

April 9, 2003

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That there are differences among Rotary clubs that I discovered last month in Florida. The South Venice Rotary Club has 40 members, **only 2 of whom are women**, and 24 "Snotarians" from Maine to Illinois and Canada. Only the visiting Rotarians, averaging 10 a week, are introduced, and they usually have to introduce themselves either by telling their classification or the name of their home club, etc., each week. On a personal note, I won 1/3 of their cash raffle two weeks in a row, and I think they were glad I made up in North Port the following week!! Note: The two "Snotarians" closest to home are Don Lowry (lawyer) from Falmouth and Henry Saunders (wood manufacturing) from Westbrook.

Next week: The North Port Club.

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, a Borders gift certificate donated by Jeff Hobbs, was won by Bob Danielson.

Soup Kitchen Wrap Up - Thanks to all who attended last night's Soup Kitchen: John & Gerry Hewitt, Paul Butler, Thurston Holt, Bob Packer, Dick Yerxa, Dave Bagdasarian, Adrienne Murphy and Jeff, Randall & James Hobbs. Our next Soup Kitchen obligation will be Tuesday, May 13.

Golf Tournament - On Monday, June 16, the Casco Bay Sunrise Club is sponsoring a golf tournament at the Val Halla Country Club. A part of this tournament is the Rotary challenge pitting teams of 4 golfers from each club against each other. If you would like to participate, please see Rick Dobson or contact Jim Bouchard at 871-6111.

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. He is also looking for someone that will be willing to lend a grill. Please contact him if you can help out.

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 speaker was Wu Shumei (Mei, for short) an AFS exchange teacher currently at the Pond Cove Elementary School. Mei is a very passionate and articulate young woman. She has found the American children curious and eager to learn about China. The biggest difference that she has noticed is that the class size in America is considerably less than in China, where she would teach an average of 80 students per class. When asked her biggest surprise with the American people, Mei stated that the openness and graciousness of the people she has met was a surprise to her. Thank you, Jack Roberts, for a very interesting program.

Editor's Note - Thank you, Adrienne Murphy, for taking notes at tonight's meeting.

Upcoming Club Events

- April 16 - Club Assembly
- April 22 - District Assembly
- April 23 - Regular Meeting
- April 26 - Rebuilding Together
- May 22-25 - District Conference

ASSIGNMENTS

April 16

Song Brainin
Invocation Hobbs
Raffle Gift Holt
Conductor Gacetta

April 23

Song Butler
Invocation Holt
Raffle Gift Ingraham
Conductor Gemme

April 30

Song Butterworth
Invocation Ingraham
Raffle Gift Kennealy
Conductor Giftos

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