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Guests/Visitors – Craig Johnson, prospective member; Chad Moros, son of our late, former president Bill Moros.

Announcements – President Pat introduced Chad Moros who spoke of his father and his love of Rotary, remembering, in particular, a time when their car broke down in Waltersboro, South Carolina, and Bill made up at the local club's meeting while they were waiting for the car to be fixed.

At the recent Board meeting, the Board voted to establish a past president's fund, with gifts made in Bill's memory to be the initial funding.

Pat also announced that the Board had voted, at that meeting, that Luis Garcia was nominated as Vice President for next year, much, it appeared to Luis' surprise. It also approved Craig Johnson's application for membership.

Some accounting sleight of hand credited to Bill Meehan seems to have caused our giving budget to increase from \$16,000 to \$28,000. The Board approved a number of giving initiatives, including the drunk driving simulator for the High School.

Everyone who has yet to supply their promised contributions to the Thanksgiving baskets should get their contributions to Paul's Prosperous by 9:00 AM on Monday. (Hope you did!)

The Coldwell Banker coat drive continues. Coats can be left at Pat's office in the center – next to CVS.

Amber Alert 11/22, 9 to 1 at HSBC at 30 Danbury Road. Ray and Matt have it covered.

Program:

Pat introduced Chris Brubeck (with one of those profiles re likes and dislikes one often sees as part of a celebrity profile on the internet, which is where Pat found it. Nice job Pat, Chris enjoyed it.) Chris is one of the four musically-gifted sons of David Brubeck, world famous jazz pianist and Wilton resident. 87 and still performing. Chris donates his time and talent

locally for Weir Farm and ABC, at which occasions he is often accompanied by brother Dan on drums; their brother Darius is a jazz academician now living in Europe, and brother Matthew is a 6 foot 8 jazz cellist who recently was contacted by Yo Yo Ma for lessons.

Chris is a very entertaining speaker – most of us have not seen him without his guitar or trombone, but he is quite comfortable without them. He told a wonderful story about playing for Ronald Reagan when he was president, and speaking with him afterwards about the great communicator's earlier career in radio

Chris does a lot of composing these days – one thing he said that struck me was that he is used to rather free form jazz, which is to a large extent created as it is being played. When composing, on the other hand, especially for an orchestra, one has to tell the musicians how to play down to the smallest detail. Terribly time consuming and it seems somewhat irritating, but necessary.

Chris recently composed the music for a rendition of the Flag of our Fathers, the story about the soldiers who raised the flag on Iwo Jima – narrated by Wilford Brimley, and told the rather amazing story as to how it came together – Chris treated us to a few minutes of the composition on a CD (no technology issues ☺). Also a piece he composed on Mark Twain – who really did live for a time in Redding, and who really did provide the funds for the Redding library which is named for him.

Pat spoke for all of us welcoming Chris and Tish, and Chad, back to any future club meeting they might be able to attend.

See you eight days after Thanksgiving.

Paul