

May 28, 2003

**From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?**

That we were well represented at the recent District Conference at Sunday River. Dan & Shirley Mooers were present and, after Dan told us all about his recent trip to Africa, he brought us all up-to-date on where we are with Polio Eradication. We were told that the district has exceeded its \$300,000 goal by \$27,000. It is expected that we might raise close to \$380,000 before the campaign is over. President Rick & Diane were there, and Rick introduced one of the speakers at the Fourth Plenary Session. Mike McGovern attended for a couple nights, as he had to fly out to the RI Conference in Australia. President-Elect, Jeff Gabrielson & Linda attended and, last but certainly not least, Nancy Hawes, Coordinator of the Inbound Youth Exchange students for the past 3 years, presented students from Chile, Brazil, Germany, Norway, Romania, the Republic of Georgia, Turkey, India, the Philippines and Indonesia. Of note, in a question and answer period that followed, each student was asked what his/her favorite food was during his/her visit - 8 out of 10 said **Nancy's cookies!!**

**Raffle** - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to L.L. Bean donated by Marcia Martelle, was won by Frank Butterworth.

**Happy Dollars** - Dollars were given tonight by Jeff Gabrielson, Nancy Hawes, Marc Mutty, Rick Dobson, Kathy Ray, Jack Roberts, Mac Sexton, Paul Butler, Sam Giftos, Bob Carson, Phil Dube, John Hewitt, John Linehan, David Lourie, Frank Butterworth, Jim Russell, Thurston Holt, Mariann Goff, Matt McAleney, Marcie Martelle and J.D. Dobson.

**New Member** - Tonight we inducted Sara Lane as a new member. Sara is a resident of South Portland, having grown up in Cape Elizabeth. She looks forward to giving something back to the community and warned the club that even though she was nominated by Mariann Goff, her vocal ability is limited. Welcome, Sara!

**Changeover Night** - Our annual Changeover Night will be Wednesday, June 25 at either the Inn By The Sea or the Higgins Beach Inn. More details and a sign up sheet will follow.

**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 we 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.

**Family Fun Day** - Our initial fund raising event is Saturday, June 14. A sign up sheet went around tonight and there is still room for more people. Please mark your calendars.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was Abe Peck, a Professor of History at USM and a Jefferson Award winner. The topic of his talk was divisive issues in a post 9/11 environment. Abe began by saying that these are truly perilous times and that religious conflicts seem to be the worst because of the fanatical nature of the enemy. "Who is the enemy that we are fighting?," he asked. The answer is militant Islam, which traces its roots back to the late 1970s and the overthrow of the Shah of Iran. Worldwide, there are over 1.2 billion Muslims with the militant faction being only 10-15% of this group. So, what is important is to win the hearts and minds of the silent majority in this battle with the militant fundamentalists. Thank you, Marc Mutty, for providing this interesting program.

**Upcoming Club Events**

- June 4 - Bradley McCurtain, ME Securities Commission (John Hewitt, Program Chair)**
- June 10 - Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm, Chestnut Street United Methodist Church**
- June 11 - (John Linehan, Program Chair)**
- June 14 - Family Fun Day**
- June 25 - Changeover Night**

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**ASSIGNMENTS**

June 4

Song Carson  
Invocation Martelle  
Raffle Gift McAleney  
Conductor Hobbs

June 11

Song Daviero  
Invocation McAleney  
Raffle Gift McGovern  
Conductor Holt

June 18

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

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