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Led by President Christene Freedman, 16 Rotarians braved 28-degree temperatures to enjoy the warm fellowship at Rolling Hills CC.

## **Announcements**

### **1. Upcoming Events**

- **January 24: Wayback Burgers Fundraiser to benefit Wilton Rotary**, 11 AM to 9 PM.
- **January 26: Wilton Library's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mini-Golf Fundraising Event**, 10 AM to 4 PM. Please sign up for a shift.
- **January 27: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wilton Chamber of Commerce Winter Carnival** – The club will host the bonfire, hot chocolate event at Schenck's Island from 12 noon to 4 PM.
- **March 16-17: Kick Off Event to American Legion Centennial**, Post 86, 112 Old Ridgefield Road. Times TBD.
- **April 16-17: Red Sox at Yankees!** First of 20 games this season – GO RED SOX!
- **May 17- 19: Rotary District 7980 Conference and Assembly**, Heritage Hotel and Conference Center, Southbury

### **2. Message from DG Larry Gardner**

"January is Vocational Service Month and provides us all an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities in our communities. We should promote vocational awareness, have programs that celebrate our community leaders and the unsung heroes that intuitively live through their selfless work in support of others."

## **Today's Program**

Renee Dobos, CEO of Connecticut Housing Partners (CHP), gave us an introduction and overview to the organization, whose mission "is to create and sustain innovative housing, revitalize neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life for low and moderate-income residents." Since the 1980's, CHP developments and programs have produced more than \$100 million in community investments and provided safe, secure, affordable housing to more than 1,000 residents. Today, with 508 units in 15 developments, they are one of the area's most active producers and managers of affordable housing. Among its portfolio of properties are Wilton Commons and Wilton Commons Congregate, a 73-unit community adjacent to the Trackside Teen Center and Wilton Train Station. For more information, visit [cthousingpartners.org](http://cthousingpartners.org)

***NEXT MEETING: Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:15, at Rolling Hills Country Club***