



## Wilton Rotary Drummer

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Fifteen Rotarians, including John Hendrickson, attended the meeting. Patrick Russo's wife, Mary, joined us as a guest.

### Announcements:

- Carol Johnson has been appointed Rotary Foundation Representative for Area 2, for a three-year term.
- Frank Spencer continues to recuperate at Yale-New Haven Hospital from injuries in a motorcycle accident. He hopes to return home soon.
- Patrick Russo reported that approximately 20 sponsors have purchased banners that will be displayed in front of the rides at the Carnival next weekend, September 17 to 19. He is continuing to follow up with several potential sponsors.
- Patrick also advised that we still need greeters/wristband helpers for the 12 to 5 shift at the Carnival on Saturday. He has posters available for members to put up on bulletin boards.
- President Richard reported that the District is seeking assistance in the various youth programs it sponsors. Please contact Richard if you are interested. There is a district-wide meeting on September 20.
- The Devon Rotary Club will hold an October fest in Milford on October 27, which will include a Bratwurst eating contest. Contact Richard if you are interested in organizing a team for the event.
- President Richard asks Club Member to make an effort to attend the weekly luncheon meetings, as a courtesy to our speakers. Attendance was light during the summer.

### Program:

Husband and wife Rindy Higgins and William Armstrong spoke about Rindy's recent book: "Against the Current – How Albert Schweitzer Inspired a Young Man's Journey." The book recounts the story of Rindy's first cousin, Mark Higgins, who in 1959 at the age of 18 postponed college and traveled to what is now Gabon in West Africa and became the first student staff member at the hospital run by Dr. Albert Schweitzer. Dr. Schweitzer was a medical missionary, philosopher, and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952. Mark worked as a handyman at the hospital, trained

to be a medical technician, and “discovered the blessing of service.” After a year of work at the hospital, Mark started a trip to Israel overland through the Belgian Congo. Sadly, he was killed in the Congo in 1960 during the warfare surrounding the country’s move toward independence. Mark’s dedication to service was the subject of articles in Life and Look magazines and may have inspired President John F. Kennedy to establish the Peace Corps after he was elected in 1961.

***NEXT MEETING – Friday, September 18 – 12:15 at Marly’s***