

**January 2, 2002**

**Editor's Note** - The club did not meet on January 2, but as we have many activities and events coming this month, we thought it was appropriate to send out a weekly bulletin.

**Soup Kitchen** - Our next Soup Kitchen commitment is January 8. We have not had an opportunity to pass around a sign up sheet, so please try to make a special effort to help out. The dessert is cookies with no nuts.

**New Member Proposal** - Charles "Mac" Sexton has been proposed for membership by Dan Mooers. His classification is Law/Health Insurance.

**Basketball** - 2002 is upon us. What a great way to help keep that New Year's resolution to lose weight by coming out and playing basketball. Our next two dates are January 10 and 31 at 7:30pm at the Cape Middle School gym. If you have any questions, contact Jim Russell or Dan Davidson.

**Silent Auction** - On Wednesday, February 6 from 5-8:30pm, the Casco Bay Rotary Club will be hosting their 4th Annual Silent Auction at DiMillo's. The cost is \$20.00/person or \$35.00/couple. All proceeds will benefit the Maine Children's Cancer Program. Because this is a Wednesday night event, our meeting February 6 at the Purpoodock Club has been canceled.

**Incoming Officers** - Director-At-Large, Kathy Ray presented this year's slate of incoming officers. They are:

- \*President-Elect - Jeff Gabrielson
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**Happy Birthday Wishes** to Janet McLaughlin (1/1) and Jeff Hobbs (1/6).

**40th Anniversary** - At Verillo's on January 19th, the menu will be a choice of prime rib or stuffed haddock and the cost will be \$24.50 per person or \$49.00 per couple. It's very important that the club participate to honor our 4 charter members, who will all be in attendance. In addition, this will be an excellent forum to invite either a new or prospective member to listen to RI President, Rick King, speak. Mike announced that if you are attending the dinner, they would like to collect the money either January 9 or January 16 meeting to avoid collecting at the door. If you have any questions, please contact either Mike McGovern or Dan Mooers.

**From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?**

The time is running short for us in making plans for the 40th Anniversary Party of the SP/CE Rotary Club. By the time you read this, the 19th of January will only be 2 weeks away!! We have only 2 meetings, the 9th and the 16th for those of you who have not signed up, and the 16th is really **not** an option for sign up because we have to have our meal count into Verillo's before that. Twenty-seven of you are attending but we haven't heard from twenty-one of you. If you are planning to attend and are **not** going to be at our meeting on the 9th, **please call me at 799-1550 with your meal choice, prime rib or haddock**, and I will include you on the list. **For all of you attending**, please try to pay me on the 9th or the 16th (\$24.50pp/\$49.00 per couple), and if that is not possible, please mail your check to: Secretary Paul, 116 Oakhurst Road, CE ME 04107.

(P.S. This must be a great party as Phil Dube signed up for it twice. He and Claudette are having 4 baked stuffed haddock - **that's \$98.00, Phil!**)

**Upcoming Club Events**

- January 8 - Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm**
- January 9 - Mr.Tarpinian, Youth Alternatives (Marcie Martelle, Program Chair)**
- January 16 - To be determined**
- January 19 - 40th Anniversary, Verillo's**
- January 23 - No Meeting**
- January 31 - Basketball, 7:30pm**
- February 6 - Silent Auction/Casco Bay Sunrise Club at DiMillo's**

## ASSIGNMENTS

### January 9

Song	Conroy
Invocation	Eliassen
Raffle Gift	Dunfey
Conductor	Daviero

### January 16

Song	Cotter
Invocation	A. Fischer
Raffle Gift	Eliassen
Conductor	Dobson

### January 23

No Meeting

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**Soup Kitchen** - Thank you to all those that were able to attend this month's Soup Kitchen. Joe Conroy reports we had an excellent turnout. He would like to thank Dan & Shirley Mooers, Dan & Edie Davidson, Mike McGovern, Bob Packer, Paul Butler, Fred Janson and Jeff Hobbs with his two sons who attended. Our next Soup Kitchen will be on February 12.

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**Happy Birthday Wishes** to Brad Smith (1/8) and Jack Roberts (1/16). **Happy Anniversary Wishes** to Warren & Velma Simpson (1/16/43).

**Raffle Gift** - Tonight's raffle gift, a DiPietro's gift certificate donated by Fawn Dunfey, was won by Bob Packer.

**Happy Dollars** - Dollars were given tonight by Eleanor Brainin, Matt McAleney, Ed Ingraham, Rick Dobson, Frank Butterworth, Dan Davidson, Jeff Hobbs, Bob Carson, David Lourie, Jeff Gabrielson, Paul Butler and Bob Packers.

