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With Rolling Hills out of action for two weeks, thirteen Wilton Rotarians, District Membership Chair Ron Holtz and speakers Lori Berisford and Emily Pambianchi of SPHERE, met for a luscious mid-day feast at the graceful and historic Wilton Congregational Church.

Announcements:

- **NO MEETING FEBRUARY 15** – Andy is off the hook for Drummer duty but all pitchers and catchers should be in camp.
- **February 19, 6 to 8:30 p.m. - District-wide Rotary Builds Business Event** at the Supercharged Indoor Karting and Trampoline Park, 1 Sachatello Industrial Drive, Montville.
- **February 20 and March 20 – Wayback Burger days.**
- **March 15 YMCA Swamp Romp** – Cheer on President Christene as she defies sub-zero conditions, dives through Wilton Y Pond icebergs and is generally heroic in this event to raise funds for the Y Youth Development Programs.
- **May 17 – 19 – Rotary District 7980 Conference and Assembly** at Heritage Hotel and Conference Center, Southbury.
- Ron Holtz encouraged the Club to be proactive in reaching out to potential members by, e.g., inviting guests to club meetings and events.
- Woodcock Nature Center and the Wilton Youth Council thanked the Club for recent grants.
- Zoey Kim will be the Club's representative at RYLA.
- The Club thanks Pat for again choosing the wrong card as the raffle matures to \$194.

PROGRAM: Lori Berisford and Emily Pambianchi of SPHERE

Founded in 1987, Sphere provides programs involving education, entertainment, recreation and the arts to adults with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities. Lori serves as Sphere's President and Board Chairman. Emily is SPHERE's Program Lead for Communication and Social Media. Together they described a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to enriching the lives of adults with disabilities. SPHERE's members have aged out of the public school system, ending the social, creative and educational support the system provided. Seeing the need, in 1987, a number of families in the Ridgefield area did something. SPHERE was formed to help this population. SPHERE has grown to now operate a diverse schedule of programs for its adult members at various locations in the area. Programs involve, for example, education, art, crafts, recreation, and cooking. SPHERE is supported by private donations, not government funding. For more information see www.spherect.org.

NEXT MEETING: – Lunch Meeting, Friday, February 22, 12:15 at ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB