February 26, 2003

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That a company in Lake Zurich, Illinois has come up with a Rotary club membership card that looks like a credit card, but you can't use it at the local Outback Restaurant!! The idea behind the card is that when you make up at another club, it is helpful to show your membership card. Since I am away for another 5 years, 11 months and 27 days, we won't be able to discuss this until I return, but at least you all have something to think about. The cost of the plastic card is \$1.75 each, but I'm not sure right now if there are any minimums involved.

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a doctor-approved pillow donated by Fawn Dunphy, was won by Dan Mooers.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were donated tonight by Jeff Gabrielson, Bob Danielson, Dan Davidson, Matt McAleney, Marcie Martelle, J.D. Dobson, Christian Smith, Frank Butterworth, David Lourie, Dan Mooers, Eleanor Brainin, Phil Dube, Thurston Holt, Bill Daviero and Rick Dobson.

Basketball - Our next two dates are February 27 and March 6 at 7:30pm at the Cape Middle School gym. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Davidson or Jim Russell.

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.

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. <u>New Member Proposal</u> - Jon Twitchell, whose classification is Religion-Nazarene, has been proposed for membership by Jack Roberts.

Starving For Dollars - Not satisfied with our fund raising efforts for polio to date, Ed Ingraham and John Eliassen have proposed the following fundraiser. Every member who wants to participate can be weighed in at next week's meeting and for every pound that they lose in the next two months, they will donate \$1; and for every pound they gain, they'll donate \$2 towards polio eradication. It is hoped that if every member participates and loses 100 lbs, we'll raise enough money to meet our club commitment. Just kidding!

Program - Tonight's speaker was Brendan Rielly, President of Rebuilding Together/Greater Portland. This is a program that in one day renovates homes in the greater Portland area - replacing roofs, fixing porches, replacing windows, improving heating systems and upgrading electrical systems. The only criteria to qualify for this program is that people be of low income and own their own home. Everything associated with this program is volunteered, donated or purchased very frugally. Last year, 14 homes were renovated in Portland for approximately Rebuilding Together is looking for \$20,000. sponsors and volunteers. In our own club, Dan Davidson will be passing a sign up sheet around at next week's meeting to gauge the interest level of our club working on a home on April 26, which is this year's rebuilding day. Thank you, Fawn, for providing such an interesting speaker.

Upcoming Club Events

- -February 27 Basketball, 7:30pm
- -March 5 Kaille Warren, Rent-A-Husband
- (Frank Butterworth, Program Chair)
- -March 6 Basketball, 7:30pm
- -March 11 Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm
- -March 12 Service Club Night at Purpoodock
- -March 29 District Interact Conference
- -April 2, Harold Pacios, International
- **Diplomacy Commission (J. Kennealy, P.C.)**
- -May 10 Camp Sebago Clean Up
- -May 22-25 District Conference

ASSIGNMENTS

March 5 B. Smith Song Invocation Gabrielson Raffle Gift Eliassen Conductor Daviero March 12 C. Smith Song Invocation Gacetta Raffle Gift H. Fischer Conductor Dube March 19 Song Stickney Invocation Gemme Raffle Gift Gabrielson Conductor Dunphy

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