**From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?**

That as of tonight (the 9th) we have 35 SP/CE Rotarians signed up for 59 meals at our 40th Anniversary Party on the 19th. Twelve of you are not coming and we still have six of you whom we have not heard from. The Florida statistics are interesting. Two of you are or will be in Florida, one of you has decided to wait until after the party before departing to the Sunshine State, and two of you in Florida now will fly back next week to be at the party. I can still include any of you if you will be in touch with me by Monday, the 14th. Please call me at 799-1550 and leave a message if I'm not home. **I expect to be out of town from mid afternoon Saturday until Monday morning.** For those of you not in attendance tonight, we have 127 Rotarians and guests from out of town who will be attending, and I expect the total number that will be present on January 19th to exceed 200 people by this weekend.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was Michael Tarpinian, President of Youth Alternatives. Michael thanked our club for raising over \$10,000 the last three years on our Bowl-A-Thon for Youth Alternatives. He provided a brief overview of the YA programs focusing particular attention on their new substance abuse programs. Thank you, Marcie Martelle, for providing such an interesting speaker.

**Upcoming Club Events**

**-January 16 - Cuddy Cohen, ME Handicapped Skiing Board of Directors**

**-January 19 - 40th Anniversary, Verrillo's**

**-January 23 - No Meeting**

**-January 30 - (Janet McLaughlin, Prog Chair)**

**-January 31 - Basketball, 7:30pm**

**-February 6 - Silent Auction/Casco Bay Sunrise Club at DiMillo's/No Meeting at Purpoodock**

**ASSIGNMENTS**

**January 16**

Song Cotter  
Invocation A. Fischer  
Raffle Gift Eliassen  
Conductor Dobson

**January 23**

No Meeting

**January 30**

Song Danielson  
Invocation H. Fischer  
Raffle Gift A. Fischer  
Conductor Dube

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**January 16, 2002**

**40th Anniversary Celebration** - As of tonight, over 350 people will be attending our 40th Anniversary celebration Saturday night. Peter Cotter is in charge of set up. He is looking for volunteers to assist with setting up Friday at 5:00pm and again on Saturday morning at 9:00am for an hour or two. Nancy Hawes is in charge of ticket taking and will need a couple people to assist with that. Phil Dube, Frank Gemme and Joe Conroy will be sergeants-at-arms. The get together starts at 6:30pm and the hall will open sometime after 7:00pm for seating. All past Presidents are asked to wait outside with their spouses for an entrance. You do not have to worry, as you will have a reserved seat. If you have any questions, please call Paul Butler.

**New Member Proposal** - Kathy Ray has proposed Tom Noyes for membership. His classification is Insurance/Property Casualty. Fawn Dunfey has proposed Chris Dougherty. His classification is Investment Advisor.

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**Raffle Gift** - Tonight's raffle gift, a 50/50 drawing was won by Jim Russell.

**Happy Dollars** - Dollars were given tonight by Jim Russell, Jack Kennealy, Nancy Hawes, Mike McGovern, John Linehan, Frank Gemme, Bob Packer, Warren Simpson, Paul Butler and Rick Dobson.

**From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?**

That the Board of Directors has clarified which events under our blanket policy for attendance makeup will qualify for attendance make-ups. They are setup and take down of the Christmas tree lot; the soup kitchen; participation on the day of the Casco Bay Bridge Race; Family Fun Days; Spring Point Festival; and the PSO Concert at Fort Williams. Specifically rejected as a makeup are committee meetings of the Casco Bay Bridge Committee. The Board of Directors wants it known **that all attendance make-up requests must be in writing to the Secretary, nothing formal, i.e., just a note on a piece of paper, a note pad, a fig leaf or even the Internet.**

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was Cuddy Cohen, an instructor and board member at Maine Handicapped Skiing. Cuddy brought a guest, Tanya Emery, a 29-year-old handicapped skier who related her experiences from the program. After suffering multiple brain tumors from age 13 on, she is now able to walk and ski very effectively. Cuddy made a pitch for Maine Handicapped Skiing's Annual Ski-A-Thon on March 16, which last year raised \$289,000. The goal this year is \$300,000. Maine Handicapped Skiing has expanded from their original emphasis of skiing to now being a year round program that is the largest east of the Mississippi. Thank you, Bob Carson, for inviting Cuddy to speak to the club.

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- January 23 - No Meeting
- January 30 - (Janet McLaughlin, Prog. Chair)
- January 31 - Basketball, 7:30pm
- February 4 - Basketball, 7:30pm
- February 6 - Silent Auction/Casco Bay Sunrise Club at DiMillo's/**No Meeting at Purpoodock**
- February 11 - Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm
- May 17-18 - District Conference, Eastland Park Hotel, Portland

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January 23  
No Meeting

January 30  
Song Danielson  
Invocation H. Fischer  
Raffle Gift A. Fischer  
Conductor Dube

February 6  
Meeting at DiMillo's

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**January 19, 2002**

**40th Anniversary Celebration** - Tonight has to rank as one of the most memorable occasions in the 40-year history of the club. Over 350 Rotarians throughout the northeast braved the elements to join us in honoring our charter members and our anniversary. Master of Ceremonies, Dan Mooers, set the tone with the dedication of the evening to Bill and Lucy Stanton. Three of our four charter members - Dan Gacetta, Warren Simpson and Dick Yerxa - were in attendance to receive recognition.

