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From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That you can shop online and help the Rotary Foundation! It's fast and easy - register to shop at **www.IGive.com**. Designate "Rotary Foundation, District 7780, as your charitable cause. Any purchase you make from hundreds of vendors, including L.L. Bean, Land's End, HSN, The Golf Warehouse and Priceline will donate a percentage to Foundation Giving!

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Happy Dollars - Dollars were donated tonight by Marcie Martelle, Thurston Holt, Hendrik Fischer, David Lourie, Rick Dobson, Peter Cotter, John Eliassen, Mac Sexton, Bob Danielson, Jim Russell, Paul McKenney, Bill Daviero, Dan Mooers, Steve Lavallee, Mariann Goff, Nancy Hawes, Lisa Seo, Sarah Lane, Wayne Goodrich, Frank Butterworth and Jeff Gabrielson.

Rotary Minute - Tonight's minute addressed the topic of membership. Dan Mooers reminded us all that Paul Harris was the only member of Rotary never proposed for membership. In addition, of the four original members, only one, Hiram Shorey, was over the age of 40 (42). Rotary roots are as a club for young businessmen and we have allowed ourselves to become an "old man's club." It's time to change that.

<u>New Members</u> - Tonight we introduced two new members to our club - Lisa Seo and George Schuman. Lisa lives in CE with her husband, Scott, and her classification is Insurance & Finance. George also lives in CE. His classification is Architect. Welcome Lisa and George!

<u>District Conference</u> - This year's District Conference will be held in Montreal, Canada from October 31 - November 2. This will be a joint conference with a district to the south of us. You can register for the conference online or see Jeff Gabrielson for more details.

<u>Trailer Clean Up</u> - Peter Cotter announced that October 18 at 9:00am we will be having a clean up day at the fire barn. This is an effort to spruce up the trailer, touch up the racks and get everything in working order for the upcoming tree sale. Please mark your calendars.

<u>Tree Sale</u> - Frank Butterworth announced the committee structure for the upcoming tree sale. The scheduling committee is being co-chaired by Tom Noyes and Paul McKenney; set up committee by

Jim Russell and Steve Lavallee; take down committee is being co-chaired by Jeff Hobbs and George Schuman; mailing & statistics committee is being co-chaired by Wayne Goodrich, Frank Gemme and Sarah Lane; and the publicity chair is Dan Davidson. If you'd like to assist any of these chairpersons with their efforts, please contact them.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Richard D'Abate, Executive Director of the Maine Historical Society (MHS). MHS is the third oldest state historical society in the country founded in 1822. encompasses a museum, library, Wadsworth-Longfellow House and an interactive website called the "Maine Memory Network." MHS's early history is one of publisher of historical books. The focus of the society in the early years was very much research oriented. This has now changed. The Center for Maine History Museum had over 6,000 children and 17,000 total visitors last year to some of the best exhibits you will find anywhere in the country. The museum has a budget of \$1.5 million, which is raised through memberships, donations, some state funding and gift shop sales. Thank you, Bill Daviero, for providing such an interesting program this evening.

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- **Development Center (Rick Dobson, P.C.)**
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That when it is your turn to present the "grace" before our Rotary dinners, you can go onto the Internet and go to www.google.com to find some examples of "graces" that can be used at our meetings. Google search would be "Rotary grace." In most browsers you can just hit the return key instead of clicking on the search button once you have reached the "Rotary grace" spot. I want to thank Dan Davidson for contributing to this and last week's columns.

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a snow blower tuneup donated by Dick Yerxa, was won by Ed Ingraham.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were donated tonight by Rick Dobson, George Schuman, Steve Lavallee, Sam Giftos, Warren Simpson, Bob Packer, John Eliassen, Jim Russell (for Eleanor Brainin), Ed Ingraham, Dan Davidson, Jeff Hobbs, J.D. Dobson, David Lourie, Paul Butler and Frank Butterworth.

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<u>Tree Sale</u> - Last week, Frank Butterworth introduced the committee structure for the upcoming Tree Sale. If you are not a committee chairman and would like to help out on any of the committees, please get in touch with Frank as we can use all the help we can get to make this fundraiser successful.

