



## **Wilton Rotary Drummer**

**Wilton, Connecticut USA District 7980**

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***Our 31st Year of Service!***

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President Paul presided over the meeting with 22 Rotarians and 1 guest in attendance:  
Gary Richards our speaker and retiring Wilton School Superintendent.

### **Announcements:**

1. Pat Russo showed his recently acquired experience when he inducted another new Wilton Rotary Club member David Taylor. Welcome David!
2. President Paul praised Patty Sweeney for her exemplary execution of her duties as Club Treasurer.
3. Karen reminded club members to continue to open their hearts and wallets and give to the Rotary Foundation. If you have any questions as to how you might donate see the recent e-mail from Karen, visit the Rotary website, or speak with Karen.
4. President Paul announced (due to forecasted weather) the postponement of the Holiday Party. Please RSVP to Paul if you plan on attending the Party now moved to 12/21. Yes that is next Saturday. President Paul has reaffirmed his partying nature by leaving the end of the party open. I think the phrase used was '4:30 pm to whenever.'
5. The Holiday Grab Bag (\$20 limit) will take place at our next meeting - Friday 12/20.
6. Wilton Social Services has asked the club to commit to \$500 worth of gift cards for children in Wilton. We have dedicated Fun & Fines for November & December to this effort - our board has agreed to cover any shortfall.

### **Speaker:**

**Wilton School Superintendent & Connecticut's 2013 Superintendent of the Year,  
Paul Harris Fellow - Dr. Gary Richards**

Dr. Richards spoke to us eloquently about the role(s) of the Superintendent and how it and the regulatory requirements of education have grown over his near thirty years of Superintending. He first reviewed with us the long list of responsibilities a Superintendent has; from chief educator, to running an enormous food service, to the largest public transportation in town, to being the schools' public information officer, and child care. The Superintendent watches over a student body of some 4,200 strong, 650 employees, and deals with 4 unions.

Dr. Richards the 'Chief Executive Officer of our future' – will be retiring at the end of this school year.

(Thanks to Karen Strickland for picture next page)

***Holiday Grab Bag at our next meeting Friday 12/20 at Marly's.***



*Club President Paul Burnham (left) with Wilton School Superintendent, Dr. Gary Richards*