

June 4, 2003

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That there is an **Old Geezer Test** going around, but I bet you all know the answer to this one question that I picked from twenty. What was the most dreaded disease in the 1940s?

- a. Smallpox
- b. AIDS
- c. Polio

The answer is, of course, **c. Polio**. Swimming pools were closed, movies and other public gathering places were closed to try and prevent the spread of the disease. And now, by the year 2005, thanks to Rotary and its global partners, the world is on the threshold of eradicating the poliovirus that has destroyed so many lives and hopes. By the way, Old Geezers start with anyone the age of Dave B. and older!!

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Nonesuch Books donated by Matt McAleney, was won by John Linehan.

Changeover Night - Our annual Changeover Night will be Wednesday, June 25 at the Inn By The Sea. We will be under an elaborate tent set up on the lawn that will allow for comfortable seating for all. The cost for the dinner is \$25 per person with a choice of three entrees. This is a spouses or significant other night and all are encouraged to attend. A sign up sheet will be going around at next week's meeting.

Soup Kitchen - This coming Tuesday is our monthly Soup Kitchen obligation. Remember that the Kitchen has been temporarily moved to the Chestnut Street Church, which is located directly behind the City Hall on Chestnut Street. If you have some time, please come at 6:00pm.

Family Fun Day - June 14 is Family Fun Day at Fort Williams. If you have not yet signed up, please see co-chairs Tom Meyers or Ed Ingraham. We can use some more help on several shifts.

New Member Proposals - Steve Lavalley of Cape Elizabeth, whose classification is Mortgage Broker, has been proposed for membership by Bob Danielson. Jeffrey Crain of South Portland, whose classification is Disability Claims, has been proposed for membership by Rick Dobson.

New Member Open House - Mike McGovern announced he will be hosting an open house for new and prospective members near the end of June. If you have anyone in mind, this is a great opportunity to introduce them to Rotary.

Road Race - Dave Bagdasarian announced that the Road Race Committee is starting up again. Anyone interested in working on the race this year, please contact him.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Brad McCurtain from Maine Securities on the topic of "Can You Invest in Your Own Backyard and Make Money?" The answer is "yes." Maine Securities is a company that specializes in Maine-based securities. The trend for these companies has been positive in the past few years, certainly better than more broadly-based averages. Some of these companies include Banknorth, Idexx, Fairchild Semiconductor, Unum Provident and Immucell. Brad made the point that as a shareholder in these companies it is your responsibility to be involved, attend the annual meetings and vote your shares accordingly. Companies do listen and are willing to bend to the wishes of an active shareholder population. Thank you, John Hewitt, for bringing us this very interesting program.

Editor's Note - Thanks to Adrienne Murphy for taking notes at tonight's meeting.

Condolences - The club offers its sympathies to Jeff Gabrielson on the unexpected death of his father and to the incoming RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe's wife, Ade.

Upcoming Club Events

- June 10 - Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm,
Chestnut Street United Methodist Church**
- June 11 - (John Linehan, Program Chair)**
- June 14 - Family Fun Day**
- June 18 - Regular Meeting**
- June 25 - Changeover Night**

ASSIGNMENTS

June 11

Song Daviero
Invocation McAleney
Raffle Gift McGovern
Conductor Holt

June 18

Song J.D. Dobson
Invocation McGovern
Raffle Gift McLaughlin
Conductor Ingraham

June 25

Song Dube
Invocation Meyers
Raffle Gift Mooers
Conductor Kennealy

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