



Bug Light
South Portland

TWO LIGHTS

South Portland - Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club
On the Maine coast



Portland Head Light
Cape Elizabeth

Wednesday 6:15 p.m. at Purpoodock Club, Spurwink Avenue, Cape Elizabeth

March 7, 1990 meeting

Housekeeping Items:

We had five guests with us at the March 7th meeting. Introduced were Bonnie Lord from the Maine Mall club, Chuck O'Neil (son of Bill O'Neil), Andre Lavoisier (son of Bob Lavoisier), Geof Neff (friend of Tony Wagner), and Larry Collins (friend of Dave Smith).

Perfect Attendance pins were bestowed on Tim Thompson (1 year), Mike McGovern (2 years), and Bill York (17 years). Way to go guys!

Bob Flynn conducted the Raffle for a 50/50 prize. Jackie Critchley won (Two in a row ??? com'on Jackie give us a break !!!)

Happy Dollars were collected from:

- Harry Russel - promotion at the office
- Bill O'Neil - wish for a "big strong son" was realized
- Sam Giftos (3 dollars) - unfortunate break in perfect attendance due to his surgery but he is starting again fresh - birth of a grandson - Dan Mooers is at the District Governor's convention
- Tony Wagner - Dick Rawlins (former club member) misses us and would like to return from Manchester sometime to visit
- Mick Maher - "something special" ???
- Dan Bruzgo - his company will pay for his Rotary membership
- Dick Jordan - 1st week of retirement felt great
- Jackie Critchley - winning two raffles in a row
- Bill Kourakos (unhappy) - Jackie gained back a pound

Club Announcements:

President Jack read the thank letter from the Cerebral Palsy Foundation of Portland for last weeks donation to the fund.

A reminder to members to fill out the forms for Outstanding Citizens of South Portland/ Cape Elizabeth that accompanied last week's

bulletin. Nominations are due back at the March 14th meeting.

Bob Carson reminded everyone to fill out the District Fellowship interest survey forms (on the table) for Doug Stewart.

Joe Conroy reminded members about the District assembly coming up on May 19th at the Spring Street Holiday Inn in Portland. This is an opportunity to learn more about Rotary and other clubs in the District. Incoming officers should definitely plan to attend.

President Jack surveyed the members present and got a good reponse on having Kids Night on May 30th.

This year's Softball Marathon is scheduled for May 5 - 6 to benefit Pine Tree Crippled Children. Please let President Jack know if you prefer to play Saturday or Sunday at the next meeting.

Mike McGovern announced that the challenge to visit clubs more than 100 miles away has been accepted and is being organized. Chris Newell will have a van available and a sign up sheet will be at the March 14th meeting. The clubs chosen to visit are Wellsley Mass. on April 20th, and Old Town on April 26th. We need at least 10 members for each trip; so sign up !!!

Mick Maher announced that there are just two weeks left to purchase Rotary memorabilia.

March 21st meeting will be a Club Forum. The format will be an "OPEN" forum.

Upcoming Duties:

March 14th : Program - Flynn
Raffle - Carson
Sgt. at Arms - Dube

March 21st : Program - Club Forum
Raffle - Connell
Sgt at Arms - Kane

March 28th : Program - Pappas
Raffle - Conroy
Sgt. at Arms - Stanton

Club Officers as of 03/07/90
President: Jack
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Rotary News :

Doug Stewart still needs to fill a couple of vacant spots to visit clubs within our district to present and collect a survey for this year's Fellowship project. The open spots include the Bethel Club (meets Tuesday's at 7:30 a.m. at the Bethel Inn), Somersworth, N.H. Club (meets Tuesday's 7:30 a.m. at Susie's Restaurant), and the Seabrook/Hampton Falls club (meets Wed. 12-15 lunch). Please call Doug if you can cover one of these meetings or see him at the March 14th meeting.

Mark June 14-17 on your calendars for District Conference 90. Join fellow Rotarians and see our own Dan Mooers inducted as District Governor. Please notify Bob Carson if you plan to attend.

Speaker :

Bill O'Neil introduced the night's speaker Gerard Cassidy. Gerard is a Senior Banking Analyst with Tucker - Anthony, Inc. The topic was the regional situation of banks in general with some insights into local banks.

New England is currently in a recession. From 1963-1968 (the fat years) New England was experiencing a 50% growth rate. This has now stopped and has even been considered to be negative growth at this point. Although New England was felt to have a fairly diversified economy and be somewhat resistant to recession, we have seen four of our leading industries slow considerably (computers, defense, real estate, and construction). These industries represent 25% of the workforce in New England and the impact has created a cyclical pattern of layoff, decreased buying power, decreased production, and so on.... The trend should be able to reverse itself at some point, but identifying the bottom is difficult for analysts because of the phenomenal growth from 83' - 86'. This was an excellent program and kept us very interested.

Birthdays

- March 11 D. Mooers
- March 17 M. McGovern
- D. Day

Club Concerns :

An issue has arisen which needs to be addressed by each individual member of the club. The issue is one of understanding and conscience.

Some background -

As a matter of course the club collects annual dues to fund its internal expenses. These expenses cover printing, postage, some discretionary expenditures, etc... These dues are about on average with most of the clubs within our district. We also raise money through our fund raisers for our external expenses. These expenses represent many of our contributions to worthy causes, scholarships, institutional funding, etc... We also maintain a seed fund for our XMAS tree sale. In all of these cases we attempt to operate on a balanced budget. Occasionally we have "special" unanticipated expenditures which we feel it is appropriate to fund. The way we have chosen to do some of this is through the receipts from our weekly raffle, happy dollars, and basketball get together. This is in lieu of a general discretionary assessment to the membership (although infrequently this may be called for as well, we try to avoid it).

The issue -

When members fail in their obligation to donate a raffle prize and we conduct a 50/50 raffle we are in essence depleting our budget of discretionary spending funds. The raffle offers an opportunity to collect funds in an "enjoyable" atmosphere and sense of comradeship. We need members to re-double their efforts to donate raffle prizes when it is their turn. We need to replenish the budget's discretionary account to meet club obligations and objectives. Let us all pitch in and solve this problem together.