

February 5, 2003

Polio Eradication - Keeping Our Promise

As part of the polio eradication fundraising effort, each Rotary club is encouraged to have a new community fundraiser with the proceeds dedicated exclusively to the polio eradication campaign. Such fundraisers will raise community awareness at grass-roots levels of Rotary's leadership in the global humanitarian cause and involve most of the members of the club in the effort.

Some Rotarians have asked whether the funding gap can rise above the US\$275 million level. Unfortunately the answer is "yes." Every year of delay in finding the last case costs an extra US\$100 million to US\$150 million. This is why funding now is so critical and why Rotary clubs play such a critical role at this point in the polio eradication effort. The money to complete this effort is needed now and over the next two years if Rotarians are going to fulfill the promise made in 1988.

Soup Kitchen - Tuesday, February 11 is our club's monthly Soup Kitchen obligation. It is very important to have a good turnout to represent the club as well as to make the work easier for those that come. During the winter months, our guests tend to stay longer and require more service. If you can spare the time, please come around 5:30pm to serve or around 4:00pm for set up. You will leave knowing that you have done a very good deed. The dessert is cookies, no nuts.

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 two dates are February 13 and 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. Please let Rick Dobson know by February 10 if you plan on attending, as we need to give Verillo's a count for the meal.

Strike Out Polio - Our first organizational meeting was held this week to get the ball rolling on this year's Bowl-A-Thon. This year's proceeds will go to polio eradication. Adrienne Murphy and Bill Daviero are looking for as many people to work on this event as possible. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved, please let them know. We will set a definite date shortly, so please stay tuned and mark your calendars when we pin down the event date.

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 program was the 5th Annual Auction to benefit the Maine Children's Cancer Program. Over 300 Rotarians and guests attended this event, which was a spectacular success. Stay tuned and we will let you know what the final totals raised were.

Upcoming Club Events

- February 11 - Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm
- February 12 - Todd Jamison, Portland Sea Dogs/Take A Swing At Homelessness
- February 13 - Basketball, 7:30pm
- February 19 - (Eleanor Brainin, P.C.)
- 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 12 - Service Club Night at Purpoodock

ASSIGNMENTS

February 12

Song	Russell
Invocation	Dunphy
Raffle Gift	Daviero
Conductor	Cotter

February 19

Song	Sexton
Invocation	Eliassen
Raffle Gift	Dube
Conductor	Danielson

February 26

Song	Simpson
Invocation	H. Fischer
Raffle Gift	Dunphy
Conductor	Davidson

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