<u>Vocational Lunch</u> - On Wednesday, October 22, our club will be hosting its annual Vocational Lunch for the Public Works employees at the CE Central Fire Station. If you'd like to help out with this project, please contact Ed Ingraham.

Rotaract Club - Our club is sponsoring a Rotaract Club for Southern Maine Community College. We've already held our first informational meeting and are now soliciting interested students to join. If you'd like to be involved in this very worthwhile project, please contact Janet McLaughlin or Jeff Gabrielson for more information.

<u>Soup Kitchen</u> - Tuesday, October 14 is our monthly Soup Kitchen obligation. This will be our last month at the Chestnut Street location, as the remodeling is almost complete. Because we had such a good turnout last month, the inclination is to not go this month. Please don't fall into that trap and come anyway.

<u>Family Night</u> - On Wednesday, November 5, our club will be having its first Family Night at the Culinary Arts Dining Room at Southern Maine Community College. Please mark your calendars as spouses and family members are going to be encouraged to attend this evening.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Jim DeCamillas, Executive Director of the Morrison Development Center (MDC), formerly the Cerebral Palsy Center. The MDC was incorporated in 1956 and during its early existence was primarily a program for schoolage children. In 1976, the Center moved into its current Veranda Street location and its mission changed to a more adult and preschool emphasis. Adult programs such as the Greenhouse Program provide life skills training and a small income to the members. The preschool program for ages 1-5 features 16 children in two sessions working on a variety of skills. The school-age program deals with the most medically-fragile participants. Thank you, Rick Dobson, for introducing this very interesting program.

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Song Lane

Invocation Butterworth Raffle Gift Carson Conductor Schmidt

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From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That our own Joe Conroy was honored again, this time as volunteer driver for the Independent Transportation Network. Joe was featured in a PBS documentary, "Seniors: Behind The Wheel," which was aired on Sunday, September 14, but I unfortunately did not receive this information in time to relay it to you.

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Shoppers Hardware donated by Dave Bagdasarian, was won by David Lourie.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were donated tonight by Ed Ingraham, Tom Meyers, John Eliassen, Joe Conroy, Paul McKenney, Sam Giftos, J.D. Dobson, Frank Butterworth and Jeff Gabrielson.

<u>Public Service Luncheon</u> - On Wednesday, October 22 at 12:00 noon, our club will be hosting its annual Public Service Luncheon for the Public Works employees at the CE Central Fire Station. If you'd like to help out with this project, please contact Ed Ingraham.

New Member Orientation - On Monday, November 3, we will be holding a new member orientation at the Hobbs Funeral Hospitality Center, next to the Hobbs Funeral Home. The time of this event is yet to be determined, but if you are a new member or are thinking of proposing a new member, this is a great way to learn more about Rotary or introduce someone who might be thinking about joining to our club.

Foundation Seminar - Next week, the District will be hosting a series of regional Foundation seminars. The closest to our club will be held on Tuesday, October 21 at 6:00pm at the Southern Maine Agency on Aging, 136 S. U.S. Route One in Scarborough. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the various programs and projects the Foundation has to offer, as well as hopefully inspire you to become a financial participant. If every member of our District donated just \$2.00 per week, we could raise over \$300,000 in our District alone. The point is that a small amount of money can go a long way, so please consider attending this worthwhile event.

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Soup Kitchen Wrap Up - Joe Conroy thanked Dan & Edie Davidson, Thurston Holt and Paul Butler who helped out at last night's Soup Kitchen. Please mark your calendars for November 11 which will be our first duty back at the renovated Preble Street location where we will need as many people as possible to serve.

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Program - Tonight's speaker was Nancy Lord from the IRS. Nancy spoke at length about the earned income tax credit, as well as the child tax credit. The bottom line is that taxes are not easy, even if your income is low. To address this problem community-based partnerships providing awareness and education, tax preparation and asset building are being organized throughout the country, including here in greater Portland. Thank you to J.D. Dobson for reminding us that tax season is not too far away.

