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Today's meeting hosted 15 Wilton Rotarians. President Frank looked very dapper in his black-on-black outfit and suffered through some teasing about next appearing with an earring and/or tattoo to complete the biker look. Frank also celebrated a big birthday recently and said it was a good time. Marly's chicken saltimbocca entrée and chocolate dessert was exceptionally good. Items for Thanksgiving baskets were collected for Social Services. No program today, but lots of breaking news.

Announcements:

1. John Lemke will be undergoing a hernia operation soon.
2. Paul's big printing press is finally gone, much to his relief.
3. Holiday Party at Kathy Leeds' Dec. 10, \$50 plus sign up to bring something.
4. Invite received from New Canaan Rotary to have lunch with them at Roger Sherman Inn, Thursday Feb. 9 is target date since our Feb. 11 wine tasting event will replace our meeting that week plus we can try to sell them tickets. Frank will confirm.
5. Grant Committee Awards - \$1750 for Youth Exchange, \$1000 for Human Services substance abuse program, \$2000 to Ambulance Corp towards stretcher, \$1000 for Social Services Warm Up fuel initiative, \$500 for gas for Marilyn Duggan, \$2000 for high school scholarships, \$2500 for Wilton Commons District Managed Grant, \$2000 for District Polio Plus effort, \$1000 for Veteran's organization TBD, \$500 for Governor Rupee's project. About \$14,000 of total \$29,000 charitable \$\$ available to give out this year has been allocated, committee will meet in May to review new applications and award balance.
6. Chris Lavin and his crew were kind enough to go out and clear a tree from an elderly woman's property during power outage when no one else could be reached.
7. Patty is coordinating 3rd grade dictionary project, labeling will be Tues. 11/22 4 pm at Paul's, distribution on 11/30 at Cider Mill around 9:30 am. Let her know if you can help.
8. Holiday luncheon at Marly's 12/16, bring \$20 wrapped gift, no swapping this year so select carefully.
9. Matt has sent out list to all members of local businesspeople who could be prospective Rotarians. Please review and let him know who you are willing to contact.
10. Happy Thanksgiving to All!
11. We've learned that Caroline Armstrong, our Youth Exchange candidate, was approved by the District Committee for the 2012-13 school year when she hopes to go to Argentina. Caroline and her family are VERY happy about this opportunity, and she will be attending her first orientation weekend Dec. 3-4 where she'll meet the other outbound students as

well as some of the foreign students who are here in CT this year and learn a lot more about the Rotary Youth Exchange experience.

MEETING SCHEDULE: No Meeting 11/25 after Thanksgiving, Next Meeting at Marly's 12/2, No Meeting 12//9 due to Holiday Party at Kathy Leeds 12/10, Holiday Lunch & Grab Bag at Marly's 12/16, No Meeting 12/23 or 12/30 due to Xmas & New Year's Weekends, First 2012 Meeting 1/6.