



Wilton Rotary Drummer
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Guests: Dr. Tom Nipper from Newtown Rotary

Announcements:

- Dr. Nipper promoted the Newtown Club's Golf outing on 9/13 at Tashua Knolls – he offered brochures and sponsorship opportunities.
- Carnival – September 17/18/19 – we need ALL club members to participate. Pat Russo will circulate a sign-up sheet very soon.

Fun & Fines – After 20 years Paul Burnham has finally opened an office in Wilton!

Program: – Nancy McCormick (Manager) and Leslie Wolf (President) – ITN – www.ITNCoastalCT.com

Offering rides to those aged 60+, ITNCoastalCT is a local affiliate of the national ITN (Independent Transportation Network).

- National network started in Maine in the 1980's.
- The local chapter here will serve – Fairfield, Easton, Weston, Wilton, Westport and Norwalk.
- The goal is to fund raise 50% of every ride – balance coming from community support.
- They plan to be a 24/7 operation offering rides even for what would be considered mundane and non-essential travel so that seniors (how did 60+ become senior???) who have difficulty or the inability to drive can have the opportunity to live a more vibrant life.
- ITNCoastalCT is looking for volunteer drivers as well as Board members.
- Launching in our area this fall.
- The goal is for 80% of rides to be driven by volunteer drivers.
- Drivers get credit for the miles they drive and then can dip into the pool to have rides for others when desired.
- No tipping policy.
- Annual membership is \$ 65.00 plus a pickup charge and mileage charge. Discount ride sharing, discount for advance planning. They also offer family memberships, individual memberships, and car trading programs.
- Average cost is about \$ 10/ride which is roughly half the cost of a taxi ride.
- Average age of riders nationwide is 83 years of age.

See you next Friday at Marly's