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That the Board of Directors is looking into two big events in the present and upcoming Rotary years. First, we are looking at the prospect of sponsoring a new Rotary breakfast club in South Portland and, second, we are considering putting on a lobster-clam bake for next year's incoming RI President around the 23rd or 24th of July. More later!!!

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a Mulberry Cottage gift certificate donated by Paul Butler, was won by Jack Roberts.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were donated tonight by Jim Russell, Adrienne Murphy, Bob Packer, Jack Kennealy, Bill Daviero, Marcie Martelle, Thurston Holt, Frank Gemme, Jack Roberts, Dan Davidson, David Lourie, John Linehan, Paul McKenney, Jeff Gabrielson, Peter Cotter, Sam Giftos and Kathy Ray.

<u>Public Service Luncheon Wrap Up</u> - Peter Cotter would like to thank Ed Ingraham, Bob Packer, Kathy Ray and Dan Davidson who assisted in making our annual Public Service luncheon a great success.

November 3 at 6:30pm, we will be holding a new member orientation at the Hobbs Funeral Hospitality Center, next to the Hobbs Funeral Home. If you are a new member or are thinking of proposing a new member, this is a great way to learn more about Rotary or introduce someone who might be thinking about joining to our club.

<u>New Member Proposal</u> - Bob Packer has proposed for membership Joan Frustaci. Joan lives in CE and her classification is Market Research - Public Policy.

<u>Friends Forever</u> - Marianne Goff is looking for volunteers to host the Friends Forever group at Sunday services on November 2 and to treat them to lunch afterwards. See her if you're interested in helping.

Fire Barn Cleaning Wrap Up - Everything is ready for another Christmas tree sale thanks to the fine efforts of John Eliassen, Peter Cotter, Jeff Gabrielson, George Schuman, and Tony Wagner. The next date to keep in mind is November 22, which will be our tree lot set up date. Please mark your calendars.

Family Night - On Wednesday, November 5, our club will be having its first Family Night at the Culinary Arts Dining Room at Southern Maine Community College. A sign up sheet was passed around tonight that indicates couple and family prices. This should be a very entertaining night as a surprise program has been planned. Please mark your calendars.

Scarborough Club Moving - Tuesday mornings at 7:00am will now be the meeting time with the location being Governor's Restaurant on U.S. Route 1 in South Portland. Please note this for future make up opportunities.

<u>Editor's Note</u> - I inadvertently left out the name of Bob Packer in last week's Soup Kitchen Wrap Up. Bob is a faithful member of the kitchen crew every month and for this I humbly apologize.

Program - Tonight's speaker was former Maine Governor, Angus King, speaking on Casinos No! Question 3 is not a concept of a casino, but rather an 18-page law that can't be changed or amended without the consent of the tribes. Question 3 was written by lawyers for the tribes and is a wholly one-sided agreement. Even if you are in favor of the economic advantage of a casino, this is a bad deal. Thank you, Phil Dube, for providing truly one of the best speakers our clubs has had all year.

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That it isn't too early for us to mark our calendars for **November 11 for the Preble Street Soup Kitchen**, which should be back in its newly renovated facility. We are going to need more than two Rotarians for the 6-7pm shift, as we will be serving the meals once again and that takes a lot of hands.

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to the 555 restaurant donated by Bob Carson, was won by Dave Bagdasarian.

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Tree Sale Update - As we turn the clocks back, we need to focus on our upcoming tree sale, as several things are around the corner. First, on Wednesday, November 12 at 5:15pm before our regular meeting we will be having a labeling party for the postcards that we send out. We need as many people as possible, as we have 1,400 labels to stick on the cards. Second, on Saturday, November 22, the tree lot set up is scheduled for 9:00am. If we can get maximum turnout for this, this goes very quickly. Please mark your calendars now for both of these upcoming events. Within the next two weeks, the sign up schedule for shift sign up will be available. Please don't wait to sign up, as it becomes very difficult to track down the people who have not put in their four shifts. If you do it early, it makes Tom Noyes' job that much easier. Lastly, Frank Butterworth is looking for volunteers to help with a new tree pick up program that we will partner with the Lions Club with. If you're interested, please contact Frank.