Rotary International President, Rick King, delivered a stirring address noting the wealth of talent that our little club has brought to RI over the years with four Past District Governors and one Past Director. In addition, he noted the various committees and task forces that these members have served on.

In addition to honoring our club, Rick addressed the audience on the progress of membership and the Foundation. It was very heartening to hear that in the first four months of the year, Rotary has achieved a net gain of 45,000 members. The work of the Rotary Foundation has become even more important than ever given the world that we live in after September 11th. So far, over \$2 million has been raised to help Afghan children this winter with more on the way.

On a more personal note for the club, Rick, who had spent the previous evening in Florida, was able to meet with our fourth charter member, Dick Kilroy, who for medical reasons was not able to come to the anniversary celebration.

We would like to thank Dan Mooers, Mike McGovern, Paul Butler and all of the other Rotarians and spouses who made this event possible. We will be talking about this at the club level for years to come.

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Paul is taking a much-deserved break with his family and will resume his column next week.

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**Soup Kitchen** - The next Soup Kitchen will be on February 12 at 6:00pm. The dessert is cupcakes with no nuts. Let's continue to have a good turnout!

**Basketball** - Rotary basketball starts up again next week - on January 31 and again on February 4 at 7:30pm at the CE Middle School Gym. One of the newer members of the club asked if he could bring a friend along. The answer is guests are not only welcome but are encouraged to come as a means to introduce prospective members to the club as well as an opportunity for fellowship. Athletic ability is not necessarily a pre-requisite to playing.

**Upcoming Club Events**

- January 30 - Leo Hurtubise, PROP (Janet McLaughlin, Program Chair)
- January 31 - Basketball, 7:30pm
- February 4 - Basketball, 7:30pm
- February 6 - Silent Auction/Casco Bay Sunrise Club at DiMillo's/No Meeting at Purpoodock
- February 12 - Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm
- February 13 - (Dan Mooers, Program Chair)
- February 20 - (Marc Muttly, Program Chair)
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### February 6

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### February 13

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**January 30, 2002**

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That before there is any misunderstanding about the "**canceled**" January 23 and February 6 meetings, it should be pointed out that the January 19 Anniversary Party replaced the meeting of the 23rd and that the joint meeting with the Casco Bay Sunrise club at DiMillo's on the 6th replaces our meeting of the same day. **If you did not attend the party on the 19th, you do not receive credit for the 23rd, and if you do not attend the Silent Auction at DiMillo's, you do not receive credit for our meeting on the 6th. So---if you expect attendance credit for the 23rd and the 6th---and you do not attend the special events---you must do a "make-up."**

**Raffle** - Tonight's raffle prize, a Borders gift certificate donated by Annette Fischer, was won by Jim Russell.

**Happy Dollars** - Dollars tonight were given by Bob Carson, Jim Russell, Nancy Hawes, Joe Conroy, Matt McAleney, Adrienne Murphy, Bob Danielson, Frank Butterworth, Dave Bagdasarian, John Eliassen, Marcie Martelle, Phil Dube, Dick Yerxa, Paul Butler, Janet McLaughlin, Warren Simpson, Bob Packer, Rick Dobson and David Lourie.

**New Member** - Tonight we inducted our newest member, Thomas Noyes. Tom lives in Portland with his wife, Heather. He works in a family-owned insurance agency with offices in Portland and South Portland. He enjoys running and skiing, looks forward to being more involved in the community and thought Rotary would be a great way to do that. Welcome, Tom!

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**Basketball** - Rotary basketball starts up again tomorrow, January 31, and again on February 4. at 7:30 at the CE Middle School Gym. All are encouraged to attend.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was Leo Hurtubise, President of the Peoples Regional Opportunity Program (PROP). PROP is a community action partnership committed to addressing social, economic and health needs that exist in Maine. With a \$10 million budget and a staff of 220 employees, PROP oversees 27 different programs in the Cumberland County area. Two of the better known are the Fuel Assistance Program for emergency heating needs and the WIC program for infants and children. Recently, PROP has been heavily involved in facilitating low income housing in Portland and Westbrook as well as facilitating home ownership for people that otherwise could not afford it. Thank you, Janet, for providing such an interesting speaker.

