January 8, 2003

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That in case you missed it in the District Governor's newsletter, the Saco Bay Rotary Club is now meeting at the Captain's Galley, 168 Saco Avenue, Old Orchard Beach and I am assuming that they still meet on Thursday at 7:30am for breakfast.

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Saltwater Grille donated by Joe Conroy, was won by Jim Russell.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were given tonight by Sharyn Paul, Jeff Gabrielson, Ed Ingraham, Jim Russell, John Eliassen, Matt McAleney, Nancy Hawes, Thurston Holt, Dan Mooers, Paul Butler, Bob Carson, Bob Danielson and Rick Dobson.

District Fund Raiser - Ski Day - On Friday, January 24, the District will be hosting a ski day at Sunday River. It is very important that we participate in this event so as to ensure that American Ski Company will do something like this in the future. If you know of anyone that would like to ski that day and would like to purchase a ticket for \$40, please contact Jack Roberts by January 17 so that we can facilitate this. Let's make this a successful fundraiser by getting involved and having a good time. Hope to see you there!

District Fund Raiser - Bottle Drive - On this coming Saturday and Sunday, January 11 and 12 from 9:00am to 3:00pm, our club will be collecting bottles/cans at the Millcreek Shaw's. We need help on all shifts, but especially 1-3pm on Saturday. Even if you haven't signed up but can spare an hour, please come down as we can use the help.

<u>Soup Kitchen</u> - This coming Tuesday is our monthly Soup Kitchen obligation. With the cold weather it will certainly be crowded, so many hands are appreciated. The dessert this month is brownies, no nuts. Hope to see you there at 6:00pm.

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 for the 5th Annual Auction to benefit MCCP. Tickets are \$25 per person/\$35 per couple. A sign up will be circulating

in the next week or two.

<u>Basketball</u> - Rotary basketball upcoming dates are January 9, 20 and 30 at 7:30pm. Please come on out and enjoy the fellowship.

<u>Program</u> - Tonight's speaker was South Portland City Councilor, David Jacobs. David has been a community activist in South Portland for many years, before running for City Council three years ago and losing. With the lessons learned from that campaign, David was able to wage a successful campaign this year, unseating the incumbent mayor. David's priorities will be dealing with the tricky issues of education funding and property tax relief. Both of these issues require complex solutions, David says. The answers lie not just at the local level, but in working with our state representatives to make changes that will benefit the citizens of the city. Thank you, Dan Mooers, for providing such an interesting speaker.

- -January 11&12-Bottle Drive/Shaw's Millcreek
- -January 9 Basketball, 7:30pm
- -January 14 Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm
- -January 15 Joe Gray/Portland City Mgr
- (David Lourie, Program Chair)
- -January 20 Basketball, 7:30pm
- -January 22 Club Assembly
- -January 24 Ski Day @ Sunday River
- -January 30 Basketball, 7:30pm
- -February 5 Maine Children's Cancer
- Program Social & Auction, 5:00pm, DiMillo's

January 15

Song Paul Invocation Davidson Raffle Gift Cotter

Conductor Butterworth

January 22

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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.

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

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - 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.

<u>District Fund Raiser - Ski Day</u> - 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.

<u>District Fund Raiser - Bottle Drive Wrap Up</u> -

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.

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<u>Basketball</u> - 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.

- -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

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Conductor Carson

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February 5
No duties

That we started the second half of our Rotary year with two less members. Alan Hawkins, who became Superintendent of the Wiscasset schools shortly after he joined our club, has joined the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club at or around the first of January. Jeff Holden, who was granted a 3-month leave of absence from us on July 1 never returned to the club and, in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary, the Board of Directors removed him as an active member of our club for lack of attendance. The "good news" is that Marc Mutty, after announcing his resignation from the club because of his move to Freeport, has decided to stay in the club and we are all glad of his decision.

Polio Eradication - Fulfilling Our Promise

Many Rotarians have expressed concern that the current polio eradication fund raising will have a serious impact on the annual fund and permanent fund efforts of The Rotary Foundation. The RI Board and the Foundation Trustees fully realize that the Polio Eradication Campaign places an extraordinary challenge before Rotarians worldwide. They are confident, however, that Rotarians can and will respond to this challenge, as well as continue their outstanding support of ongoing Foundation programs.

