

# Wilton Rotary Drummer

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Eleven members of Wilton's finest service organization (Boucher, Burnham, Dulberg, Freedman (presiding), Goldman, Johnson, Meehan, Russo, Smith, Tai-Lauria, White) were joined by prospective member Phil Sharlach and presenter Pat Hegnauer on this brisk but clear day in mid-November – 12 hours after the season's first snowfall.

Get out your calendars!

11/20/18 – Meet at Paul's Prosperous for liquid refreshments at 4:00 PM and while there attend to the labeling of the 4<sup>th</sup> graders' atlases. All welcome

11/23/18 - The day after Thanksgiving. There will be no meeting.

11/29/18 – Our Holiday party at Marly's. 5:30 to 7:30. Check your e-mail inboxes for the invitation and further details.

12/3/18 – The Grants Committee meets at the Fairfield County Bank Board Room at 190 Old Ridgefield Road. Call Carol if you don't remember if you are on the committee. (Andy, you ARE on the committee, believe me.)

12/5/18 – Atlas distribution time. A few more volunteers are needed at Cider Mill School. Christene can tell you whether we are also distributing at Fatima.

12/5/18 – Wayback Burger day – eat at Wayback and 10% of the proceeds goes to Wilton Rotary! (This is in lieu of the fourth Tuesday of November, which is Thanksgiving, when Wayback will not be open.)

12/21/18 and 12/28/18 – No meetings.

Also –

Pam Brown, our President-Elect attended pre-Pets this past week and reports that all looks good for 2019-2020!

Pat advises that he purchased two \$150.00 gift cards with the funds we raised for the Thanksgiving Appeal. He has delivered them to Social Services which will see that they go to needy Wilton families.

Christene reminds us that November is Foundation Giving Month. No time like the present to insure that we are an EREY (every Rotarian every year) Club yet again.

Your humble scribe managed to shorten the 50-50 deck by one card and increase the pot for the next winner at the same time. So next time you see him, do thank him.

Pam Hegnauer spoke on behalf of the Gilbert and Bennett Cultural Center (GBCC) which now occupies the Gilbert and Bennett School in the Wilton section of Georgetown. The building, built in 1915, was a neighborhood public school back in the day, but was abandoned by the Wilton public school system in 1974 when Wilton's schools were consolidated (Post, Center, Comstock and G&B were all phased out as public schools at about the same time.) G&B was leased by the town to various private schools from 1974 to 1996, but then possession was transferred to the Georgetown Community Association – a predecessor organization to the GBCC, which now rents the entire building from the Town.

The GBCC offers gallery space for artists, workshops, lectures, concerts, etc. It has a lending library for classical music, and offers art for rent to real estate agents trying to beautify their listings. It is also available for private gatherings. It also serves as an emergency warming center in the event of power outages, etc. Another local jewel few of us knew existed.

***See You Friday week.***