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Announcements:

- December 16th is the Holiday Party at Richard's house and the directions are on the website. Bring flashlights, as it is quite dark. See web for food assignments – we have about 40 coming.
- December 15th and 29th – no meeting
- December 22nd – Holiday Lunch/Grab Bag at Silvermine
- Kevin asked if we have given thought to giving gifts to other people – Children's Connection is accepting unwrapped gifts for kids in several cities. Marissa said they have a bank of gifts. We will stick with grab bag this year but think of doing gifts for others next year. Teen Center will accept gifts for Children's Connection, if anyone is so inclined.
- John said work on dictionaries will go on Monday at the Library at 4 pm.
- Pat said the senior protection project is going along – we have 8 or 9 teams working to visit and install equipment
- Frank visited the Kiwanis Club and the Wilton Villager had an article about Haiti this week and Wilton Bulletin will cover it next week.
- Charles said Frank Whitman (innkeeper) has proposed an increase in our lunch fee to \$15 (from \$12) – but he negotiated \$14 per week starting in January. The last increase was 4-5 years ago. New Canaan charges \$20, but there is a choice of several things. Ron felt that the meals have deteriorated. Perhaps we can improve them at the higher price.

Today's Program:

Marissa Lilliedahl, executive director from Trackside, spoke about the teen center, its mission, the renovation funded by Ambler Trust, the layout. She spoke as well about the programs that take place at Trackside, including the Youth Forum (United Way grant) this coming spring to discuss underage drinking, peer pressure (the need to achieve), eating disorders and other issues plus positive choices. They do programs with Youth to Youth as well – remaining drug and alcohol. The building is a great facility for teens, but it is also a base for community groups to hold programs and meetings. Trackside coordinates with Wilton Youth Council, Wilton Social Services, and Wilton Youth Services.

Marissa thanked Paul for his help with promotion for the Band Night. She said that Route 7 construction is a challenge. School buses drop students off and 7th/8th graders must go home with a parent. She would like a swipe card system to keep track of the kids. She is there all the time – program director helps with the programming.

No meeting on December 15th – hope to see you at Richard Kent's home next Saturday, if not before!

See → <http://www.wiltonrotaryclub.org/dir2rkent.html> for directions