

**January 15, 2003**

**Soup Kitchen Wrap Up** - Joe Conroy reports that last evening's Soup Kitchen was a very busy affair, serving approximately 200 meals. Joe wishes to thank Bob Packer, Thurston Holt, Paul Butler and Sharyn Paul, as well as two volunteers from the high school, Emily Cole and Katie Lydon. Joe made an impassioned plea to all the members to consider volunteering for this most worthwhile project, emphasizing how fortunate we are in our own lives and how serving a shift at the Soup Kitchen brings this good fortune into focus. Our next opportunity to serve is Tuesday, February 11. Hope to see you there.

**Raffle** - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Romeo's donated by Peter Cotter, was won by Marcie Martelle.

**Happy Dollars** - Dollars were given tonight by Warren Simpson (for his 60th anniversary), Marcie Martelle, Christian Smith, Matt McAleney, Paul Butler, Jack Roberts, Bob Carson, Mac Sexton, Peter Cotter, Jim Russell, Thurston Holt, Joe Conroy, John Linehan, David Lourie, Frank Butterworth and Jeff Gabrielson.

**District Fund Raiser - Ski Day** - On Friday, January 24, the district will be hosting a ski day at Sunday River. There is still time to purchase a ticket up until next Wednesday (1/22). If you have any questions, please contact Jack Roberts.

**District Fund Raiser - Bottle Drive Wrap Up** - Peter Cotter reported that this past weekend's bottle drive was a tremendous success. At the Millcreek store, over 18,000 bottles were donated over the 2-day period. We still don't have a final total as far as the dollar amount, but Peter reports that it's probably in the neighborhood of \$1,000. Thank you to all who participated to make this such a success.

**Get Well, Sam!** Dan Mooers reports that Sam Giftos is recovering after a horrific fall. He will be spending some time in the hospital and would enjoy cards or messages. Sam can be reached at Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 2931 Proctor Road, Sarasota, Florida 34231.

**Maine Children's Cancer Program Social and Silent Auction** - On Wednesday, February 5, we will not be meeting at the Purpoodock Club, but instead will be at DiMillo's at 5:00pm for the 5th Annual Auction to benefit MCCP. Tickets are \$20 per person/\$35 per couple. A sign up will be circulating in the next week or two.

**Basketball** - Rotary basketball upcoming dates are January 23 and 30 at 7:30pm. Please come on out and enjoy the fellowship.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was Portland City Manager, Joseph (Joel) Gray. Joel has been a member of the Portland Rotary Club for over 25 years and is a resident of the city of Portland. As City Manager, Joel oversees a municipal budget that is currently \$140 million and a school budget of \$70 million. The city of Portland has approximately 1350 employees, manages an airport as well as a long-term care facility (Barron Center). Joel spent a few minutes discussing pressures on the municipal budget and expressing uncertainty as to what the future will hold. On a more positive note, he spoke glowingly of the development initiatives in the Bayside area as well as plans for the Oceangate and I-295 spur projects. One of the more sobering aspects of his job since 9/11 is a monthly security briefing in which possible threats to the city are discussed. Thank you, David Lourie, for inviting Joel to speak to us tonight.

**Upcoming Club Events**

- January 22 - Club Assembly
- January 23 - Basketball, 7:30pm
- January 24 - Ski Day @ Sunday River
- January 29 - (Dick Kilroy, Program Chair)
- January 30 - Basketball, 7:30pm
- February 5 - Maine Children's Cancer Program, DiMillo's, 5:00pm
- February 12 - Diane Virtuso, Alternative Healing (Ed Ingraham, Program Chair)
- March 5 - Kaille Warren, Rent-A-Husband (Frank Butterworth, Program Chair)
- Program Social & Auction, 5:00pm, DiMillo's

## ASSIGNMENTS

### January 22

Song Ray  
Invocation Daviero  
Raffle Gift Danielson  
Conductor Carson

### January 29

Song Roberts  
Invocation Dube  
Raffle Gift Davidson  
Conductor Conroy

### February 5

No duties

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