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- February 4 - Basketball, 7:30pm
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- May 17-18 - District Conference, Eastland Park Hotel, Portland

**ASSIGNMENTS**

February 6

Meeting at DiMillo's

February 13

Song	Davidson
Invocation	Gabrielson
Raffle Gift	H. Fischer
Conductor	Dunfey

February 20

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Invocation	Gacetta
Raffle Gift	Gabrielson
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**From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?**

That we are not the only Rotary club that provides services during December (our Christmas party for senior citizens). Dover puts together a family Christmas dinner for Rotarians and their families. Kennebunk held its annual gifts for needy children program. Exeter's Christmas lunch included the honor choir from Exeter High School and the opportunity for the club to give the chorus a new \$1700 professional keyboard for their traveling performances. Bethel hosted over 150 senior citizens for their traditional ham dinner and Yarmouth baked cookies and served hot chocolate at the town tree-lighting ceremony. And on and on and on!!!

**New Member Proposal** - Alan Hawkins has been proposed for membership by Dan Mooers. Alan is a principal in South Portland and his classification is Education, Administration.

**Soup Kitchen** - Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00pm is our monthly Soup Kitchen obligation. Because we met at DiMillo's tonight, we did not have an opportunity to pass around a sign-up sheet. Therefore, it is important that if you can make this date to try to do so. The dessert is cupcakes with no nuts. Let's see if we can have a good turnout next Tuesday.

**RYLA** - Matt McAleney is looking for volunteers to assist in selecting this year's RYLA candidates. As you all know, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a program that sends high school sophomores in the district for an intense 4-day series of workshops and seminars that are designed to foster leadership capabilities in these prospective high school juniors. Our club has historically sponsored between 4-6 students from SP/CE and this year should be no exception. If you are interested in helping, please contact Matt.

**Happy Birthday Wishes** to Marianne Goff (2/10).  
**Happy Anniversary Wishes** to Brad & Lisa Smith (2/10).

**Board of Directors Meeting** - The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 20 at 5:00pm at Purpoodock. All club members are welcome to attend.

**Basketball** - Rotary basketball is in full swing. The next two nights are Thursday, February 14 and Thursday, February 28 at 7:30pm at the Cape Middle School gym. Come out and enjoy the fellowship.

**Program** - Tonight's program was the 4th Annual Rotary Social and Silent Auction to benefit the Maine Children's Cancer Program. Rotary clubs from throughout southern Maine, as well as many other guests, were in attendance at this event sponsored by the Casco Bay Rotary Club. The early estimates are that approximately \$17,000 was raised to help fight cancer in Maine's children. Highlights of the evening included the silent auction and the champagne diamond surprise. The most touching moment came when Amy Finberg spoke about her experiences as a parent of a child with terminal cancer. Her son, Ezra, passed away last May at the age of 3-1/2 years, finally succumbing after a 2-year battle with cancer. If there was ever any question as to the value of the Maine Children's Cancer Program, Amy dispelled that within five minutes. Thanks to all the SP/CE Rotarians who were able to come out and support this wonderful program.

**Upcoming Club Events**

- February 12 - Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm
- February 13 - Bruce Hyman & John Andrews Eastern Trails (Dan Mooers, Program Chair)
- February 14 - Basketball, 7:30pm
- February 20 - Brd of Directors Mtg, 5:00pm
- February 20 - Rebekah Smith, Parents as Scholars Program (Marc Mutty, P.C.)
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**February 13, 2002**

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**WOW**, what a night at DiMillo's Floating Restaurant (February 6)! Two hundred and forty Rotarians and their guests, representing at least seven Rotary clubs, raised for the Maine Children's Cancer Program **\$17,040**. Our club was well represented with 27 members (50% of our membership) along with some spouses. **WOW!**

**Happy Dollars** - Dollars were donated tonight by Marcie Martelle, Jim Russell, Dan Davidson, Frank Butterworth, Joe Conroy, Jack Roberts, Dan Mooers, Jack Kennealy, Tony Wagner, Dan Gacetta, David Lourie, Bob Packer and Mariann Goff.

**Raffle** - Tonight's raffle prize, a Best Buy gift certificate donated by Hendrik Fischer, was won by Dan Mooers.

**New Member** - Tonight we inducted our newest member, Alan Hawkins, a native of Lincoln, Maine. Alan, for the past 13 years, has been the principal at Memorial Middle School in South Portland. He resides in South Portland with his wife, Margaret Powell Hawkins who is the principal at the Redbank School. They have two children, Emily and Katie. Welcome, Alan!

**Soup Kitchen** - Thanks to Edie Davidson, Bob Packer, Dan & Shirley Mooers, Joe Conroy, Mike McGovern, Fred Janson and Paul Butler who were able to help out at last night's Soup Kitchen. Because of the cold weather, it was particularly busy, so the extra help was much appreciated. The next Soup Kitchen will be March 12.

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**Food Trailer** - Tony Wagner reports that the new canopy for the food trailer has been completed. He passed around a picture to prove the point. He also reports that the new canopy is so easy to use anyone can put it up and take it down.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was John Andrews, President of the Eastern Trail Alliance. The Eastern Trail, a work in progress, will ultimately run from between Bug Light in South Portland to Kittery. It will be part of the East Coast Greenway, which runs from Calais, Maine to Key West, Florida. To complete this project, it is estimated that the Alliance will need to raise some \$8 million. So far, they have raised about \$1.5 million. One of the projects that Rotary has undertaken is to co-sponsor a trail-a-thon with the Alliance. If you have any interest in participating, you can contact them at (207) 282-1979. Thank you, Dan Mooers, for providing such an interesting topic.

