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Announcements:

President Carol – started the meeting by asking who was responsible for the Drummer this week - apparently that person (who shall remain nameless) has a birthday coming up on the 7th. After extensive investigative reporting it was discovered that the chocolate mousse cupcake given to this person - was delicious.

President Carol – also gave fair warning that she will continue to talk about 'every Rotarian every year' until all Wilton Rotary members are contributing to the Rotary Foundation.

****One final announcement from the Presidential suite** – in lieu of our meeting for December 19th will be a cocktail party held at Marly's from 5-7pm. The charge will be \$27 per person, which covers all the beer and/or wine you can drink - hors d'oeuvres will be served.** All members and guests are welcome – please let Carol know ASAP as Marly's needs a reliable head count.

Pat R. – Reminded everyone, when purchasing their holiday gifts through Amazon, to do so through smiles.amazon.com and designate Wilton Rotary Trust as your charity.

Pat R. – announced that he has put the ramp for the Handicapped we have on for sale on Craig's list – proceeds from the sale will go to the Wilton Rotary Foundation.

Program: Tracey Zhu, Connecticut Chinese Culture Association (CCCA) leader

Tracey Zhu discussed 5,000 years of Chinese civilization (she talked really fast - just kidding). Ms Zhu led us through the various cultural changes brought about by being conquered by 20 different factions across that span of time. She also spoke about the importance the spiritual aspect of traditional Chinese culture. She told us of Taoism and Confucianism, and how dance in China, developed from martial arts. She said 60 years ago, as a result of the communist revolution, the government removed as much of the spiritual aspect of Chinese culture as it possibly could - hence her association with CCCA and efforts to preserve this rich spiritual/cultural heritage.

Ms Zhu distributed pamphlets about Shen Yun – a music and dance theatre company which portrays the same 5,000 years of Chinese culture in dance and music in a single performance. Those interested in obtaining more information or tickets should go to the ShenYun.com/Waterbury website. According to the pamphlet there are 3 performances scheduled at the Palace Theater in Waterbury, early in February.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, December 12, 2014at Marlys