<u>Peace Corp Volunteers</u> - Our club hosted a group of volunteers visiting CE. They spoke about several projects including one in Africa, partnering with a Rotary club. Thank you to CE resident, Tim Ervine for hosting them.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Jane Eberle, SP Schools Director of Volunteers and Business Partnerships, who spearheads the mentoring program. Jane mentioned that there are over 1,000 volunteers in SP as boosters, class assistants, library aides, etc., as well as a strong program in the middle school pairing off students observing mentors in the workplace. Jane also spoke of the Channel 13 Rotary Bottle Collection drive which last year benefited PolioPlus and Maine Mentoring and is set for January 10 at Shaw's. Thanks to Fawn Dunfey for inviting such an interesting speaker.

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

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That the "Friends Forever" group of young people from Northern Ireland were "center stage" at the First Congregational Church this past Sunday. The Rev. John McCall not only introduced the group in the opening remarks of his sermon, he based his sermon on the commandment "Love Thy Neighbor." Following the service, Nancy Hawes and Dan & Edie Davidson took the group to lunch in Cape Elizabeth.

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Joe's Boathouse donated by Joe Conroy, was won by Peggy Packer.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were donated tonight by Kathy Ray, Bob Packer, Wayne Goodrich, Jim Russell, Mike McGovern, Paul McKenney, Peter Cotter, Bill Daviero, Nancy Hawes, Marcie Martelle, Thurston Holt, Dan Mooers, Jack Roberts, Dick Yerxa, Jack Kennealy, Rick Dobson, Geoff Crain, J.D. Dobson, George Schuman, David Lourie, Frank Gemme, Adrienne Murphy, Linda Gabrielson, Frank Butterworth, Paul Butler, Mariann Goff, Steve Lavallee, Tom Meyers and Jeff Gabrielson.

Soup Kitchen - Our monthly Soup Kitchen obligation will be at the Chestnut Street Church on Tuesday, November 11 at 6:00pm. This will be our last time at this location as Preble Street reopens on November 17. The dessert will be cookies, no nuts.

<u>Rotary History</u> - Tonight, President Jeff recognized the five octogenarians that are presently in our club. They are Sam Giftos, Dick Kilroy, Thurston Holt, Dan Gacetta and Warren Simpson, our elder statesmen. Congratulations to all our senior members.

Rotary Basketball - Our first two dates for Rotary basketball are November 25 and December 2 at 7:30pm in the CE Middle School gym.

Tree Sale Update - We are now gearing up for our big fund-raiser of the year. Several items now need to be marked on your calendars for the next few weeks. First, on Wednesday, November 12 at 5:15pm before our regular meeting we will be having a labeling party for the postcards that we send out. We need as many people as possible, as we have 1,400 labels to stick on the cards. Second, on Saturday, November 22, the tree lot set up is scheduled for 9:00am. If we can get maximum turnout for this, this goes very quickly. Please mark your calendars now for both of these upcoming events. Within the next two weeks, the sign up schedule for shift sign up will be available. Please

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Program - Tonight's program celebrated the family of Rotary in a couple different ways. First of all, it was a Spouses and Family Night. Secondly, we were introduced to two different youth groups' Rotary sponsors. Our two Rylarians from last year -Jennifer Gillies and Meahgan LaVangie - shared their RYLA experience with us. For those that don't know, RYLA is a Rotary-sponsored program for high school sophomores that promote leadership development. We were also introduced to the new Rotaract Club on the SMCC campus by members Tammy Quimby, Alyssa VonHunnick and Todd Swinton. The Rotaract Club is up and running and is already sponsoring a bake sale and an alternate gift market on November 23 and 24 in the Campus Center.

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- -November 19 Club Assembly
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- -November 26 No Meeting

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From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That the real reason that a certain Cape resident won election to the school board had to do with signs, and I'm not talking about signs of the zodiac. It seems she placed a KR for School Board sign on her front lawn but that didn't draw too much of a crowd because her house is some 500 feet back from the road. So she then called 57 of her club friends and asked them to put signs on their front lawns. There were 38 signs in Cape Elizabeth, 10 in South Portland, 2 each in Scarborough and Portland and 1 each in Windham, E. Waterboro, Freeport, Kennebunk and Sarasota, Florida. That was okay, but the 10 signs in South Portland sure caused some confusion. It seems that some South Portland residents went to the polls and wrote in KR's name on the ballot for city council, but she only came in fourth in that city!! NOTE: Secretary Paul is on vacation this week and someone else has written this column!!