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Song Daviero  
Invocation Gacetta  
Raffle Gift Gabrielson  
Conductor Eliassen

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Song Dobson  
Invocation Gemme  
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Conductor A. Fischer

### March 6

Song Dube  
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**February 20, 2002**

**From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?**

That the SP/CE Rotary Club received a gift of \$100 in memory of William R. and Lucy A. Stanton. This gift came to us from Carolyn L. (Stanton) Morgan living in Portland, Oregon. The Stanton children, Pat, Phil, Scott, Bill and Jeff wrote to the club saying, "Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness you shared with us over the course of our parents' illnesses and their passing. We know your visit to our father meant a lot to him and to our mother. We appreciated the food platter, which you brought to the open house. Your returning our father's Rotary dues (1/2 a year) was very considerate."

**Happy Dollars** - Dollars were donated tonight by Matt McAleney, Marcie Martelle, Bob Carson, Marc Mutty, Dan Mooers, Andy Stickney, Frank Gemme, Ed Ingraham, Dan Gacetta, Paul Butler and Dan Davidson.

**Raffle** - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift to be determined donated by Jeff Gabrielson, was won by Frank Gemme.

**Bridge Race Committee** - On Friday, February 22 at 7:30am, the Race Committee will be meeting at Tim Horton's. The time has come to start gearing up for the 2002 race. Dave Bagdasarian is looking for volunteers to help organize this year's race. If you can help, please contact Dave.

**RYLA** - Matt McAleney is looking for volunteers to assist in selecting this year's RYLA candidates. As you all know, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a program that sends high school sophomores in the district for an intense 4-day series of workshops and seminars that are designed to foster leadership capabilities in these prospective high school juniors. Our club has historically sponsored between 4-6 students from SP/CE and this year should be no exception. If you are interested in helping, please contact Matt.

**Happy Birthday Wishes** to Sam Giftos (2/20) and David Lourie (2/21)!

**Basketball** - Rotary basketball is in full swing. The next night is Thursday, February 28 at 7:30pm at the Cape Middle School gym. Come out and enjoy the fellowship.

**New Member** - For the second time in as many weeks, we inducted a new member into our club: Charles (Mac) Sexton who lives in South Portland with his wife, Rosemary. His classification is Law-Investments. Welcome, Mac, to the club.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was Rebekah Smith from the Maine Equal Justice Partners (MEJP). MEJP is an advocacy group spun off from Pine Tree Legal in 1996. Rebekah spoke to the club on the Parents As Scholars Program (PAS). PAS is a state-funded program that allows people eligible for welfare to obtain benefits while they pursue either a 4-year or 2-year degree. The program began with about 800 full-time students, spiked to about 1200, is now back to about 800 and its results are truly amazing. People completing the program earn approximately 50% more than they did prior to their participation. In addition, over 75% of the graduates find employment with benefits included. The PAS Program costs the state about \$20 million a year, but is one of the main reasons why the caseload in the State of Maine has gone from about 24,000 on welfare to something around 11,000. Thank you, Marc Mutty, for bringing us such an interesting speaker.

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**February 27, 2002**

**From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?**

That my "BOSS" finally gave me some time off, so I'll be "vacationing" in Venice, Florida for the month of March. This is good because I can personally check up on the make-ups of Wayne, Dick and Sam. I wish Wayne were a little closer to Sarasota. My job would be that much easier!! **Kathy Ray** will be filling my shoes while I am away, and I want to thank her in advance for this undertaking.

**Happy Dollars** - Dollars were donated tonight by Jeff Gabrielson, Dan Mooers, Frank Gemme, Fred Janson, Tom Noyes, Dave Bagdasarian, Thurston Holt, David Lourie and Bob Packer.

**Raffle** - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift to be determined donated by Dan Gacetta, was won by Kathy Ray.

**Bridge Race Committee** - On Friday, March 15 at 7:30am, the Race Committee will be meeting at Tim Horton's. The time has come to start gearing up for the 2002 race. Dave Bagdasarian is looking for volunteers to help organize this year's race. If you can help, please contact Dave.

**RYLA** - Matt McAleney is looking for volunteers to assist in selecting this year's RYLA candidates. As you all know, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a program that sends high school sophomores in the district for an intense 4-day series of workshops and seminars that are designed to foster leadership capabilities in these prospective high school juniors. Our club has historically sponsored between 4-6 students from SP/CE and this year should be no exception. If you are interested in helping, please contact Matt.

**Help Wanted** - DGE, Tim Placey, is looking for people to serve on District committees for Group Study Exchange, World Community Service and Polio Plus. If you are interested in serving, please contact Jim Russell.

