



## **Wilton Rotary Drummer**

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Noon on the eighteenth of December found 16 or so Wilton Rotarians bravely trudging through brilliant sunshine towards Marly's for the final 2015 meeting of the Wilton Rotary Club. After all had assembled President Richard, in an attempt to bring some level of seasonal mirth to the occasion, announced that the club's ongoing efforts to bring a proper level of decorum to our December meetings by limiting to the point of curtailing the consumption of egg nog had now been completed successfully. His suggestion that he form a study committee to investigate whether McCallan's should be next was voted down by the margin of fifteen in favor and one opposed.

### **Other announcements:**

There was no December Board meeting due to scheduling conflicts. President Richard reported that the Grants Committee had met and that the Directors, and perhaps the Trustees, will meet on January 21 to take up its recommendations.

Kudos once again to Pat Russo, who received a District award on December 7 at the Norman Parsells Luncheon at The Stone Barn in Monroe.

Elaine reported that the annual dictionary project has been completed, and all Wilton third graders now have their dictionaries with their names and a Rotary logo inscribed. Thanks to Paul H. for the printing and to Elaine and her team for the implementation.

Richard announced that Laila is now in charge of booking speakers. If you have any suggestions, be sure to reach out to her.

Richard presented Camille with a special and well deserved holiday gift from the Club.

Beth spoke of the current whereabouts of her surrogate daughter Elise, who is now with her second host family. She (the pronoun refers to both Beth and Elise) seems quite happy. It was decided that the Club should be buying Elise a Christmas Gift and our Treasurer, who was still occupied with his McCallan's and not paying close attention, was so informed.

**Despite the lack of egg nog, a record number patronized the 50-50 raffle and Bud sold a record number of tickets. The winner was Camille, however Bud was too unkind to mark the joker for her, and so the pot keeps building – well over \$200 to the winner.**

**MAIN EVENT: The annual gift exchange – everyone left with something better than he or she brought – a happy occurrence – must have been the lack of egg nog, but certainly not the presence of so much Mc Callan’s.**

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, January 8, 2016. See you then and there.**

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***Regrettably, we learned that Bill Seebeck died a few days prior to the meeting. Bill was a member of our Club for several years in the 1990s, before leaving Wilton in 2000. Bill will be remembered for his extremely faithful renditions of Rodney Dangerfield’s “I get no respect” monologues – which he delivered to us at Christmas parties and at least once to the District itself. He was also, for a time, the voice of Richard Nixon on Don Imus’ morning radio show. A good man and a darn fine Rotarian, we extend our condolences to his family and current circle of friends and acquaintances.***