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Circuit City donated by Bob Danielson, was won by Dan Mooers.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were given tonight by Tony Wagner, Adrienne Murphy, Ed Ingraham, Dan Mooers, Bob Packer, Mac Sexton, Frank Butterworth, Thurston Holt, Jim Russell, Jeff Gabrielson and Rick Dobson.

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

<u>New Member Proposal</u> - Justin Dobson has been proposed for membership by Matt McAleney. You may know Justin's dad, our own President Rick (Funny how he didn't want to join until after the tree sale - smart kid!)

<u>Program</u> - Tonight's program was a Club Assembly. President Rick began by calling on Marcie Martelle to give us a list of some of the programs and projects we have funded over the past few months. The following is the list:

Serenity House - \$300 CEHS Boosters Football Program - \$500 Plane Fare for Kenyan Visitor - \$700 My Wonderful Dog - \$500 Soup Kitchen Supplies - \$68.20 Medical Mission to Dominican Republic - \$500 (4) Camp Susan Curtis campers - \$400 Juvenile Diabetes Foundation - \$200 CEHS Theater competition travel - \$500 Cota Family of Scarborough - \$500 CEHS Project Graduation - \$250 CEHS Program/Physically Challenged - \$1250

We are sponsoring five abandoned children this year from Brazil, at a cost of \$216 a child. John Eliassen announced that we will be funding a project in Cape Elizabeth to replace the doors on the fire barn and possibly doing something in South Portland with Willard Square. Hawes gave a good talk about the Exchange Program for which she is the inbound Chair. Dan Mooers and Mike McGovern spoke of the Rotary Foundation and Rotary International and their many good works. Mike has offered to anyone in the club who wishes to make a contribution that he will match with his credits to enable someone to become a Paul Harris Fellow. This is a very generous offer and just another good reason to consider a contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

- -January 23 Basketball, 7:30pm
- -January 24 Ski Day @ Sunday River
- -January 29 Rick Smith, Hydrogen Energy
- **Center (Marc Mutty, 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)
- -February 22 World Pace & Understanding Dinner @ Verillo's in Portland

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That there is a Rotary "Chair" Man who is Secretary of the Rotary Club of Farmington, Maine. The company he works for, W.A. Mitchell Chairmakers, hand crafts the Rotary Commemorative Chair under Rotary License #02-4B0514. The chair is truly an heirloom quality piece of furniture and, if I have caught your interest by now, all you have to do is visit our website at www.sp-ce-rotary.org. For those of you who do not have access to the web, I have a few copies of the information about the commemorative chair. Jack Kennealy says he will have this information on the web by the time you read this. (That is if Kathy gets the bulletin out to you on time this week!!)

<u>Raffle</u> - Dan Davidson donated tonight's prizes won by Rick Dobson and Jim Russell.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were given tonight by Eleanor Brainin, Jim Russell, Jack Roberts, Frank Butterworth, Mariann Goff, Bob Packer, Adrienne Murphy, John Eliassen, Phil Dube and Rick Dobson.

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Polio Ski Day Wrap Up - On Friday, January 24, our district sponsored a ski day at Sunday River to benefit polio eradication. Sunday River presented a check for \$15,600 (390 tickets) to Tim Placey and Bob Laux. Much thanks go out to all those who braved the elements and especially American Ski Company who donated 100% of the ticket proceeds.

<u>New Member Proposal</u> - Justin Dobson has been proposed for membership by Matt McAleney. You may know Justin's dad, our own President Rick (Funny how he didn't want to join until after the tree sale - smart kid!)

<u>Basketball</u> - Rotary basketball upcoming dates are January 30, February 3 and February 13 at 7:30pm. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

Strike Out Polio - Bill Daviero announced to the club that sometime during mid to late March, on a Sunday, we would be hosting our annual Bowl-A-Thon. The proceeds from this year's event will go to polio eradication. Bill and Adrienne Murphy are looking for members to be involved in organizing this event. An informal meeting will take place next Wednesday at DiMillo's prior to the 5:00pm auction. If you would like to be involved, please let

Bill or Adrienne know.

