**The Whipping Post**

Rotary meeting held 10/16/14

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**Breaking News!!!**

We met at the wonderful, delicious and filling Wood’s BBQ Pit for lunch! I can even see through the BBQ sauce on my notes to complete this edition of The Whipping Post! (a bonus!)

Our honored guests for the day: Fred Colson, current Economic Development Committee member and former CFO of Forman School and our intrepid First Selectman, Leo Paul!

David Pavlick still has Stop and Shop Cards to sell which benefit the Litchfield Education Association. Get your groceries and help out a great cause! And, don’t forget, Christmas is coming – less than 2 months away!

Cliff Cooper updated us on the Greenway Project. The September hearing was well attended and the topic was continued till 10/20/14. We are so close to seeing this project come to life in the Ghost Trail area!

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The Rotary International United Way Day in NY is being held on 11/1/2014. Lynne Alexander contacted our High School Interact Club and urged them to attend. She also spoke to the Interact Advisor about the Youth Exchange program. Maybe we will have a student to send overseas next year!!

The District Grant – drumroll please!

Money has freed up and Lynne Alexander put it out to the club if we wanted to try again for this year or ramp up for a second attempt next year. Next year it is!! Look out Rotary – here we come!

The Golf Tournament – final information! We split the proceeds with the Lions and Rotary both clearing $4,400.00! Bob Kluge did an absolutely incredible job on this!!!

Save the date: Next year’s golf tournament will be on 05/22/2015!!



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**Our illustrious guest speaker:**

Our very own….. Diane Blick, Probate Court Judge

Mitchell Fishman did a wonderful job introducing Diane – he even managed to include an impromptu Latin lesson! And, before you ask, YES there will be a test at the next meeting!

Diane filled us in on all of the aspects of what the Probate Court does on a daily basis – it is much, much more than just dealing with Estates! In fact, the Probate Court covers 75 different areas not just wills and probate.

She educated us on the new Wellmore Program which involves helping to maintain and rehabilitate a family so that children do not need to be removed from their homes. They are also able to assist seniors to help them get home care rather than staying in a nursing home. Home care is less expensive for the state and better for the seniors as they get to stay in an environment they know and are comfortable in. The Probate Court looks to care for individuals in the least restrictive way possible.

As always, Diane was able to give us great, eye-opening information!

As we were off-site, our Sergeant at Arms gave us all a free pass!! Woot Woo!

Our next meeting is 11/6/14 and we will be at Forman School. With that said – make sure you remember your pins, happy dollars and to make sure to leave belts with boats, pink shirts and your motorcycle at home