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Seventeen Rotarians, none bearing bottles of fine single malt scotch, gathered at Marly's for a hearty lunch and update on the Rotary Foundation courtesy of guest speaker Ed Pikaart.

Announcements:

- President Carol announced the Rotary theme for November is "Every Rotarian Every Year", i.e., the club's goal to have every Rotarian contribute to the Rotary Foundation every year.
- November 11 – Veteran's Day – the Veteran's Day parade will begin about 10:30 a.m. at the library, proceed down Old Ridgefield Road to the Veteran's Memorial Green and will wrap up by 11:00. Refreshments at the American Legion Hall will follow.
- November 12 – Pat Russo's birthday – Andy is available to collect bottles of fine single malt scotch in celebration of Pat's birthday.
- Healthy Hearts – the Wilton Y is looking for volunteers to participate in its Healthier Hearts monitoring program. Speak with Carol or Mary Ann Genuario at the Y for more details.
- Interact Is Back – Pam Brown announced that the WHS Interact Club will soon be back in action as WHS students are working with Pam to revive the club.
- November 21 – Pat will collect the food items for this year's Thanksgiving baskets at the club meeting at Marly's.
- The club's handicap access ramp is available should anyone know of a person in need.

Program: Ed Pikaart – Rotary Foundation Roundup

A member of the North Branford club, Ed recently returned from a Peace Corps stint in Kenya where he had a first-hand look at projects made possible by grants from the Rotary Foundation. Ed reported that our club has a solid record in supporting the Foundation. Nearly 50% of club members are sustaining members, members who contribute at least \$100 every year to the Foundation. However, the club still has some work to do in reaching the "every Rotarian every year" goal. Contributions to the Foundation enabled the club to embark on projects in the past and will directly impact future project opportunities. Fifty percent of Foundation giving is returned to our district in District Designated Funds. District funds are distributed to clubs as District Grants. The other 50% of Foundation giving is allocated to the World Fund. The World Fund supports projects such as the polio eradication project. Whether you are inclined towards club level projects or large scale international projects, Ed's message was clear. These projects are made possible through the generous annual contributions of Rotarians' to the Foundation. For more info see: <https://www.rotary.org/en/annual-fund-and-share>.

NEXT MEETING – Friday, November 14 at Marly's