

Rotary



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DISTRICT 7980

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Thirteen Rotarians, two speakers and two guests joined president Pam Brown at Rolling Hills CC to share in fellowship on a calm, sunny Friday afternoon following a very stormy week.

GUESTS/VISITORS

Phil Lauria (prospective member, see below); Karen Birck; Sally Kirmser (today's speaker) and her husband, Dr. Ralph Kirmser, also both prospective members.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- Name: Phil Lauria
- Address: 32 Silver Spring Road, Wilton
- Business: Delco Advisors
- Classification: Financial Services
- Proposed by: Elaine Tai Lauria

If no objections are filed with club by November 15th, Phil will be considered elected to membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **VOTE!** Karen reminded us to vote next Tuesday in our municipal election. Many important positions in town government are up for grabs, including First Selectman. Polls are open from 6 AM to 8 PM.

2. **Smoke Detector Update.** Patrick reported that he secured 48 smoke detectors from the Red Cross.
3. **Pumpkin Parade.** Pam handed out a couple thousand pieces of candy at the Rotary booth during the Chamber's annual Pumpkin Parade on Oct. 26th. Yours truly ran out of candy at the Legion table less than 45 minutes into the Parade!
4. **The 50/50 Pot Keeps Growing.** \$658 was up for grabs but Paul Burnham could not pull the lucky card, so the pot rolls over to \$700.
5. **Gingerbread House Competition.** The Club will again enter a gingerbread house into the competition at the Wilton Library. A 'building committee' is being formed. See Pam or Susan if interested.
6. **Special Award.** Judy was the recipient of the prestigious "Above and Beyond" award by the Ensemble Travel® Group. The award was bestowed on Judy by a vote of her peers at the Group's conference in Seattle recently.
7. **Upcoming Meetings/Events.**
 - a. *8 November:* Club meeting at Rolling Hills. Christene Freedman will speak on the Rotary Foundation.
 - b. *9 November:* Rotary Day at the UN in New York, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the UN.
 - c. *11 November:* Veterans Day Observance at Wilton Veterans Memorial, 10:30 AM.
 - d. *15 November:* American Legion District 3 fundraiser at Danbury Hat Tricks semi-pro hockey game. \$14 adults, \$10 children under 12. See Bud for tickets.
 - e. *29 November:* Thanksgiving recess, NO meeting.
8. **Do You Know the Mission of Rotary?** Our mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.
9. **Upcoming Wedding.** I will be in Washington, DC, next week for the wedding of my daughter Ginny, on Nov. 10th. Seems like only yesterday she was president of the WHS Interact Club!

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Our speaker was Sally Kirmser, accompanied by her husband, Dr. Ralph Kirmser, president of Stay at Home in Wilton, Inc., a non-profit organization that helps senior citizens stay in their homes as they age. They currently serve about 120 town residents who pay \$360 per year for a single membership and \$480 per year for a couple. Members receive transportation, light household repairs, access to reputable vendors, informative seminars, regular social activities, calls in the event of a town emergency, and membership in the Stay at Home in Wilton Community. For further information, visit www.stayathomeinwilton.org

Next meeting Friday, 8 November, 1215, at Rolling Hills CC