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Today's post-Christmas/pre-New Year's meeting was intimate with 10 Wilton Rotarians in attendance. Along with yours truly, Paul Burnham, Bob Mills, Frank Spencer, Ron Barlow, Bud Boucher, Kathy Leeds, Debbie Gran, Bill Meehan, and Patty Sweeney are to be commended for ending 2012 with one of Marly's delicious lunches while enjoying Rotary fellowship. Since no speaker was scheduled, the program was a combination of announcements and an open forum. Ron Barlow won the attendance prize (the odds were good today at 1 in 10) and a few Secret Santa gifts were belatedly given out.

**Announcements & Discussion:**

- Hope everyone celebrating Christmas had a wonderful day on Tuesday
- Deepest sympathies to Diane and Paul Hafter on the loss of Diane's sister Hildy last week
- Highlights of the hot-off-the-press January issue of The Rotarian Magazine:
  - a) Cover story: Wake up and live your dreams. The greatest threat to the pursuit of happiness is doing nothing. Take a risk, be adventurous, just do it. Read about those who made some epic journeys
  - b) Article on the value of Youth Exchange
  - c) Along with other musicians, Ziggy Marley supports polio eradication by contributing a song to Rotary's new album End Polio Now. Available as iTunes download or CD through [shop.rotary.org](http://shop.rotary.org)
  - d) Did you know that musician Neil Young is a polio survivor?
  - e) Learn more about what's good and bad about fracking
  - f) Factoids for small talk: ebooks now account for 14% of all book purchases up from 4% a year ago; \$8.6 trillion is spent each year worldwide on unwanted Xmas gifts; 1<sup>st</sup> Interact Club was founded in Nov. '62, Melbourne, FL
- Memorial gift for Charles Jones: Bench by town tennis courts has been proposed, Bill Meehan will follow up
- Board will discuss amount/timing of club contribution to Sandy Hook fund
- Some considerations for joint fundraiser with Kiwanis in 2013: time of year, type of event, beneficiary, who will organize
- RI is sponsoring trip to India for a National Polio Immunization day: Feb. 15-26, \$2400 plus airfare. Chance to do some hands-on work for this important project
- Rotary Foundation giving – Every Rotarian, Every Year. Please make Rotary one of your charities of choice and give a personal gift to the Foundation this year before the tax laws change. The SHARE fund is what supports the many humanitarian projects Rotary sponsors in our District and around the world. Donate online at [www.rotary.org/contribute](http://www.rotary.org/contribute) or get form from Karen as Foundation Chair and mail in with payment. Consider being a sustaining member by committing to \$100 per year.
- Remember to bring a guest as a prospective new member, invite someone to share the rewards of Rotary

***NEXT MEETING: Friday, January 4, 2013 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!***