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Guests/Visiting Rotarians

Twenty-two Rotarians were in attendance, and two guests; Marilyn Dugan, and Dr. Paul Spiekermann, a visiting Rotarian from the Westport Club. In the absence of President Spencer, the meeting was presided over by Past President, Victor Tenore.

Announcements

1. Pat presented Marilyn Dugan with a check for \$500.
2. Karen read a letter from Catherine Armstrong, (mother of Caroline,) thanking the club for the opportunity we have provided for her daughter to study in Argentina.
3. Patty made the following announcements:
 - * Steve Goldstein is recovering from surgery
 - * Thanks to all who volunteered for the Dictionary Project
 - * Checks are due for the holiday dinner
 - * Our holiday grab bag will be on December 16th (\$20 limit on gifts)
4. Pat thanked those who helped to distribute the Thanksgiving meals, and reminded everyone that volunteers are needed to distribute the Christmas meals. Volunteers will meet, on Saturday, the 24th, at noon at Trackside.

Program

Our speaker today was Nancy McCormack, from The Independent Transportation Network. ITN is a 501C3 that provides transportation for seniors and those who are visually impaired. Founded in Maine, in 2009, Nancy established ITN here, in 2010. During their first operational month (November 2010) they provided 6 rides, and experienced exponential growth just one year later, providing 269 rides, last month. To date, total rides are 1600, with projections of 3700-4000 rides in 2012. The majority of the rides (60%) are provided by volunteer drivers, who are asked to commit to a minimum of three hours per month. As ITN's 1000th rider, Dr. Spiekermann shared with us his thoughts on why ITN is so valuable. He explained that ITN provides three key factors for riders; 1. Mobility without imposition, 2. Independence, and 3. Dignity that is reasonable and affordable.

See you on the 16th at Marly's.....Carol