



Wilton Rotary Drummer

Wilton, Connecticut USA District 7980

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President Paul presided over the meeting with 22 Rotarians in attendance and 2 guests:

Margaret Sanko (Judy's Daughter & Co-Founder of International Ventures Ltd)

Speaker Tim Farrell of Wilderness Safaris

Announcements:

1. Pat Russo had the honor of inducting, and the Club enthusiastically welcomed, our 2 new members:
 - a. Janeen Leppert of the Wilton Chamber of Commerce
 - b. Elizabeth Edwards Wilton Attorney
2. Karen Strickland reminded everyone about Rotary Foundation giving – during this holiday season consider donating. Karen has sent an e-mail with a donation form to make it easier for all of us to give. The Club's goal is 100% member participation by 12/31/13.
3. The Club is planning a fundraiser for Typhoon Haiyan relief to be held at Marly's on February 25, 2014. Marly's will donate the tips collected that night to our club for our Philippine's Typhoon Relief effort.
4. President Elect Carol presented to the club the Board as follows:
 - a. President - Carol Johnson
 - b. President Elect - Richard Kent
 - c. Secretary - Susan Goldman
 - d. Treasurer - Patricia Sweeney
 - e. Board members - Karen Strickland, Matt Castaldi, Luis Garcia, Doug Macklem, & Pat RussoThe above slate was approved unanimously by the club.
5. Wilton Social Services has asked the club to commit to \$500 worth of gift cards for children in Wilton.
6. President Paul announced that our traditional Grab Bag gift (\$20 limit) exchange will take place at our Dec. 20th meeting.
7. Finally don't forget the Annual Holiday Party hosted by President Paul and Karen Birck, Saturday, December 14, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., 239 Thunder Lake Road. A \$10 contribution towards cost is requested. For planning purposes, please advise Paul whether you will attend.

Program: Tim Farrell of Wilderness Safaris (see photo next page) www.wilderness-safaris.com

Mr Farrell, a game ranger in South Africa for years, led the club through a fascinating virtual safari of various of Wilderness Safaris' properties in Africa. Tim started with a graphic of the relative size of Africa showing that the continent could contain all of China, the US (except Alaska and Hawaii), India, France, Spain, Italy, Germany, etc. And who would have believed that "wilderness" camping would include tents with Jacuzzis? The photos of both wildlife and the campsites were truly stunning.

- ***NEXT MEETING: Friday, December 13, 2013 – Marly's in Wilton***

