wilton, and these are among numerous programs available, including one to help prevent child abuse. How to help? There's an annual campaign which aims to raise about \$250,000, and there is a capital campaign in progress to raise \$6 million of the \$9 million needed to update the facilities.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 4, 2016 at the Wilton Library