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They rolled out extra chairs at Rolling Hills as 20 souls joined in the celebration of Rotary Fellowship.

Announcements:

- The Y's Swamp Romp is coming up. If you would like to support Pres. Christene's jumping into the icy Kiwanis Pond, please be sure to send her a note.
- Depending on when you get this, feel free to join us at the library on Saturday to volunteer for mini golf duties, or join us on Sunday for the Chamber's Winter Festival.
- As happens on the fourth Thursday of each month, Wayback Burgers donated a portion of sales to Rotary. February will be different, with Rotary day being on Wednesday February 20th. Please support Wayback then.
- Pam needs volunteers to help make Valentines for Veterans on February 3 from 12 to 1:30 at the Hillside Cemetery.
- Michael noted that People's was offering no interest loans to those affected by the federal government shutdown. Thank God the government is back in business, but who knows what happens in three weeks.
- The raffle prize was \$149, but Michael's five of spades wasn't even close. Loser.
- Richard is off on a long trip, heading to the West Coast and then to New Zealand. He will be back in a month with numerous Rotary flags. Have a great trip, Richard.
- Prospective member Kevin McMullen gave his bio.

Program: Wilton Heights

Our guest speaker was Paxton Kinol, a partner in the proposed Wilton Heights development. He is the chief investment officer with the development firm responsible for Waypointe in Norwalk and numerous developments in Stamford.

Paxton, who used to work at Avalon, provided background on the proposed development. It will consist of 74 residential apartments, all two-bedrooms, with retail on the first floor. Apartments will range from 1200 to 1500 square feet, and are targeted at those over 55, with an expected occupancy primarily by people over 65. As was mentioned at the last Rotary board meeting, this excludes Carol Johnson for at least a few decades.



Paxton also told the meeting of the possibility of numerous other developments along Route 7, many of which he had considered before choosing the current Crossways location as his preferred site. He also said that his company will pay for traffic calming islands on Route 7 and is calling on the town to improve crosswalks among other measures.

For those who pay taxes in town, Paxton noted the impact on Norwalk of Waypointe, with tax revenue going from approximately \$160,000 to more than \$2 million.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 1 at Rolling Hills.