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Eleven Rotarians met in the Rolling Hills CC boardroom on a chilly but sunny last day of November with President Christene Freedman presiding.

Guests/Visitors:

Our guest speakers Paul and Susan Lauricella (see below).

Announcements:

- 1. 4th Grade Atlas Project:** The annual Rotary-sponsored distribution of atlases to 4th grade classes at Wilton's Cider Mill School will take place on Wednesday, 5 December. If you signed up, please be at Cider Mill no later than 9 AM to check in, pick up the atlases and get a class assignment. The distribution begins at 9:15.
- 2. Free Concert:** The Westport Community Band and three bands from Weston High School are sponsoring a free concert to honor local veterans at Weston High on Wednesday, 5 December at 7:30 PM. Popular patriotic and military music are on the agenda. All are invited to attend.
- 3. Happy News:** Congratulations to Bill and Susan Glass on the recent engagement of their daughter Ginny, announced during the Thanksgiving holiday! Plans are forthcoming.
- 4. Upcoming Events:**
 - a. Monday, 3 December: Grant Committee meeting
 - b. Wednesday, 5 December: Atlas distribution at Cider Mill School
 - c. Friday, 7 December: Holiday Walk, Menorah Lighting, Tree Lighting, Santa visit; Wilton Center, 4-8 PM
 - d. **NO meetings on the following dates:** 21 or 28 December

5. News from Rotary International:

For the 11th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S. The Foundation earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Today's Program:

Our guest speakers were Paul and Susan Lauricella. Paul is a retired pilot with Jet Blue and Susan is Teen Services and Maker Space Manager at the Wilton Library. However, they were here today to speak about the Robotics Team, also known as Singularity Technology, of which Susan is the coordinator and Paul is one of the Team's four "mentors." The Team was founded in 2013 and is sponsored by the library (in fact it may be the only such club in the country that is sponsored by a public library!). It currently consists of six on the Main Team (varsity) and four on the Test and Prototype (JV) team. The Teams are open to Wilton students in 7th through 12th grades, and have been very successful, garnering 16 awards at competitions in the past 5 years. For more information, visit **<http://www.singultech.com>**

NEXT MEETING – Friday, 7 December, 1215, at Rolling Hills CC