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President Paul convened the final Wilton Rotary meeting of 2013, a Club Assembly, with 8 Rotarians in attendance and one guest, Sandy Dennies who is CFO for the Town of Wilton.

Announcements:

Thank you notes have been received from NRVT, Wilton Library and Social Services for Rotary recent grant awards to those organizations. Over 100 children needed assistance to enjoy the holidays, and we collected \$544 from Fun N Fines to fulfill our \$500 commitment to Social Services for gift cards for them. The \$44 balance will go into the club's reserve fund.

Happy Dollar announcements: Judy White's granddaughter was accepted into 5 of the 6 colleges she applied to; Sandy's 39th (or so) birthday was yesterday; Andy broke down and purchased 2 generators, one for his family and one for his mother (what a guy!); Paul Hafter's Jeep Cherokee cracked the 120,000 mile mark, taking a licking but still ticking; President Paul thanked those who attended the holiday party last Saturday at his home, it was a good time, good food, good fellowship (we assume no one fell into the sinkhole).

Program:

Being a club assembly, President Paul unexpectedly called upon several Rotarians to give extemporaneous reports on areas they are deemed responsible for overseeing. Even unsuspecting guest Sandy Dennies was impressed into service to recap major milestones this past year from the Town's perspective. She did a very admirable job, discussing Wilton's strong financial status, the potential disruption to Wilton Center when Yankee Gas begins construction on the pipeline, and other civic matters. Pat talked about Community Service projects such as continuation of the Senior Protection Plan, where 330 households will be notified that they are eligible for free smoke detectors and Rotary will install about 30-40. Club fundraiser at Marly's is Feb. 25th, need PR and printed materials to promote having dinner there that night to support Philippine relief and Rotary's other international projects. Richard discussed the 2014 Crafts Fair working with Luis, Susan G., Elaine, Patty and Judy on letters to vendors/silent auction/etc. Event may need to be relocated depending on Yankee Gas work, question on vendor discounts due to last year's rainout, Board will discuss. Patty assured us that our Treasury is in very good shape. Karen said Brazilian Youth Exchange student arrives Jan. 17 and will attend meeting in Feb., would be nice to apply for DMG project if possible before funds run out, reports from outbound exchange students being sought; Karen and President Paul urged contributions to RI Annual Fund (it allegedly takes only 8 minutes to donate online). Andy announced many excellent speakers coming up next year so don't miss any meetings; President Paul marks 20 years of perfect attendance this week (he's sure to get a pin from ADG Hendrickson one of these days), and he's very privileged to be a Rotarian.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE - NEXT MEETING: Friday, January 3, 2014