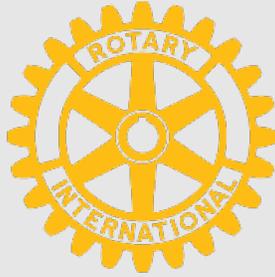


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The 13 best-looking Rotarians in the world gathered Friday to share fellowship and make-up tips at Marly's. They were even better looking when they left than they were when they arrived (alternative facts).

Announcements:

- We received a thank you note from the Guatemala orphanage for our donation. Frank is visiting right now.
- For those who like spoiling a good walk by bringing golf clubs, the Wilton Chamber golf outing is on 5/8 at Rolling Hills (\$250 per, see Carol) and the New Canaan Chamber golf event at the Country Club of New Canaan is on 5/11 (\$300 per, see Paul B, with a portion of the fee donated to the Foundation in our name).
- Bud is collecting donations at next Friday's meeting for Forgotten Heroes at Madaras House and Homes for the Brave. No cash, ask Bud what you can give.
- Fortunately for world peace and the next generation, Rotary builds bridges, not walls. The effect of his experience on our outbound Rotary youth exchange student, Grant Hussey, was so profound, his parents donated \$2,500 to Rotary with a matching grant for the same amount from their employer.
- Police awards at Trackside are scheduled for 3/13.
- The smoke/CO detector program is moving ahead, with 15 requests already received. If you can handle a drill without having to involve paramedics, Pat could use your help in late Feb/early March.
- Paul B won the right to be the loser at the raffle drawing. The pot is now \$96.22 million, tax-free.

Upcoming events (see Pres. Bud):

2/16 — Board meeting (open to all)	3/13 — Wilton Police awards
4/28-30 — 2017 Rotary District Conference	5/02 — Annual Town Meeting
5/08 — Wilton Chamber golf outing	5/11 — New Canaan Rotary golf outing
5/27 — Arts and Crafts Show	6/10-14 — RI Convention , Atlanta GA

Program: CT Challenge

Volunteer Coordinator Lara Linsenmeyer spoke to us of the work supported by the [CT Challenge](#), a ride of varying distances from 10 to 100 miles. It begins and ends at the Fairfield County Hunt Club in Westport, and has raised millions to help the 14.5 million cancer survivors in the US. This year's ride is on July 29, with the festivities beginning on July 28.

The Challenge was cofounded in 2005 by a survivor of childhood cancer who also started *Swim across the Sound* and *Swim across America*. He realized that there were few resources available to support survivors after treatment is complete. The event supports programs designed to "equip all who battle cancer with the exercise, nutrition and mind-body knowledge, tools and community needed to live life vibrantly," including through funding a local mammography bus. Most recently, the Center for Survivorship in Westport was established so survivors have access to fitness at minimal cost.

Last year, more than 1,200 riders and more than 500 volunteers came together to raise more than \$2 million for the mission. Lara asked for our help this year. She would like to have teams of riders at any of the distances, and also needs volunteers for the two days. You won't need to stay for the whole event, an hour or two will help. For more information, [please contact Lara](#).

NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 3 at Marly's