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

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were donated tonight by Bob Carson, Jim Russell, Laurenz Schmidt, Mariann Goff, Marcie Martelle, Rick Dobson, Joe Conroy, Paul McKenney, Thurston Holt, Sara Lane, Frank Gemme, Dick Kilroy, Hendrik Fischer, Dan Mooers, Paul Butler, Warren Simpson, Ed Ingraham, Christian Smith, Fawn Dunfey and Jeff Gabrielson.

<u>Soup Kitchen Wrap Up</u> - Joe Conroy thanked Dan & Edie Davidson, Thurston Holt, Bob Packer, Paul Butler, Mac Sexton, John Hewitt and Jim Russell and his family who attended last night's Soup Kitchen. Next month, the Soup Kitchen will be back at Preble Street and we need extra attendance. More to follow.

Rotary Basketball - Our first two dates for Rotary basketball are November 25 and December 2 at 7:30pm in the CE Middle School gym. This is an excellent way to introduce a prospective member to Rotary as well as work off some of those holiday pounds. So come on out!!

<u>Tree Sale Update</u> - Sara Lane thanked everyone who labeled all of the postcards in about 20 minutes. On Saturday, November 22, the tree lot set up is scheduled for 9:00am. The sign up schedule has gone around once already and will be available at next week's meeting. Frank Butterworth is looking for volunteers to help with a new tree pick up program that we will partner with the Lions Club with. If you're interested, please contact Frank.

<u>International Committee</u> - Mariann Goff announced that the International Committee is having a meeting at 5:15pm at Purpoodock on Wednesday, November 19.

Board of Director's Meeting - The Board is meeting next Tuesday, November 18 at 5:00pm at CCCS. Any member of the club is welcome to attend.

Rotaract Club Bake Sale - The new Rotaract Club at SMCC is holding a bake sale next Thursday, November 20. If you would like to support their efforts, bring a baked good to next week's meeting and Nancy Hawes will get it to them to sell.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Frank Chessa, a professor of clinical ethics at Bates College. Frank spoke of the principles that provide the framework for healthcare professionals in making difficult decisions in patient care situations. Many times, these principles are in conflict with one another and need to be worked through some sort of matrix. Thank you, Hendrik Fischer, for providing such an interesting speaker.

- -November 19 Club Assembly
- -November 22 Tree Lot Set Up, 9:00am
- -November 26 No Meeting
- -November 28 First Tree Unloading, 8:00am
- -December 3 (Frank Gemme, Program Chair)
- -December 9 Soup Kitchen
- -December 10 Seniors' Christmas Party
- -December 17 (Mariann Goff, Program Chair)

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November 19, 2003

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That we have a serious problem in Sarasota resulting from the **sign** situation last week. It seems that when Sam G. tried to post his sign on Lido Beach, he was arrested because there is a city ordinance in Sarasota that prohibits the posting of a sign on a public beach without a permit. But not to worry!! At the club he makes up at, they play the "Queen of Hearts" raffle game and they are down to eleven cards and the jackpot is up to \$2,773. Sam is going to win this, bail himself out of jail and will be back on Lido Beach in time to have Christmas with Helene (I hope). **NOTE**: Secretary Paul should return from vacation next week!!!

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a Borders gift certificate donated by Geoff Crain, was won by John Linehan.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were donated tonight by Jim Russell, Tom Meyers, Mariann Goff, David Lourie, Dave Bagdasarian, Jack Kennealy, Dick Yerxa, Bob Carson and Jeff Gabrielson.

Rotary Basketball - Our first two dates for Rotary basketball are November 25 and December 2 at 7:30pm in the CE Middle School gym. This is an excellent way to introduce a prospective member to Rotary as well as work off some of those holiday pounds. So come on out!!

