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Twelve Wilton Rotarians and Assistant District Governor John Hendrickson gathered at Marly's for lunch and for an update on the Rotary Foundation.

**Announcements:**

**1. Board Meeting.** - President Bud reported on the Board meeting held on November 17, where the Directors discussed whether to participate in a District Managed Grant with the Westport Luncheon Club. One new member is in the process of joining our Club.

**2. Atlas Project.** - On Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 4:30 pm members can meet at Paul's Prosperous Printing, 35 Danbury Road (behind Dunkin Donuts) to assist in affixing the individualized labels in the new atlases that the Club will be distributing to all fourth graders in the Wilton elementary schools. Project coordinators Carol Johnson and Susan Goldman met with school officials and took their recommendation that the Club provide atlases this year, instead of paper dictionaries, since the trend is using dictionaries that are online.

**3. Holiday Party.** – Friday, December 9 at the Boucher's, 5 Wick's End Lane, from 5:30 to 9 pm. If you did not sign up at the meeting, please contact Bud by phone or email if you and your guest can attend. Also please indicate whether you will be bringing an appetizer, side dish, or a dessert. There will be no luncheon meeting on December 9.

**4. The Drawing.** Patrick Russo had the winning ticket but could not find the winning card. The pot stands at more than \$260.

**Program: The Rotary Foundation.**

Carol Johnson has been updating the Rotary Clubs in Area 2 of our District on the Foundation. The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Foundation will be in 2017, and more than \$1 billion has been contributed to the charity since it was started. In 2016, the Foundation made more than 1,200 global grants for education and health related projects around the world. Fifty percent of a Club's Annual Fund contributions can be returned in the form of District Managed Grants three years after the year of the original contributions.

The Foundation has set a worldwide contribution goal of \$300 million for 2017 and a goal of \$400,000 for our District, which is a 20% increase over 2016. This District goal would average \$180 per Rotarian. The Foundation's goal is to have every Club member contribute each year.

The Foundation has the highest rating from Charity Navigator, an independent rating agency. Members can donate by credit card at [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org).

***NEXT MEETING – Friday, December 2 – 12:15 at Marly’s. No meeting on November 25.***

***Happy Thanksgiving.***