



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

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President Paul presided over the meeting with 20 Rotarians in attendance and 2 guests - our speakers Ken Bernhard and Robert Galan:

### Announcements:

1. President Paul ceded the floor to Pat R. who discussed plans for the Thanksgiving Basket donations. Pat asked that all items be brought to our 11/22 meeting or no later than Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> to Paul's Prosperous Printing Palace(!).
2. Carol thanked everyone who participated in the distribution of dictionaries to third graders. And said that the distribution to Our Lady of Fatima 3<sup>rd</sup> graders this coming week.
3. President Paul announced that the Trustees Meeting would start @ 6:15pm and would be followed immediately by the full Board meeting @ 6:30pm.
4. The disastrous typhoon in the Philippines was discussed - Pat R. suggested that we use the tips we earn when we run Marly's Bar (sometime in February or March) be donated to this relief effort. This proposal was moved, seconded, and passed by the club unanimously.
5. President Paul reminded everyone of the standing invitation to join him for Mondays at Marly's

### **Program: Tree of Life Orphanage - Haiti**

**Ken Bernhard** (Wilton town attorney and Westport Sunrise Rotary Club member) spoke with us about the Tree of Life Orphanage that he has been working with in Haiti. The orphanage is run by a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) organization headed by Roger, one of Ken's college classmates. Ken told us about the extreme needs in Haiti, saying the local cement company provides electricity to the town sporadically. He brought the needs of the community to life - telling us he watched a little ten year old girl bring a book and a box at 10pm to sit under a street light to study. He said they have one classroom at the facility and would like to build more at a cost of \$3,000 each. The Westport Club would also like to establish a well for the community. To quote our own Andrew Mais "The difference a classroom or clean water can make on not just this generation, but the next, is a legacy worth pursuing."

*(See photo on next page, thanks to Karen)*



*(Left to right: Paul Burnham, Ken Bernhard, and Robert Galan)*

- ***NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 22, 2013 – Marly's in Wilton (Please bring your Thanksgiving Basket donations to this meeting)***