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President Strickland presiding at Marly's, with 17 Rotarians in attendance. There were 3 guests or visitors.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. **Veterans note:** please bring some memorabilia from your service to our next meeting (Nov 9th) - the club would like to recognize and honor your service.
2. **The Dictionary Labeling Party** has been rescheduled for 4:30pm Nov. 6th at Paul's
3. President Karen expressed thanks to Paul Hafter, Paul Burnham, & Frank Spencer for volunteering at the **Halloween Hustle Road** race's water table this past weekend.
4. It was also announced that Governor Malloy will speak at the **Chamber of Commerce Dinner** on November 15th at the Rolling Hills Country Club (\$100/person).
5. President Karen also urged everyone to purchase or sell at least 2 tickets for the **Beatlemania Concert** on December 1st. The Village Market has graciously offered to allow a ticket table to be set up on their premises - a sign-up sheet was passed around for members to participate.
6. **Thanksgiving baskets** : A reminder that the club will be putting together 3 Thanksgiving baskets – items should be brought to the meeting on November 16th.
7. **Holiday Luncheon & Grab Bag:** Dec. 21st. *Please come to the meeting with a wrapped gift valued at between \$15-\$20.*
8. **Nominating Committee:** President –Elect Paul Burnham announced the slate of nominees for the 2013-2014 Rotary year as follows:
 - a. **Carol Johnson** – President –Elect & Secretary
 - b. **Patricia Sweeney** – Treasurer
 - c. **Debbie Gran** – Board Member
 - d. **Matthew Castaldi** – Board Member
 - e. **Patrick Russo** – Board Member
 - f. **Luis Garcia** – Board Member
 - g. **Richard Kent** – Board Member



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9. Future Programs/Events

- a. November 9th : Rick Basset, DG Elect Rotary Foundation
- b. November 16th: Open
- c. November 23rd: No Meeting
- d. December 1st: Beatlemania
- e. Dec. 7th: Club Assembly/Election of Officers for 2013-14 Rotary year
- f. Dec. 21st: Holiday Luncheon/Grab Bag

Program:

Dennis Wong of the Westport Sunrise club and District Chair of Rotary's 'End Polio Now' program spoke about where we were, where we are, and when we hope the eradication of polio will be successful. In 1988 there were about 350,000 reported cases of polio worldwide. This year so far, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) there have been 177 cases. The three countries where cases have been reported this year are Nigeria (where vaccinations were stopped in 2003 & 2004), Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

Bill Gates has targeted 2015 as the year that there will be no reported cases of polio and, as eradication becomes official three years later -2018 will be the official year of polio eradication. Rotary International is committing to raise \$75 million over the next three years for this project.

Dennis then turned to the challenges that are still ahead. The most important of which is to raise the money for Rotary International to meet these financial commitments. Also there is a need to keep the public informed of the danger of not achieving 100% eradication. Dennis also spoke about the Sound Tiger's Hockey Game fund raiser that will see its third annual reprise on March 3rd.

One of the most interesting points Dennis made was that with the infrastructure that has been built up world wide – once polio has been eradicated – other diseases such as measles or malaria, could be tackled.

See you this Friday at Marly's.....your humble correspondent (see editor above)
with great assistance from Editor in Chief Bill Glass