



**Wilton Rotary Drummer**  
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Sixteen Wilton Rotarians, John Hendrickson of the Westport Sunrise Rotary Club, guest and potential new member Michael Smith of Peoples' Bank, and our guest speakers Janet Ettele and Gary Lefkowich gathered for lunch at Marly's.

**Announcements:**

1. Christene reported that the Board approved an increase in annual dues from \$235 to \$240 starting with the July 1 Rotary year. The portion of the dues payable to the District and Rotary International have increased. Marly's Restaurant is being sold, and the Club will change its meeting venue starting July 20 to the Rolling Hills Country Club in Wilton. The cost for lunch will be \$26, which will include a wider selection of entrees and soft drinks and ice tea.
2. The ongoing Club fundraiser at Jake's Wayback Burgers, 607 Main St., Norwalk (Rt. 7, just south of Tavern on 7) continues on Thursday, May 24 at 12:15. There will be no meeting on Friday, May 25.
3. The Club will participate in the Memorial Day Parade on May 28 and ceremony at Hillside Cemetery to honor James B. Whipple, the first Wilton serviceman to give his life in World War I. The Club will man a water station at the Cemetery.
4. The Wilton Rotary Installation Dinner is June 13 at the Rolling Hills Country Club. Treasurer Andy requests that Rotarians pay the \$60 cost in advance, so that we are not collecting money at the event.
5. Laila Khouri was promoted by Peoples' Bank and has been transferred from the Wilton office to Bridgeport. She has resigned from the Wilton Club, and Beth Edwards and Pam Brown will serve as Co-Chairs of the Speaker Committee. John Hendrickson is moving to Scottsdale, AZ, but he will remain a member of the Westport Sunrise Club and promises to return and join us for lunch in Wilton.
6. The Carnival is scheduled for Sept. 14-16.

## **Program: Inner Peace as a Way of Life**

Janet Etele and Gary Lefkovich performed two of their original compositions as introduction to Janet's discussion. Janet is an author and musician, and Gary is a record producer. Janet discussed the every-day practicality of things observed in daily life through the lens offered in the Buddhist philosophical view to cultivate inner peace, a necessary ingredient for world peace – applicable to anyone regardless of faith or tradition. There is more information about her philosophy and books at [janetetele.com](http://janetetele.com).

***NEXT MEETING – Fundraiser Thursday May 24 at Wayback Burgers. No Meeting Friday.***