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Guest Editor: Bill Glass

President Bud Boucher presided over the meeting with 13 Rotarians in attendance, plus guests Eric Glass and Judy Punshon.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

1. **Veterans Day:** Bud acknowledged that today is Veterans Day and thanked all veterans for their service. Earlier today, Bud and I participated in the Wilton Veterans Day observance.
2. **Thanksgiving Baskets:** Patrick thanked all who contributed items to fill the two baskets the Club is providing to Wilton Social Services. Anyone who did not bring their item today can do so next Friday, or to Prosperous Paul's by 10 AM on the 21st.
3. **Holiday Party:** Friday, 9 December at Boucher's, 5 Wicks End Lane, from 5:30 PM to 9 PM. A sign-up list for items to share/bring will be circulated next week. There will also be **no** meeting that day.
4. **Thanksgiving Week:**
 - a. 11/21: last minute items for Thanksgiving baskets due at Prosperous Paul's by 10 AM.
 - b. 11/25: Day after Thanksgiving – **no** meeting.

Today's Program

Frank Spencer gave us some insights into the Club's Grant Committee, with special emphasis on a proposal to support the Anini Orphanage in Guatemala.

- The Grants Committee meets periodically to review grant requests and allocate funds to deserving charities and causes.
- Key criteria: donation must have lasting impact and feature good visibility for the Club (he referenced the donation to support the playground at Merwin Meadows as meeting both).
- Funds available for donations come from net revenue from fundraising activities of the previous Rotary administration.
- The Anini Orphanage in Guatemala has been previously supported by Wilton Rotary (2006-7). Frank and Luis have visited the location on a couple of occasions. This year the Orphanage is seeking to expand/update its kitchen facilities and is looking for \$5,000 from Rotary to support this effort. Frank indicated that he will approach area clubs for their support. The possibility of seeking a Rotary District Matching Grant was also discussed.



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A personal note: this is my last meeting and last Drummer issue for a while. I hope to see you at the Holiday Party in December, and perhaps around town!

Next meeting on Friday, 18 November at Marly'sBill