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Happy New Year!

President Frank Spencer presiding at Marley's, with 24 Rotarians in attendance.

Announcements:

1. **Joint Meeting with New Canaan Rotary Jan. 26th**: The regular Club meeting for the week of January 23rd will take place in conjunction with the New Canaan Rotary Club on Thursday, Jan. 26th, 12 noon, Roger Sherman Inn. Cost is \$25. Please email Frank by next Friday if you plan to attend.
2. **Christmas Baskets:** Patrick expressed thanks to the Rotarians and other groups who helped distribute food baskets to many families in Wilton just before Christmas.
3. **Wine Tasting Fundraiser:** Committee Chair Bud requested committee members attend a meeting at 11:30 AM on Friday, Jan. 13th, at Marly's.
4. **Bridgeport Sound Tigers Outing:** Sunday, February 12th, 3 PM, Webster Bank Arena. Tickets are \$20, with \$7 of each ticket sold going to the District's Polio Plus effort. Come out for some Rotary Fellowship and fun, all while supporting a good cause! Please see Wendy if you would like to buy a ticket(s).
5. **Membership Recruitment:** Matt reminded everyone to take a look at the distributing list that has been sent out to the membership. This will form the basis of the outreach to Wilton businesses. If you personally know someone on the list, please let Matt know, as a personal note from you in the letter will make the appeal much more effective.

6. **Resignation:** Mark Koler has resigned from the Club due to the commitments of his business, which are taking him from New York to China and back frequently. We wish him the best of luck – in his 10+ years as a member, he was a very dedicated Rotarian and is great guy. Hopefully he can return for a visit in the future (on a personal note, I brought Mark into the Club).

Today's Program

Tracey Zhu of the Connecticut Chinese Culture Association (CCCA) made a presentation to us on the “Renaissance of Traditional Chinese Culture.” The CCCA is a federally registered (501)(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission of promoting cultural exchange and serving the Asian community and the general public in Connecticut. Tracey highlighted developments in Chinese culture over the past 5,000 years, including the effect of the Cultural Revolution and the impact China has had throughout the world. China is a very important culture and country for us to understand, as they are a huge political, military and economic force. For more information, visit www.ctchinese.org.

See you Friday at Marley'sBill