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Seventeen Rotarians and guest speaker Gretchen Juliano of [Mapping Point](#) gathered at Marly's to celebrate our final pre-Thanksgiving day meeting.

Announcements:

1. President Paul reported activities at the November club board meeting. Among the grants approved were \$1,000 to the Wilton Library, \$2,000 to the Wilton Youth Council and \$1,000 to the Domestic Violence Crisis Center.
2. Many Words – Thanks to Carol, Paul Hafter and all those who contributed their time, the Club successfully distributed personalized dictionaries to hundreds of 3rd graders.
3. Party! - President Paul and First Lady Karen Birck have generously volunteered to host the annual Wilton Rotary Holiday Party, Sunday, December 14, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., 239 Thunder Lake Road. A \$10 contribution towards cost is requested. For planning purposes, please advise Paul whether you will attend, bring a guest and your single malt of choice.
4. Every Rotarian Every Year – the year end is upon us. Please contribute to the Rotary Foundation. The Club's goal is 100% member participation by 12/31/13.
5. Craft Fair – As a hugely important fund raiser, Craft Fair planning has begun in earnest. Please speak with Richard and offer to lend a hand.
6. Fundraiser - Typhoon Haiyan Relief – the Club is planning a fundraiser for Typhoon Haiyan relief to be held at Marly's on February 25, 2014. Details to follow.
7. Nikki B. will be hosting a Holiday Shopping Open House on Thursday Dec. 2 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Twenty-Five percent of all sales of her handcrafted jewelry will go to the Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund. Contact Nikki for more information.
8. With his happy dollars, Paul Hafter announced that he will be "flying to Turkey for Thanksgiving". Or, was it "frying the Turkey for Thanksgiving"? I can't remember.

Program: Gretchen Juliano of [Mapping Point](#)

Gretchen is the founder and President of Mapping Point, a firm specializing in community planning with a focus on the importance of "place" in everyday life. Gretchen challenged her audience to appreciate the distinctions between a "place" and "space" in the community. While I struggled to rev up some long dormant neurons further handicapped by apple pie al la mode, Gretchen shared her insights in the reciprocal relationship between place and the community with one impacting how the other develops. In closing, Gretchen asked the Club to consider how the interaction between community and place can effect character, change, cultivate and create.

NO MEETING: Friday, November 29, 2013

NEXT MEETING – Friday, December 6 at Marly's in Wilton