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.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Rick Smith of the Hydrogen Energy Center (HEC). HEC is a non-profit corporation with a mission to support transition to a hydrogen energy economy. Hydrogen energy offers a clean, renewable, carbon-free and sustainable future. The three areas in which you will see the transition will be in consumer electronics, distributed power and transportation vehicles. You may see hydrogen-based fuel cells in consumer electronics within the next 12-24 months. The other areas will take longer based on economics. Thanks to Peter Cotter for providing such a fascinating speaker.

- -February 3 Basketball, 7:30pm
- -February 5 ME Children's Cancer Program DiMillo's, 5:00pm
- -February 12 Todd Jamison, Portland Sea Dogs/Take A Swing At Homelessness
- -February 11 Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm
- -February 13 Basketball, 7:30pm
- -February 19 Board Meeting
- -February 19 (Eleanor Brainin, P.C.)
- -February 22 World Peace & Understanding Dinner @ Verillo's in Portland
- -February 26 (Fawn Dunphy, P.C.)
- -March 5 Kaille Warren, Rent-A-Husband (Frank Butterworth, Program Chair)
- -March 12 Amy Thomas, Youth & Family Outreach Center (Frank Gemme, P.C.)

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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 grassroots 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.

- -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

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That thanks to twenty-one of you, the Rotary Social Silent Auction was the best ever at DiMillo's last week. Look at the net to the Maine Children's Cancer Program from its inception:

1999 \$1,965 2002 \$17,143 2000 \$14,167 2003 **\$21,529** 2001 \$15,521

Did you know that the DiMillo family, with the exception of \$225.00 for wait staff tips, donates all of the food that is presented that night.

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prizes were a Casa Napolio gift certificate donated by Bill Daviero and won by Frank Butterworth AND a set of Sea Dogs tickets donated by our speaker and won by Dan Mooers.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were donated tonight by John Hewitt, Jeff Hobbs, Bob Carson, Dan Mooers, Frank Butterworth, John Eliassen, Marcie Martelle, Brad Smith, Matt McAleney, Jeff Gabrielson, Kathy Ray, Nancy Hawes, Jack Roberts, Paul Butler, Mike McGovern, Adrienne Murphy, Ed Ingraham, Thurston Holt and Rick Dobson.

<u>New Member</u> - Tonight our club welcomed its newest member, Justin Dobson. Justin, or J.D. as he's known, is a graduate of Cheverus High School and the University of Maine at Orono. He is an Account Manager with CCCS and he and his wife are expecting their first child this year. Incidentally, he's also the son of our President, Rick. Welcome aboard, J.D.

<u>Basketball</u> - 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 date is 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. Rick has informed the people that we will be paying at the door; so make sure you have a check ready.

Strike Out Polio - Please mark your calendars as we now have a date for the Bowl-A-Thon of Sunday, March 23. We have four teams headed by Mariann Goff, Eleanor Brainin, Brad Smith and Frank Butterworth. We will be looking for either corporate sponsorships or team members to solicit pin sponsorships or pledges for their teams. This event promises to be not only a good fundraiser, but also a lot of fun. Hopefully everyone can get involved to some extent.

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Program - Tonight's speaker was Todd Jamison, the play-by-play voice of the Portland Sea Dogs. Todd expressed the enthusiasm that accompanying this year's Sea Dog team as the new AA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. Some of the changes that you will see at the ball park are the elimination of the teal colors in favor of the red and blue Red Sox colors, a new left-field wall that is 37 feet high with complete with Citgo sign and Coke bottle and a renaming of all the sky boxes to Red Sox "legends." Todd's main purpose in addressing the club was to kick off this year's effort at "Take A Swing At Homelessness" which is scheduled for Sunday August 10. Todd passed out order forms to be sent in for tickets. Half of the proceeds go towards the effort of this year's goal of \$12,000. Thank you, Todd, for coming tonight.

Upcoming Club Events

- -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

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That our reported attendance to the district for January was down considerably (67.5%), but that was before Snowbirds John, Richard, Sam and Wayne got out their shovels, plowed their driveways and drove to the post office to mail me their makeup cards for January. That brought the actual attendance for January up to 75% and those makeup credits will go forward to the February report. I wonder if the ice formed on that small pool next to Wayne's condo in Naples!