**Happy Birthday Wishes** to Marc Mutty (3/2), Jack Kennealy (3/2) and Dick Yerxa (3/5)!

**New Member Orientation Night** - On Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00pm, Mike McGovern will be hosting a New Member Orientation Night. If you are a new member of the club, or if you think someone might be a prospective member, this is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Rotary. Older members are encouraged to attend to share their experiences as well. If you have any questions, please contact either Mike or Dan Mooers.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was Meder Toktosunov, Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Kyrgyzstan. Kyrgyzstan has a population of approximately 4 million, is located in central Asia and is a former Soviet republic. It has two official languages - Russian and Kyrgyz. Muslim is the predominant religion, although there is a large Russian Orthodox minority. Meder's family is on the smaller side (3 children) while the average number of children in his country is 6. Kyrgyzstan is largely a mountainous country and Meder had a difficult time with the sea-level atmosphere in Maine. Meder's goal in coming to the U.S. is to bring people closer in their understandings of each other. Before coming to the States, Meder's view of the country was very different than it is today. He now understands that America has no interest in controlling the world. One of the main benefits that he has achieved after spending time in the U.S. is a growth in independence. Thank you, Nancy Hawes, for inviting Meder to speak to the club.

**Upcoming Club Events**

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- March 12 - Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm
- March 12 - Membership Orientation Meeting, 7:00pm at Mike McGovern's
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Raffle Gift Gemme  
Conductor H. Fischer

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Song Dunphy  
Invocation Hawes  
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### March 20

Song Eliassen  
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**March 6, 2002**

**From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?**

That the Rotary District 7780 Conference, which is less than 4 months away, is scheduled for May 17-18, 2002 at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland and The Woodlands Club in Falmouth. The conference fee is \$50.00 per person prior to April 15 and \$60.00 after that date. **There is no conference fee for spouses.** Friday and Saturday lunches are \$25.00 per person, and Friday and Saturday dinners are \$50.00 per person. A conference package of all meals plus conference fee is \$175.00 per person **before April 15** and \$185.00 per person **after April 15**. Registration forms and additional information will be available in mid-March.

**Happy Dollars** - Dollars were donated tonight by Joe Conroy, Nancy Hawes, Hendrik Fischer, Dan Davidson, Sharyn Paul, Thurston Holt, Adrienne Murphy, John Eliassen, Mike McGovern, Jack Roberts and Rick Dobson.

**Raffle** - Tonight's raffle prize, a \$25.00 gift certificate donated by Frank Gemme, was won by Mike McGovern.

**Bridge Race Committee** - On Friday, March 15 at 7:30am, the Race Committee will be meeting at Tim Horton's.

**RYLA** - Matt McAleney is looking for volunteers to assist in selecting this year's RYLA candidates. If you are interested in helping, please contact Matt.

**Soup Kitchen** - Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00pm is our monthly Soup Kitchen night. As this is also the night of New Member Orientation, it's important that we get a good turnout from those not attending the orientation. The dessert is cookies with no nuts. If you can help, please contact Joe Conroy.

**Happy Birthday Wishes** to Dan Mooers (3/11) and Kathy Ray (3/12).

**Get Well, Dick** - Jeff Holden reports that his father had a recent setback and was readmitted to MMC. I'm sure he'd appreciate a card or visit.

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**District Assembly** - On Wednesday, April 17 at

8:30am, the District will be hosting its annual assembly at York County Technical College in Wells. All members, especially incoming directors and newer members, are encouraged to attend. Let Bob Packer know if you are interested.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was Susan Percy, Executive Director of Creative Work Systems (CWS). CWS assists people with physical and mental disabilities to increase or regain self-sufficiency through employment, independent living support and personal skills development. CWS assists approximately 250 people daily, working with several local businesses such as Hannaford and L.L. Bean. In addition, CWS has developed its own businesses making furniture, gourmet food items, finished woodworking products and 14 other businesses that provide resources to assist more people. As a result, over the last 6 years the agency was able to erase a \$500,000 debt and turn it into a \$250,000 surplus. Thank you, Tom Meyers, for a unique perspective into a successful non-profit.

**Upcoming Club Events**

- March 12 - Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm
- March 12 - Membership Orientation Meeting, 7:00pm at Mike McGovern's
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- March 15-Bridge Cmte, 7:30am/Tim Horton's
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Song Dunphy  
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**March 13, 2002**

**From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?**

That there was some impressive membership news in December! The Damariscotta-Newcastle Club reported 100% attendance and six new members and the Bethel Club reported 100% attendance and four new members. We were at 75% (76% for the first seven months of the Rotary year) and we ranked 10% higher than our neighboring clubs, namely Casco Bay Sunrise, Portland and Scarborough!!

