



Wilton Rotary Drummer

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The ever-dashing [President Paul](#) presided over lunch with 17 Rotarians and 3 guests in attendance.

Guests/Visitors:

David Taylor – [National Legacy Group](#) – Prospective Member

Janeen Lippert – [Wilton Chamber of Commerce](#) – Prospective Member

Beth Edwards – [Law Offices of Elizabeth A. Edwards](#) – Prospective Member

The above prospective members having applied for admission to Wilton Rotary, current members wishing to comment on these applications should notify President Paul no later than the Nov. 8 meeting of our Club.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

- Happy Birthday to Chris Lavin and Patty Sweeney, who are both celebrating their 29th.
- One Wilton High student will attend RYLA.
- The Holiday Party is scheduled for Dec. 14 at [the home of President Paul](#). With the exception of this writer, all Club members are invited. Details to follow.
- Next week will be a celebration of the service of our veterans. If you are a veteran, please wear/bring an emblem of your service.
- Today was the deadline for grant requests. The Grants Committee will meet on Nov. 6 at 5:30 at Gregory & Adams to consider the grant requests received.
- The Publicity Committee has instituted a designated photographer position for each meeting. Wear a mask if you don't want your photo taken.
- There are a few members without photos on our website. Send your photo to Ed Ashway please. Also contact Ed if your info needs updating. I like my 30-year-old photo.
- Sadly, there will be no Mondays at Marly's with President Paul this week. [A nation mourns](#).
- Trustees will meet at the same time as the next Board meeting - Nov. 21.

- Carol and Elaine have been working on the Dictionary Project. They're up to S for Shipping. The dictionaries have been shipped and the plan is to distribute them to the schools next week or the week after.
- Pat is reminding everyone items for the Thanksgiving baskets are due the Friday before the holiday. Wilton also needs help with gift cards for more than 100 children. The cards would be \$100 each.
- Fun and Fines November and December will go to Social Services. Give generously.

Today's Speaker:



[Leah Kagan](#) of [AmeriCares](#) spoke about the 31-year-old emergency response and global health organization founded in New Canaan, now based in Stamford, and headed by a Wiltonian, Curt Welling. More than two billion people lack access to basic medicines, and 17 million die annually from poverty-related illnesses. AmeriCares has built a strategic partnership with pharmaceutical companies and others to help determine needs, match pharmaceutical inventory with those needs, and send aid to its healthcare partners. In delivering this aid, it seeks to address systemic issues.

With a staff of 200 worldwide, it has delivered more than \$11 billion in aid to 164 countries. Global medical assistance is a core AmeriCares program. They preposition supplies when possible, such as before disasters like Superstorm Sandy, and respond to others like the Haiti earthquake. Primary health care is another AmeriCares focus. The organization provides basic health services in El Salvador, India, and three locations in Fairfield County, CT, serving more than 100,000 patients per year. More than 10,000 consults for low-income children and adults without health insurance were provided in Fairfield County alone. AmeriCares is also the largest supplier of medicines to free clinics in these United States. Overall, AmeriCares treated more than 15 million people in 2012, with 97% of revenues going to programs.