



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

Wilton, Connecticut

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Seventeen Rotarians gathered at Marly's in fellowship on Friday. There's room for more.

### Announcements:



- Chris Lavin (shown at left) celebrated his birthday Friday with the club. Asked the secret of his enduring good looks, Chris said, "Rotary meetings keep me young and good-looking. Every Friday after lunch I look and feel rejuvenated. Come join me."
- Bill Meehan (not shown at left, but good-looking anyway) manned the water station at the Road Race Sunday. This was the 12<sup>th</sup> year of Rotary support. Thanks, Bill.
- Your Board approved a collaboration with three area clubs to fund a Nicaragua project. We will provide \$1,250 of the \$15,000 total. The

focus is on maternal and child health, disease prevention, and education. A community service trip to Nicaragua is scheduled for June 6-13; see President Carol for details.

- Paul Burnham (also not shown above) reported on the Stop Hunger Now event. Paul and a number of club members who were there agreed this was a wonderful event, with Wilton Rotarians helping to prepare 40,000 meals that will keep 200 young people fed for a full year. It was lots of fun, all agreed. Rotary is the single biggest benefactor of Stop Hunger Now, and being a part of it is even better than being good-looking. Thanks, Paul.
- Prosperous Paul Hafter is recovering nicely from his hip operation. We hope he'll be back soon. Paul has asked me to let you know that anyone who wants to help in his recovery could do so with a bottle of fine single malt scotch, to be given to me. I'll give you my, I mean his preferences.
- Our wonderful Judy White is homeless, having been flooded out of her condo. Judy, who's helped just about all of us find fabulous places to stay all over the world, is now waiting for her condo to be repaired so she can give up the convenience of room service for the comforts of home. Judy has asked me to let you know that anyone who wants to help lift her spirits could do so with a bottle of fine single malt scotch, to be given to me. I'll give you my, I mean her preferences.
- If you did not yet sign up to make a donation to the Rotary Thanksgiving basket, [Pat Russo](#) may still have openings. A little could mean a lot to a needy family.

### Program: Arthur Gottlieb, local historian

- Three years after his last presentation to the club, Arthur Gottlieb filled us in on his life journey and spoke about military history. A former Coast Guard Auxiliary Commander and USS Intrepid executive, he also restores high performance cars and has a '69 Corvette in his garage. His vocation and avocation these days is using the information he's gleaned from hundreds of interviews with

veterans to help create historical presentations, primarily on battles and architecture. This began after his life as a marine electrician on luxury yachts ended. He opened a therapy practice working with seniors, and discovered a void he could fill, both for those who served in our wars and those at home affected by their service. He often speaks to seniors and at assisted living facilities, giving one of his more than 150 presentations. If you know of a group that would like such a presentation, he's available. If you would like to see exhibits at the USS Intrepid, the library has discount passes. Just go to the front desk and give them the code word: Elaine. Elaine has asked me to let you know that anyone who wants to say thank you for Intrepid tickets could do so with a bottle of fine single malt scotch, to be given to me. I'll give you my, I mean her preferences.

***NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 7, 2014 .....at Marly's***