

April 16, 2003

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That the North Port Rotary Club, some 30 miles south of Venice, Florida on Rte 41, is some contrast to the South Venice Rotary Club. It used to be a club of 30-40 members, but it split up, forming a luncheon club and a breakfast club, which I visited for my third make-up (Kathy) in Florida. The breakfast club now has about 19 members, and the sad part is that there were more visiting Rotarians (about 10) at the breakfast than there were club members present. They had no speaker for the day and didn't even apologize for it and spent most of the time with the Sergeant of Arms collecting fines from everyone, and he was really good at it. It made me think that we haven't used the SOA in our club in this capacity for quite some time!! Next week: Ft. Myers.

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Nonesuch Books donated by Thurston Holt, was won by Kathy Cotter.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by Jim Russell, Bob Carson, Frank Gemme, J.D. Dobson, Phil Dube, John Linehan, Nancy Hawes, Frank Butterworth, Jack Kennealy, Thurston Holt, Bob Packer, Bill Daviero, Paul Butler and Rick Dobson.

Paul Harris Recognition - Tonight President Rick awarded Paul Harris recognition to Peter Cotter. Peter has been a staunch supporter of the Foundation since getting the "sales pitch" from Tony Wagner several years ago. This was a very moving and appropriate ceremony to a man who exemplifies what "service about self" is all about. Congratulations, Peter.

Community Project - Dan Davidson has taken charge of getting together a Rotary team to work on the Rebuilding Together work day - Saturday, April 26. Dan has asked all who will be working to meet at the Doubletree Hotel on Congress Street between 7:00-7:15am. Please bring your own lunch and something to drink, and wear something with a Rotary emblem to increase publicity. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Davidson.

Bowl-A-Thon - There are still some outstanding pledges in our Bowl-A-Thon event. If you have not yet turned in your pledge, please do so as soon as possible so we can figure out our total. Please see Adrienne with any questions.

District Assembly - This year's assembly will be held on Tuesday, April 22 at 8:00am at the York County Technical College in Wells. There are going to be 24 breakout sessions this year, targeting a

variety of programs from Interact to Rotoplast and the Foundation. Of particular interest is a breakout session specifically designed for new and prospective members to Rotary. Please see Rick Dobson if you have an interest in attending.

District Conference - This year's District Conference is being held at the Grand Summit in Newry, Maine from May 22-25. The theme is "It's A Small World." They'll be many exciting speakers lined up, as well as interesting meal and breakout sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Williams at (207) 439-3761 or see Rick Dobson who has registration forms.

Program - Tonight's program featured Past DG Elias Thomas and Bill Dubois, a police officer from Somersworth, New Hampshire, speaking about their experiences as GSE team members to India this year. GSE, which was begun in 1965, is an exchange of a Rotary member and 4 or 5 non-Rotarians to another Rotary district in the world with the goal of building goodwill and understanding amongst the peoples of the world. Bill said that the trip really made him appreciate how lucky he is, and Elias spoke of the influence they had on the children in an orphanage in Delhi and how much the children appreciated the trinkets they brought with them. Volunteers are needed for next year's GSE team. If you know of anyone that may be interested, let President Rick know. Thank you, Jack Kennealy, for providing such a moving program.

Upcoming Club Events

-April 22 - District Assembly

-April 23 - Club Assembly

-April 26 - Rebuilding Together

-April 30 - (Jeff Hobbs, Program Chair)

-May 10 - Camp Sebago Cleanup (9am-4pm)

ASSIGNMENTS

April 23

Song	Butler
Invocation	Holt
Raffle Gift	Ingraham
Conductor	Gemme

April 30

Song	Butterworth
Invocation	Ingraham
Raffle Gift	Kennealy
Conductor	Giftos

May 7

Song	Carson
Invocation	Kennealy
Raffle Gift	Knight
Conductor	Goff

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