**Happy Dollars** - Dollars were donated tonight by Mike McGovern, Brad Smith (who gave \$63 in honor of his 1st child being born), Tom Meyers, Jeff Gabrielson, Frank Butterworth, Joe Conroy, John Eliassen, Jim Russell, Kathy Ray, Bob Packer and Rick Dobson.

**Raffle** - Tonight's raffle prize, a \$25 gift certificate to Presents of Heart, was won by Steve Obremski, tonight's speaker.

**Bridge Race Committee** - On Friday, March 15 at 7:30am, the Race Committee will be meeting at Tim Horton's.

**RYLA** - Matt McAleney is looking for volunteers to assist in selecting this year's RYLA candidates. If you are interested in helping, please contact Matt.

**Soup Kitchen** - Joe Conroy would like to thank Jim, Vicke, Tori & Annie Russell, Adrienne Murphy, Sharyn Paul, Max Sexton, Dan & Edie Davidson and Bob Packer who helped to set up and serve at last night's Soup Kitchen. Our next Soup Kitchen commitment is April 9 at 6:00pm.

**Happy Birthday Wishes** to Nancy Hawes (3/17), Mike McGovern (3/17) and Paul Butler (3/18)!

**New Member Orientation Night** - President Bob reports that 16 new and older members and their spouses met at Mike McGovern's house. By all accounts, the meeting was a tremendous success. Thanks to Mike and Dan Mooers for hosting this event.

**District Assembly** - On Wednesday, April 17 at 8:30am, the District will be hosting its annual assembly at York County Technical College in Wells. All members, especially incoming directors and newer members, are encouraged to attend. Let Bob Packer know if you are interested.

**Basketball** - Dan Davidson reminded the club that basketball is drawing to a close. The final three nights are March 18, March 28 and April 8. This last date is a change from the previously published schedule.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was Steve Obremski, President of the Iris Network in Portland. The Iris Network (formerly the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired) is Maine's leading resource to assist people in living a fulfilling life despite the challenge of sight loss. The focus is on rehabilitation and independent living for the clients. One of the programs that does this is Maine Airs, a special news and information program that brings greater depth of material to the visually impaired throughout the state. Another program is the voice chat capability online. The building that houses the Iris Network in Portland is undergoing an extensive structural renovation, the first phase of which will be completed by May 10, 2002. Currently, the Network is locating for volunteers to assist in the many programs they offer. If you are interested, please contact Steve. Thank you, Kathy Ray, for providing such an interesting speaker.

**Upcoming Club Events**

- March 15-Bridge Cmte, 7:30am/Tim Horton's**
- March 18 - Basketball, 7:30pm**
- March 20 - Ralph Kilgore RE:Erskine Park (Jack Roberts, Program Chair)**
- March 27 - Peter Cianchette, ME Governor Candidate (Jim Russell, Program Chair)**
- March 28 - Basketball, 7:30pm**
- April 3 - (Warren Simpson, Program Chair)**
- April 8 - Basketball, 7:30pm**
- April 9 - Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm**
- April 10 - (Brad Smith, Program Chair)**
- April 17 - District Assembly, 8:30am, York County Technical College**
- April 17 - (Tony Wagner, Program Chair)**

**ASSIGNMENTS**

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Conductor Gacetta

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**From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?**

That we presently (March 1) have 56 members and 16 of you are past presidents. We also have 2 Honorary members, George Chandler and Dick Holden and they are past presidents, also.

**Raffle** - Tonight's raffle prize, a \$25 Snow Squall gift certificate donated by Nancy Hawes, was won by Adrienne Murphy.

**Poker Night** - Eleanor Brainin is hosting a Poker Night on Sunday, April 7 at her new condo. This is always a fun time; please mark your calendars.

**RYLA** - Matt McAleney is looking for volunteers to assist in selecting this year's RYLA candidates. If you are interested in helping, please contact Matt.

**PETS Report** - President Elect, Rick Dobson, enthusiastically reported of his very positive PETS weekend experience. Next year's Rotary International theme, "Sow The Seeds of Love," was personally delivered to the gathering by incoming RI President Bhichai Rattakul from Dhonburi, Thailand. This coming year features a bottoms-up approach to Rotary and a real focus on Polio Eradication. Rick feels it's going to be a great year.

**District Assembly** - On Wednesday, April 17 from 8:30am-1:30pm, the District will be hosting its annual assembly at York County Technical College in Wells. All members, especially incoming directors and newer members, are encouraged to attend. Let Bob Packer know if you are interested.

**Basketball** - Dan Davidson reminded the club that basketball is drawing to a close. The final two nights are March 28 and April 8.

**Happy Birthday Wishes** to Marc Mutty (3/23)!

**GSE** - Jack Kennealy is looking for families to host the incoming GSE Team when they are in our area from April 14-16. This year's team is from the Philippines. Please let Jack know if you can help.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was a former Rotary club member, Ralph Kilgore, speaking on the proposed park located at the gateway to the city of South Portland. This park, Erskine Park, is named after the former Public Works Director, "Ge" Erskine. Mr. Erskine was tireless in his position as Director, always going above and beyond what was expected. To complete the project, they are looking to raise \$50,000. So far, \$30,000 has been raised through donations from all over the country as far away as Wichita, Kansas. It will be an attractive entrance to South Portland and a tribute to a great man. Thank you, Jack Roberts, for providing such an interesting speaker.

