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A slew of Rotarians and guest, Skye Beryl of SocialWorld.biz, gathered at the Wilton Library's President Bud Boucher Room to hear speaker Michael Bellacosa; the Wilton Library Community Engagement Manager, describe the Library's resources for unlocking the secrets of our ancestors.

Announcements:

- Bud announced that he will host at his home the Club's Annual Holiday Party on November 9 from 5:30 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. A signup sheet will circulate for bringing a side, starter or desert.
- Thanksgiving Basket signup sheet being circulated. Check with Pat or Rosa to sign up.

Upcoming Events:

11/6 — District 7980 Rotary Foundation
Appreciation Lunch

11/11 — Veterans' Day Procession and
Memorial Service

12/9 — Club Holiday Party at Bud's
(5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

4/28-30/17 — 2017 Rotary District
Conference

5/4/17 — My Birthday

6/10-14/17 — RI Convention, Atlanta

Program: Michael Bellacosa, Wilton Library Community Engagement Manager

Are Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton really fourth cousins of the Dalai Lama? Can you muster only 'a deer in the headlights' look when your children ask about your great-grandparents? For answers to these questions and more try out the Wilton Library's Genealogy Research Resources. Michael is willing to share his expertise in the mechanics and strategy for developing your family's history. For starters, Michael recommends that you explore your most senior living relatives' knowledge of family history. With that in hand, dive into the sea of online databases. Michael shared a brief description of the resources Wilton Library lays at our fingertips. The most popular resource is Ancestry.com. Fortunately, Wilton Library's subscription provides access to the Ancestry.com service at the library free of charge. On Ancestry.com you will find a huge or, as Donald would say, "the greatest ever" collection of searchable historical databases including federal and state census records, military records, city directories, birth, death, draft and pension records, to name a few. If you are lucky you might find a family tree compiled through years of hard work and research by a distant relative. Michael is available through the library to help.

NEXT MEETING – Friday, November 11, 2016 – 12:15 at Marly's