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Fourteen Wilton Rotarians gather for lunch with our speaker Dr. Les de Villiers. The Club held a moment of silence in honor of the passing of President George H. W. Bush and in remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day.

Announcements:

1. Rotarians distributed atlases to Wilton fourth graders on Dec. 5. Thanks to all who participated in the distribution and labeling of the books.
2. The Rotary's entry for the Library gingerbread house contest will be on display until Jan 2 at the Library. Viewers can vote for their favorite. Below is a "before" picture of the Rotary Gazebo, depicted in gingerbread. We understand that the roof may have suffered under the weight of the candy sprinkles.
3. There will be no meetings on Dec. 21 and 28. The next fundraiser luncheon at Wayback Burgers will be on Jan. 24, 2019.
4. Bud had the winning ticket in the raffle, but he did not draw the winning card that would have entitled him to take home the \$105 pot.

Program: Be Gentle to the Giants

Dr. de Villiers is a native of South Africa who has lived in New Canaan for the past thirty years. A hunter turned wildlife photographer, he operates safaris to wildlife preserves in Africa. He provided information about the lives of elephants and the ongoing slaughter of elephants for their tusks to be used in the ivory trade. He estimated that there are 350,000 elephants left alive in the wild but that 33,000 are illegally killed each year for their tusks. He advised that if anyone wishes to support programs to protect elephants, National Geographic and certain safari companies have on the ground protections efforts in Africa. Dr. de Villiers website is www.theultimatesafari.com.

NEXT MEETING – Friday, December 14 at Rolling Hills Country Club

