



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

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**ATTENDANCE: 29 of 49 (59%)**

**Guests/Visiting Rotarians**

Barbara Newland, potential member; Chris Goldov, filling in for Yessi Martinez from Westy's; Taylor McCurdy, potential exchange student from Wilton.

### **Announcements**

1. Taylor McCurdy introduced himself to the Club, said he has two cousins who have been exchange students – one to Venezuela, one to Japan – and he is interested in being an exchange student either with Chile or Thailand. He would like to attend Bates or Bowdoin Colleges.
2. Ray D. announced that Amber Alert has received a \$2500 grant from Rotary which will help pay the \$6200 borrowed from the Club. Currently, there is about \$1000 due back on that loan!
3. Karen S. reminded everyone of the Annie and the Natural Wonder Band concert which will be next Saturday. Amber Alert will be set up there as well and a couple of volunteers are needed. Bill G. and Karen are working on the program book for the concert and they expect to gross \$2700.
4. Pat R. said the Coldwell Banker office in Wilton will be sponsoring an Amber Alert day on November 17<sup>th</sup>, though no volunteers from the Club are necessary you could stop by if you wished.
5. Bill M. said the Foundation Dinner is November 7<sup>th</sup> in East Haven. Pam L. asked all who will become sustaining members or will be making contributions to send them directly to her so she can be certain this club gets credit. Last year there were 10 sustaining members (\$100 contribution); Pam would like to double that number to 20 this year. See Pam for more info.
6. The next Board meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

7. John L. said the dictionaries are in and there will be a work party to label them soon.
8. Speaking of work parties, tomorrow, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mark K. will be coordinating a work party to help with the Wilton Playshop doing some raking, painting, etc. from 9 am until noon.
9. Pat R. said the club has received a request to assist an elderly woman with a leaking roof and some water damage. Pat will keep us informed of what needs to be done.
10. Frank S. announced that the GSE team will be coming in April and we will need to have some events for them to participate in and places for them to go visit.
11. Mark K. said while we have two RYLA students chosen, they were unable to attend the conference this fall and will be going in the Spring.

### **Fun & Fines**

Pam L. was ecstatic that she, Karen S. and Stephanie B. will be going away for several days to the Galapagos starting next week – the club seemed happier! Lots of happy Red Sox dollars – sorry Yankees fans – better luck next year! Paul H. was happy for his wife’s colonoscopy?!

### **Program**

Lois Alcosser, a local journalist with The Wilton Bulletin and Wilton Magazine, spoke about the differences in the journalistic world today, even showing an “old” tape recorder versus her new handheld digital device that’s no bigger than a cell phone. She has been in Wilton and with the Bulletin since 2003. She has done 108 interviews as well as countless stories. She said a journalist cannot be shy and she prefers to be discreet in her reporting. The heart of journalism is really to try to inform people and be even handed even though today’s media outlets are not. She said she likes NPR (National Public Radio) because it presents an intelligent bias and they do try to be more complete with their stories.

Next meeting Friday November 9th. Upcoming speaker list:

November 9 Kristy Pitkin, HUSKY Health Plan  
November 16 John Mengacci, State of Connecticut, Doonething.com  
November 23 Day after Thanksgiving – no speaker  
November 30 Larry Shiller

***See you at the Silvermine .....Stephanie***