**Editor's Note** - Thanks to Adrienne Murphy for taking notes at tonight's meeting!

**Upcoming Club Events**

**-March 27 - Peter Cianchette, ME Governor**

**Candidate (Jim Russell, Program Chair)**

**-March 28 - Basketball, 7:30pm**

**-April 3 - David Reece, Acupuncturist (Adrienne Murphy, Program Chair)**

**-April 7 - Poker Night**

**-April 8 - Basketball, 7:30pm**

**-April 9 - Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm**

**-April 10 - Sarah MacColl, Personal Trainer,**

**(Brad Smith, Program Chair)**

**-April 17 - District Assembly, 8:30am, York County Technical College**

**-April 17 - Shalom House (Bill Daviero, P.C.)**

**-April 24 - (Dick Yerxa, Program Chair)**

**-May 17-18 - District Conference, Eastland Park Hotel, Portland**

**-June 23-26-RYLA/Camp Hinds/Raymond ME**

**-June 23-26 - RI Convention, Barcelona, Spain**

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Invocation J. Holden  
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**March 27, 2002**

**From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?**

That I am just learning that the **Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club** has changed its meeting place on Tuesdays to Westbrook High School, Stroudwater Street, in the Culinary Arts Dining Room. **The meeting time has been changed to 11:30am.**

**Raffle** - Tonight's raffle prize, a 50/50 drawing, was won by Fred Janson.

**Happy Dollars** - Dollars tonight were donated by John Eliassen, Jack Kennealy, Fred Janson, Mariann Goff, David Lourie, Thurston Holt, Marcie Martelle, Kathy Ray, Dave Bagdasarian, Adrienne Murphy, Jack Roberts, Alan Hawkins, Mike McGovern, Frank Butterworth, Bob Carson, Jim Russell, Frank Gemme & old pal, Bill York.

**Poker Night** - Eleanor Brainin is hosting a Poker Night on Sunday, April 7 at 5:00pm at her new condo. If you need directions or are planning to attend, please contact her so she has some idea as to the numbers involved.

**District Assembly** - On Wednesday, April 17 from 8:30am-1:30pm, the District will be hosting its annual assembly at York County Technical College in Wells. All members, especially incoming directors and newer members, are encouraged to attend. Let Bob Packer know as soon as possible if you are going to attend, as we need to give a head count to the people running the Assembly.

**New Member Proposal** - Jack Roberts has submitted a new member proposal for David Reece, a resident of Cape Elizabeth. His classification is Medicine/Acupuncture.

**GSE** - Jack Kennealy is looking for host families for the incoming GSE Team. There is some question as to whether or not it's April 14-16 or May 14-16. As soon as we know, we will send out an email. However, the incoming team includes a CPA/lawyer, a pediatrician, a fast food manager and a surgeon. If you can host, or if you know of someone who might be interested in hosting someone with these backgrounds, please let Jack know as soon as possible.

**District Conference** - Bob Packer has the forms for this year's District Conference. The club will pay the registration fee for every person that plans on attending so that you are obligated to only pay your meal costs. This year's conference begins Friday, May 17 at 9:00am at the Eastland Park Hotel. Saturday night, May 18, the dinner will be at The Woodlands Club in Falmouth. Unlike past conferences, there is no registration fee for spouses or guests, so this makes it extremely attractive for couples to attend. Let's make this an opportunity to celebrate the service we provide to our communities and our world.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was Peter Cianchette, Republican candidate for Governor. Peter is running for one central reason - to offer the leadership, vision and courage necessary to reshape Maine economic future. He believes that everything we value - good schools, safe communities, a healthy environment - all have one thing in common, they are supported by a strong, healthy economy. Peter also believes a greater emphasis needs to be placed on post-secondary education in the state of Maine, targeted towards skills that are relevant to jobs in the state. Peter does not believe in a single payer health care system, but would encourage changes that would make health care more competitive and affordable in the private market. Thank you, Peter, for coming tonight.

**Happy Anniversary Wishes** to Bob & Peggy Packer (4/1)

**Upcoming Club Events**

- April 3 - David Reece, Acupuncturist (Adrienne Murphy, Program Chair)
- April 7 - Poker Night
- April 8 - Basketball, 7:30pm
- April 9 - Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm
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Invocation J. Holden  
Raffle Gift Hobbs  
Conductor Goff

**April 10**

Song H. Fischer  
Invocation Holt  
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Conductor Goodrich

**April 17**

Song Gabrielson  
Invocation Ingraham  
Raffle Gift Holt  
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