<u>New Member Proposals</u> - Two individuals have been proposed for membership. William Cohen of CE, classification Insurance/Health, was proposed by Jack Roberts. Also proposed for membership by Jack Roberts was L. Ray Peters of SP, classification Investigation-Private.

<u>Sea Scouts</u> - Our club has chartered a new Sea Scouts ship, working with the Coast Guard and the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts, for men and women ages 14-21. If you're interested in helping out with the group, please contact Dan Davidson.

Tree Sale Update - As we do not have a meeting

next week, there are several important dates that the club needs to keep in mind concerning the tree sale. The first date is Saturday, November 22 at 9:00am for the lot set-up at Millcreek Park. Those that have signed up to be at the fire barn to load the truck, please show up at 8:30am. The next important date is the first tree unloading scheduled for Friday, November 28 between 7:00-7:30am. If we get a big crew, we can do this very quickly. Lastly, there are several slots yet to fill on the sign up sheet. The sign up sheet is posted online or you can call Tom Noyes to fill in your time slots. Remember –

everyone is asked to take four shifts. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Butterworth.

Seniors' Christmas Party - On Wednesday, December 10, the club will be hosting its annual Seniors' Christmas party. Seventy-five seniors have been invited and we've heard back from 65 of them already. Thirty of them are coming from the Betsy Ross House in South Portland and require rides. If you have the time to pick up a senior or two and bring them to the party, please let Rick Dobson know ASAP.

Program - Tonight's program was a Club Assembly. President Jeff outlined the many activities we had accomplished in our first 4 months and gave a sneak preview of some upcoming things. Jeff is looking for a Rotaract liaison to spell Janet McLaughlin who will be active in the legislature come January. Jeff is also looking for someone to step up and take on the RYLA chairmanship so that we can get a good representation next Summer. Mariann Goff spoke about the International Committee's projects, hopefully hooking up with another club in the Western Hemisphere. More info to follow.

- -November 22 Tree Lot Set Up, 9:00am
- -November 26 No Meeting
- -November 28 First Tree Unloading, 8:00am
- -December 3 (Frank Gemme, Program Chair)
- -December 9 Soup Kitchen
- -December 10 Seniors' Christmas Party
- -December 17 (Mariann Goff, Program Chair)

No Meeting

December 3

Song Martelle
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December 10

Seniors Christmas Party - No Duties

December 17

Song McGovern
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December 3, 2003

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That some strange things have been happening while I've been "away" the past couple of weeks! First of all, the "Ghost Writer" for my column remains anonymous, and second, but more surprising, our October attendance of 71% rose to 83% in November. That's the biggest monthly increase in monthly attendance since Ford Motor Company came out with the Edsel in the 50s, or was it the forties? Maybe Warren will know the answer to this question!! By the way, aside from the Board members who were present at the November 18 Board meeting, can anyone guess the percentage of visiting Rotarians that have visited our club in the last 68 weeks? Answer: next week.

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Romeo's Pizza donated by Bob Danielson, was won by Dave Bagdasarian.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were donated tonight by Eleanor Brainin, Jim Russell, Wayne Goodrich, Dave Bagdasarian, David Lourie, Joe Conroy, Tom Noyes, Kathy Ray, Adrienne Murphy, Nancy Hawes, John Eliassen, Joan Frustaci, Bob Carson, Paul McKenney, Marcie Martelle, Bill Daviero, Thurston Holt, John Linehan, Dick Kilroy, Mariann Goff, Paul Butler, Frank Butterworth and Jeff Gabrielson.

Rotary Basketball - Our next date for Rotary basketball is January 6 *at the Pond Cove Elementary School Gym*. Enjoy the Christmas break to work on your game.

<u>New Member</u> - Tonight we inducted our newest member, Joan Frustaci. She is the Office Manager for Critical Insights and lives in Cape Elizabeth with her husband Joe and son Alexander. Please welcome her into the club.

<u>New Member Proposals</u> - Two individuals have been proposed for membership. William Cohen of CE, classification Insurance/Health, was proposed by Jack Roberts. Also proposed for membership by Jack Roberts was L. Ray Peters of SP, classification Investigation-Private.

