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At 12:10 on Friday, it looked like the Rotary meeting would be intimate and uncharacteristically quiet. Only five Rotarians were present. No speaker was scheduled. Marly's had not even posted the lunch menu. But then good fortune smiled on the Wilton Rotary. Jim Patterson, District Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, appeared as an unannounced guest and agreed to speak. Thirteen Rotarians showed up, and Marly's did serve lunch. (Sadly, the good fortune did not extend to Andy Mais, who drew the 10 of Hearts in the raffle.)

Announcements:

- 1. Donation to Wilton Library.** The hot dog sale at the Library Book Fundraiser on April 22 raised \$348, which was contributed to the Library.
- 2. Craft Fair.** We are still looking for crafters, as fewer than 10 have signed up so far. Please encourage any crafters you know to complete an application at the Wilton Rotary web site.
- 3. Board Action.** The Board approved a donation of \$150 toward the planting of a tree in front of the Fairfield County Bank in memory of Barbara Quincy, a long-time Wilton resident who died in Aug. 2016. She was an advocate for many causes, including the Wilton Commons, Tree Committee, and Arbor Day events, and served on the Town Planning and Zoning Committee.
- 4. Wilton Go Green.** See Andy Mais if you can assist on May 7 in the set up (7-9 am) or the tear down (4-6 pm).
- 5. Chamber of Commerce After Hours.** On May 18, Beth Edwards will be the host at her new offices at 992 Danbury Road, Wilton.
- 6. Kick for Nick.** President Bud noted the 10th anniversary of the Kick for Nick campaign. More than 48,000 soccer balls have been distributed to children in 39 countries.
- 7. The Pot Rolls Over Again.** As noted above, Andy drew the 10 of Hearts. The pot stands at \$72.

Upcoming Events (See Pres. Bud)

5/11 - New Canaan Rotary golf outing	5/18 - Board Meeting
5/27 - Arts and Crafts Show	6/10-14 - RI Convention, Atlanta, GA
6/14 - Rose Sale	6/22 Wilton Rotary Installation Dinner
9/15-17 - Carnival	

Program: Boy Scouts of America.

Jim Patterson, who worked more than 20 years in the advertising business, recently joined the Boy Scouts of America – CT Yankee Council, as District Executive of the Powahay District, which includes Stamford, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, and Wilton. Jim's interest in scouting grew from his son's experiences as a Cub Scout, and he works with Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Explorer Troops. Wilton has two Boy Scout and an Explorer Troop that is associated with the local police department. Both boys and girls can join Explorer Troops. The Boy Scouts are trying to develop Explorer groups in conjunction with local businesses so that members can learn about possible careers. The Yankee Council web site is: <https://www.ctyankee.org>.

NEXT MEETING – Friday, May 5 – 12:15 at Marly's.