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, five car washes donated by Phil Dube, was won by Jeff Gabrielson.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were donated tonight by Jeff Gabrielson, Thurston Holt, Jim Russell, Eleanor Brainin, Frank Butterworth, Mike McGovern, Hendrik Fischer, Matt McAleney, Jack Kennealy, Bob Carson, Paul Butler and Rick Dobson.

Polio Eradication - Fulfilling Our Promise

Some Rotary districts also have been using a portion of the District Designated Fund toward the overall polio eradication goal. Transfers from the DDF will be counted toward a campaign goal established by the district. Through a program known as "Race to the Finish," the Trustees invited districts to make DDF contributions to the PolioPlus earlier in this year. This resulted in contributions of more than US\$2.4 million.

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 date is 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. Rick Dobson wants to remind everyone to be prepared to pay at the door.

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. This event promises to be not only a good fundraiser, but also a lot of fun.

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Program - Tonight's speaker was Mark Kaplan with Coastal Enterprises (CI), a non-profit community development corporation that began 25 years ago. It currently has \$110 million in assets, which it has leveraged to over \$450 million worth of loans. The mission of CI is to provide people with the opportunities to get ahead economically by providing financial and technical assistance. It provides loans of \$10K-\$15K to \$500K. A spin-off of CI is CEI Ventures, a community development venture capital fund. This for-profit fund invests equity in businesses with the goal of providing good jobs for people in Maine as well as a good return on investment. Thank you, Eleanor, for inviting Mark to speak to our club tonight.

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- Dinner @ Verillo's in Portland
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- -February 27 Basketball, 7:30pm
- -March 5 Kaille Warren, Rent-A-Husband (Frank Butterworth, Program Chair)
- -March 11 Soup Kitchen, 6:00pm
- -March 12 Service Club Night at Purpoodock
- -March 29 District Interact Conference

February 26

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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.

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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.

- -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
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That this message is being mailed from the state prison in Stark, Florida. I thought that being in the witness protection program was the answer until 10 year old (now 11) Megan Ray spotted my face on America's Most Wanted. Anyhow, I need a break from the harsh winter in Maine this year, and what better state to spend it in than Florida. I can't understand why there isn't a pool or a beach outside my prison window!! Maybe I'm too far from the coast. If you haven't figured it out, Kathy Ray, mother of that brilliant child Megan, has my job as secretary but what she doesn't know is that I'll be in Stark for longer than six weeks, maybe 6 years!! I'll keep the postcards coming until I run out of money for stamps. I hope there is a place to do a make-up around here!!

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize donated by John Eliassen was won by John Eliassen.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were donated tonight by Jeff Gabrielson, Marc Mutty, Frank Butterworth, Mariann Goff, David Lourie, Ed Ingraham, Dave Bagdasarian, Matt McAleney, J.D. Dobson, Tom Meyers, John Eliassen, Joe Conroy, Bob Carson and Rick Dobson.

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Soup Kitchen - Next Tuesday, March 11 is our monthly Soup Kitchen obligation from 6:00-7:00pm. Please, please, please if you've never done this before, consider serving someone less fortunate than you. You will get out of it much more than you put in

<u>Camp Sunshine Benefit</u> - On March 31 at 5:00pm, the Cape Elizabeth High School Economics class will be serving a 5-course meal at SMTC for \$100/plate. The proceeds from this evening will benefit Camp Sunshine. For more information, contact Rick Dobson.

<u>Program</u> - Tonight's speaker was Kaille Warren, founder and President of Rent-A-Husband, a home service franchise. Kaille was born in Cumberland and learned carpentry from his parents. The idea for Rent-A-Husband came to him after a car accident left him disabled for 2 years, his wife left him and he was homeless. In six years in business, Rent-A-Husband is now franchised in 6 states and the United Kingdom. Kaille has been on countless talk shows, replaced Bob Villa on the CBS Morning Show and has a movie coming out about his story this Christmas, featuring Chevy Chase and Brooke Shields. Thank you, Frank Butterworth, for providing such an inspirational speaker.