<u>Soup Kitchen</u> - Tuesday night, December 9 is our club's monthly Soup Kitchen obligation. We are back at the newly renovated facility on Oxford Street. It's important that as many people as possible show up since we are not having a cafeteria-style arrangement. The dessert is cupcakes with no nuts.

<u>Tree Sale Update</u> - Sales are off to a good start. Our second tree unloading is Saturday, December 6 at 7:30am. We need a good turnout for this. Also, Tom Noyes has a few slots left to fill. If you have not yet signed up for your four shifts, please contact him ASAP. Lastly, if you have some extra time on the weekend, we can always use some help, even if for an hour or so.

<u>Seniors' Christmas Party</u> - On Wednesday, December 10, the club will be hosting its annual Seniors' Christmas party. If you can arrive a few minutes early to socialize with our guests and buy a couple raffle tickets, this would help.

<u>2004-2005 Officers</u> - The Nominating Committee has met and nominated the following slate of officers:

- -President Frank Butterworth
- -President-Elect Peter Cotter
- -Vice President John Eliassen
- -Secretary Paul Butler
- -Treasurer Sara Lane
- -Director-At-Large Jeff Gabrielson
- -Directors Tom Meyers, Marc Mutty, Paul McKenney and John Linehan

Program - Tonight's program was a presentation by Dr. Roger Fagan and his wife, Liz, about their trips to the Dominican Republic. In two trips, they have provided almost 300 children with hearing aids. They are looking for help in donations of used hearing aids and possible financial help from our club. Thank you, Mariann Goff, for providing such an inspirational program.

- -December 9 Soup Kitchen
- -December 10 Seniors' Christmas Party
- -December 17 (Mariann Goff, Program Chair)
- -December 24 No Meeting
- -December 31 No Meeting

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December 10, 2003

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That District Governor Trish has chosen the District website to publish her monthly newsletter. You can read it by going to www.rotary7780.org/newsletter. If you do not have access to a computer, please let me know, and I will print it out for you each month. The answer to last week's question: What is the average number of visiting Rotarians to our club in the last 68 weeks dating back to July 1, 2002? The answer is 0.33. Margin of error: ZERO!!!

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prizes of \$5 bills were won by several of our visiting guests. In addition, every guest was a winner as they received a box of assorted chocolates to take home with them.

Rotary Basketball - Our next date for Rotary basketball is January 6 *at the Pond Cove Elementary School Gym*. Enjoy the Christmas break to work on your game.

Tree Sale Update - The tree sale is off to a very strong start. As of Tuesday night, we were within a couple thousand dollars of last year, despite the bad weather over the weekend. This weekend is the peak selling time. We need anyone and everyone to come down to the lot, even if it's only for an hour or so. In addition, Thursday night, December 11 from 6-9pm, David Lourie is signed up by himself. I'm sure he would appreciate some company. Also on Sunday, December 14 from 3-6pm and from 6-9pm, we are short one or two people on both shifts. All of our trees have been delivered, so there will be no unloading on Saturday, December 13. If you have not signed up for your last shift, please get in touch with either Tom Noyes or Frank Butterworth, as we really need to fill the last remaining holes on the sign up sheet. Lastly, and most importantly, let's have fun on the lot.

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We will be voting on this slate of nominees at our December 17 meeting.

<u>Bottle Drive</u> - On Saturday, January 10, our club will be collecting bottles at the Millcreek Shaw's in

South Portland. This year, we are raising funds for the Maine Mentoring Program, but we will be featuring prominently our Rotary emblem and banner to raise awareness. Please mark your calendars.

Program - Tonight's program and meeting was our Annual Seniors' Christmas Party. A record number of seniors enjoyed punch and eggnog, a roast turkey dinner with all the fixings and a fabulous raspberry dessert. For entertainment, the seniors were treated The Jubilees, a local gospel duet singing an eclectic group of Christmas songs from such singers as Brenda Lee and Connie Francis, a polka number and such classics as White Christmas and Winter Wonderland. Thank you to Rick Dobson who chaired this year's event and made it one of the best ever.

