

February 19, 2003

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That our reported attendance to the district for January was down considerably (67.5%), but that was before Snowbirds John, Richard, Sam and Wayne got out their shovels, plowed their driveways and drove to the post office to mail me their make-up cards for January. That brought the actual attendance for January up to 75% and those make-up credits will go forward to the February report. I wonder if the ice formed on that small pool next to Wayne's condo in Naples!

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, five car washes donated by Phil Dube, was won by Jeff Gabrielson.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were donated tonight by Jeff Gabrielson, Thurston Holt, Jim Russell, Eleanor Brainin, Frank Butterworth, Mike McGovern, Hendrik Fischer, Matt McAleney, Jack Kennealy, Bob Carson, Paul Butler and Rick Dobson.

Polio Eradication - Fulfilling Our Promise

Some Rotary districts also have been using a portion of the District Designated Fund toward the overall polio eradication goal. Transfers from the DDF will be counted toward a campaign goal established by the district. Through a program known as "Race to the Finish," the Trustees invited districts to make DDF contributions to the PolioPlus earlier in this year. This resulted in contributions of more than US\$2.4 million.

Basketball - It's not too late to keep that New Year's resolution to exercise. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship of Rotary basketball. Our next date is February 27 at 7:30pm at the Cape Middle School gym. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Davidson or Jim Russell.

World Peace & Understanding Dinner - On Saturday, February 22 at 6:00pm, this year's dinner will be held at Verillo's. The cost is \$25 per person. Rick Dobson wants to remind everyone to be prepared to pay at the door.

Strike Out Polio - Please mark your calendars for the Bowl-A-Thon scheduled at Yankee Lanes from 11:00am-1:00pm on Sunday, March 23. We have four teams headed by Mariann Goff, Eleanor Brainin, Brad Smith and Frank Butterworth. If you don't know which team you are on, please contact either Adrienne Murphy or Bill Daviero. We will be looking for either corporate sponsorships or team members to solicit pin sponsorships or pledges for their teams. This event promises to be not only a good fundraiser, but also a lot of fun.

Service Club Night - On Wednesday, March 12, the service clubs of South Portland and Cape Elizabeth will be holding a joint meeting at the Purpoodock Club. The program for that evening will be a presentation by Ann Lee Hussey who has recently returned from a humanitarian mission to India. This will be a great evening of fellowship with our friends from the Lions and the Kiwanis, so mark your calendars.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Mark Kaplan with Coastal Enterprises (CI), a non-profit community development corporation that began 25 years ago. It currently has \$110 million in assets, which it has leveraged to over \$450 million worth of loans. The mission of CI is to provide people with the opportunities to get ahead economically by providing financial and technical assistance. It provides loans of \$10K-\$15K to \$500K. A spin-off of CI is CEI Ventures, a community development venture capital fund. This for-profit fund invests equity in businesses with the goal of providing good jobs for people in Maine as well as a good return on investment. Thank you, Eleanor, for inviting Mark to speak to our club tonight.

Upcoming Club Events

- February 22 - World Peace & Understanding Dinner @ Verillo's in Portland
- February 26 - (Fawn Dunphy, P.C.)
- February 27 - Basketball, 7:30pm
- March 5 - Kaille Warren, Rent-A-Husband (Frank Butterworth, Program Chair)
- March 11 - Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm
- March 12 - Service Club Night at Purpoodock
- March 29 - District Interact Conference

ASSIGNMENTS

February 26

Song	Simpson
Invocation	H. Fischer
Raffle Gift	Dunphy
Conductor	Davidson

March 5

Song	B. Smith
Invocation	Gabrielson
Raffle Gift	Eliassen
Conductor	Daviero

March 12

Song	C. Smith
Invocation	Gacetta
Raffle Gift	H. Fischer
Conductor	Dube

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