<u>Editor's Note</u> - Thank you to Matt McAleney for taking notes for me at tonight's meeting.

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That some of you probably remember that old high school tale that "the dog ate my homework." certainly don't, but that's because I was in high school a long time ago. Well, it seems that Wayne Goodrich was in New Hampshire a short while ago and was doing an evening make-up at some dinner party that cost him thirty-one dollars. It also seems that that night the Rotary Club sponsoring this dinner had a temporary secretary who had his car stolen on the night of the dinner and, you guessed it, the make-up cards for that night's event were in the stolen card. Since I'm still in Florida, I'm asking the Board of Directors to vote whether or not Wayne gets a make-up for this meeting without an official make-up card. Please don't be too hard on him. After all, he had to leave the ice-covered pool in Naples, Florida and come all the way up to snowcovered New Hampshire to originate this story!!

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a 50/50 drawing, was won by Dave Bagdasarian.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were donated tonight by Jeff Gabrielson, Dave Bagdasarian, Lloyd Knight, Frank Butterworth, Dan Mooers, Marcie Martelle, Ed Ingraham, Dan Davidson, Rick Dobson and assorted Lions and Kiwanians.

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Soup Kitchen Wrap Up - Joe Conroy would like to thank Bob Packer, Dan Gacetta, Dave Bagdasarian, Rick & Diane Dobson and Kathy & Megan Ray who served last night. Our next opportunity to serve is Tuesday, April 8.

<u>Community Project</u> - Dan Davidson has taken charge of getting together a Rotary team to work on the Rebuilding Together workday - Saturday, April 26. Dan will be passing around a sign up sheet in the next couple weeks to work on this worthwhile project in either South Portland or Cape Elizabeth.

Program - Tonight's meeting was a joint service clubs meeting with the Lions Club of Cape Elizabeth, the Lions Club of Thornton Heights, the Lions Club of South Portland and the South Portland Kiwanis Club. The spirit of fellowship will hopefully translate into us all working together on various community projects or, at the very least, signage. Tonight's speaker was Ann Lee Hussey whose topic was her visit to India last February as part of a national immunization day that ultimately resulted in the vaccination of 165 million children in India. Ann Lee spoke of the cultural difficulties in getting some Indians to present their children, which has lead to outbreaks. She also spoke of how warmly the people treated them during their stay in India. The state that she was in had almost 79% of all the reported cases in the country of polio during the last year. As you may know, India is one of only seven countries that have had incidents of wild polio It is hoped that the efforts of this past immunization day, as well as several planned for 2003, will lead to the elimination of polio in India this year. Thank you, Dan Mooers, for organizing this memorable event.

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That I tried to do a make-up at the Black Point Inn before I was whisked away by other individuals (refer to previous columns). Remember the morning of Tuesday, February 18, the storm morning? Not wanting to drive my car, I borrowed my son-inlaw's snowmobile, passed 4 cemeteries, 3 golf courses, 2 tennis courts and a Scarborough police officer with his radar gun on. The officer thought I looked familiar from his America's Most Wanted photos and, while he was checking me out, I took off through the woods where he couldn't follow me and, when I hit Scarboro Beach, I turned left instead of right and ended up at the Inn By The Sea. My question to the Board is do I get credit for a makeup for Tuesday morning? After all, isn't this a more believable story than the one Wayne came up with about the stolen secretary's car in New Hampshire!!

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Borders Books donated by Jeff Gabrielson, was won by Phil Dube.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were donated tonight by Adrienne Murphy, Jeff Gabrielson, Jack Kennealy, Jack Roberts, Mariann Goff, Matt McAleney, Eleanor Brainin, David Lourie, Dan Mooers, Peter Cotter, John Linehan, Thurston Holt, Phil Dube, Dan Davidson, Andy Stickney and Rick Dobson.

Polio Eradication - Fulfilling Our Promise

Some of the reasons why the polio eradication effort should be supported by every Rotarian are:

- -Eradication will end the need for routine polio immunization and its attendant costs, freeing up US\$1.5 billion in savings each year for other health purposes.
- -No more polio-caused pain, death or disability. Eradication throughout the world will prevent polio from spreading back into countries now free of the disease.
- -Polio immunization programs promote routine immunization for other childhood diseases.
- -The opportunity to be a part of this great humanitarian mission.