- -December 17 (Mariann Goff, Program Chair)
- -December 24 No Meeting
- -December 31 No Meeting
- -January 6 Basketball
- -January 7 Bath Sunrise Club Exchange Students (Nancy Hawes, Program Chair)
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December 17, 2003

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That on December 3, the club presented two perfect attendance pins, one to Warren Simpson for 42 years and one to Paul Butler for 26 years. Bob Packer, who was selling Christmas trees, will be receiving his 8-year pin the next time he is in attendance!! The Rotary member attendance last week for the Christmas party was a little curious. Seventeen of you in the first half of the alphabet were present and only 6 of you in the second half were there. Of course, 35 of you are in the first half and 23 in the second!! Finally, since this is probably my last column for this year, I have to get this story in. It seems that 3 Rotarians worked the second Christmas tree truck (i.e. Dave B., Steve L. and Tony W.). Now, Dave B. worked the front of the truck, which had two less feet of depth to it than the rear where Steve and Tony worked. And yet, he was the last one to reach the floorboard!! Remember my story from several months ago about the runner in CE who was caught with a box of donuts in his car just after a 2-mile run? Does this give you any kind of a clue who that runner might have been?? **Happy Holidays** Everyone!!

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prizes, a Dustbuster and air ionizer donated by Dan Davidson, were won by Adrienne Murphy.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were donated tonight by Joe Conroy, Adrienne Murphy, Mike McGovern, Tom Meyers, Sara Lane, Thurston Holt, Dick Yerxa, Wayne Goodrich, John Linehan, Steve Lavallee, Jack Kennealy, Jeff Hobbs, Jeff Gabrielson and \$60 was given by a representative of last week's Seniors to Jeff Gabrielson.

<u>Senior Party Wrap Up</u> - Last week's Seniors party was our largest ever - we had 116 attendees of which 81 were guests. Thank you to Rick Dobson for organizing this fabulous event.

Soup Kitchen Wrap Up - On Tuesday, December 9, our club served at the newly refurbished Wayside Evening Soup Kitchen. Serving were Dan & Edie Davidson, Dave Bagdasarian, Thurston Holt, Frank Butterworth, Bob Packer, Bill Daviero, Paul Butler and Peter & Kathy Cotter. Our next Soup Kitchen obligation is Tuesday, January 13.

Rotary Basketball - Our next dates for Rotary basketball is January 6 and 15 at the Pond Cove Elementary School Gym.

<u>January 7 Meeting</u> - We <u>will not</u> be meeting at the Purpoodock Club on January 7. The meeting site has yet to be determined. We will be sending an email or phoning people. Stay tuned.

Exchange Student - Nancy Hawes is looking for a host family in CE for an exchange student sponsored by the Portland club. Please contact her if you have an interest.

Tree Sale Wrap Up - Frank Butterworth reports that as of our meeting Wednesday night, we had 18 trees left on the lot. This has been our most successful sale in recent memory, netting over \$32,000 worth of profit. Frank named several people in the club who went above and beyond the call of duty, but the one person who stands out is Peter Cotter who literally never left the lot. Everyone in the club, however, deserves a pat on the back for a job well done. Our final task is lot take down, scheduled for this Saturday at 8:00am. This should only take an hour or so. Please bring hammers, socket wrenches, etc.

2004-2005 Officers - The club voted unanimously for the slate of officers nominated for 2004-2005: President/Frank Butterworth; President-Elect/Peter Cotter; VP/John Eliassen: Secretary/Paul Butler; Treasurer/Sara Lane; Director-At-Large/Jeff Gabrielson; Directors/ Tom Meyers, Marc Mutty, Paul McKenney and John Linehan

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Program - Tonight's speaker was Amy Thomas, Executive Director of Youth Family Outreach in Portland. YFO runs two programs: the Preble Learning Center for 6mo-5 year old children of teen parents and a teen adventure program for 11-13 year old at-risk children. Both programs are designed to stop a downward spiral and give both parents and children a helping hand up. Thank you to Frank Gemme for providing such an inspirational program.

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