Basketball - Our next two dates are March 27 and

March 31 at the Cape Middle School gym. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Davidson or Jim Russell.

Strike Out Polio - The time has come for our Bowl-A-Thon to eradicate polio - this Sunday, March 23 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Yankee Lanes in Portland. Even if you haven't yet given a pledge, it is not too late to just show up and make a pledge on the spot. Bill Daviero reports that we have

already received pledges of over \$4,000 for this event. Please give this event your consideration as we can use everyone's participation.

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Program - Tonight's speaker was Dudley Davis, Executive Director of "Yes To Youth (YTY)." YTY is designed for children ages 10-18. mission is to use sports as a means to attract children to get them to become contributing citizens in their communities. The program began 8 years ago with 40 children. The younger children (ages 10-14) play basketball with a sports-related curriculum focusing on math and science. The older children (ages 14 and above) are exposed to all aspects of television broadcasting. presentations that these children have developed can be seen on WGME and WPXT. Time Warner Cable has been a generous participant as well. Currently, the program has about 550 youths in it. Thank you, Dan Davidson, for bringing Dudley to us.

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That you all are probably tired of the foolishness I have been doing the past couple of weeks, so I thought I'd make this last column before I return a little more serious. First, I want to wish Nancy & Mike a very Happy (belated) Birthday on the 17th and I'm sorry I wasn't there to celebrate my **BIG** 60??? on the 18th!! But most of all, I want to thank Kathy Ray for all the work she has done for me and, as a thank you from me, I'm going to present her with a gift certificate to the Outback Restaurant which she can use when she comes down to Florida in mid-April. Oh, did I mention that I should be back in Cape Elizabeth by the 27th of April!! Will you still be there, Kathy?

Lights, Camera, Action!! The South Portland Public Access channel has expressed an interest in taping, for replay on the SP/CE channels, some of the speakers at our meetings. A crew will be at the next meeting, April 2, to tape the talk by Harold Pachios. In order to comply with the request of the TV crew, speakers at future meetings must be asked well in advance of the meeting if they consent to bring taped. Therefore, when arranging speakers, please ask them if they mind being taped for replay on public access. You should also indicate that the meeting may or may not be taped, depending on the availability of a crew. It also will be helpful for the names, affiliations and topics of speakers to be known well in advance so necessary slides can be made up for the channel to use in promoting future programming. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Mooers.

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, 2 Sea Dogs tickets donated by Dan Gacetta, was won by Tom Meyers.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were donated tonight by Jeff Gabrielson, Jack Roberts, Matt McAleney, Ed Ingraham, Frank Butterworth, Mariann Goff, Dan Davidson, Jim Russell, David Lourie, Bill Daviero, Bob Danielson, Dave Bagdasarian, Mac Sexton, Dan Mooers, Thurston Holt, Dick Yerxa, Adrienne Murphy and Rick Dobson.

<u>Club Handbooks</u> - Thanks to the work of Dan Davidson, our updated club handbooks for prospective members are now available. See Rick Dobson to get yours.

Strike Out Polio Wrap Up - While the final total is not yet known, Adrienne Murphy reports that our Bowl-A-Thon was a tremendous success, raising over \$5,000. She thanked all involved, especially the team captains, Hendrik Fischer whose company sponsored the overhead, Dan Davidson for publicity and "Mr. Bowl-A-Thon," Bill Daviero who did everything necessary to make sure that all bowlers enjoyed themselves.

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<u>District Assembly</u> - This year's assembly will be held on Tuesday, April 22 at 8:00am at the York County Technical College in Wells. All incoming officers to the district are encouraged to attend, as well as any other members of the club. Please see Rick Dobson to sign up.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Lisa Naseef, Director of Development for My Choice, a residential program for young women and children in crisis. The program helps with life skills, parenting education, mentoring, counseling and follow-up support designed to allow women to transition from homelessness to a more stable environment. At the present time, the program accommodates 30 women per year at 2 residences in Portland. Lisa is looking for assistance in mentoring, life skills education, or even a pick up truck to help with moving someone. Thank you, Lisa, for a very inspirational talk.

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