

August 10, 2005

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That "WHY IS IT THAT WE HAVE TO SPEAK ENGLISH?" A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a Naval conference that included admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a group of half dozen or so officers that included personnel from most of the countries. Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French admiral suddenly complained that, where as Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked, "Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?" Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied, "Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German."

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Shoppers Hardware donated by Janet McLaughlin, was won by, who else, but Bill Daviero.

Happy Dollars - Many Happy Dollars were donated tonight, however, they all ended up at the betting window, as well as few sad dollars for the losers. Sorry, Paul.

Foundation Minute Recap - Last week, Tony Wagner updated the club on our efforts. For those of you who missed it, here is a recap. The District goal was \$208,950. The District raised, in fact, \$208,980. Our club had the distinction of being the #1 club in the District in per capita giving, with a total \$279.64 per member. In addition, our club was the second highest in the entire District in actual dollars given, raising \$15,102. The only club in that District that raised more money was the Portsmouth club, which has over 250 members. Congratulations to Tony and everyone in the club for all their efforts.

Welcome New Members - An extended welcome to our newest club members - Paul Hamerski and John Lobosco. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to them if you haven't done so already.

Soup Kitchen Wrap Up - We had a small, but enthusiastic crowd at last night's Soup Kitchen. Serving were Paul Butler, Joe Conroy, Vic Pizzuto, Dick Yerxa, Thurston Holt and Jim, Annie and Vicke Russell. The next opportunity to serve is Tuesday, September 13. The dessert is cupcakes.

Road Race - David Bagdasarian reports that our Road Race is fast approaching. This year's race takes place on Sunday, August 21. Help is needed at the registration table, which starts at 6:30am and flaggers are needed from 7:30-9:30am. We need

approximately 6-8 people at the registration table and between 15-30 flaggers. Spouses and children are more than welcome to help out at this event. Please contact David to sign up.

District Conference - This is just a reminder that our District Conference is from September 22-25 at The Balsams. If you're interested in signing up, please see either Paul Butler or Peter Cotter.

Help Wanted - J.D. Dobson is still looking for video camera operators at our weekly meetings.

Program - Tonight's meeting was an "Evening At The Races" at Scarborough Downs. Under the tutelage of Bill Daviero, all kinds of bets were wagered on the various races. The rumor that Jim Russell is a trainer is certainly an urban legend, but earned many sad dollars as Adelia's Boy went down in flames in the first race. The highlight of the evening was race #9, which was dedicated to the SP/CE Rotary club. After learning all about exactas and trifectas, everyone is ready for a return trip at some point. Thanks to whoever was responsible for this fun time.

Upcoming Events

- August 17 - Claire & Sean Egan, Cape Nordic Ski Program (Tony Wagner, Program Chair)
- August 21 - Rotary Road Race
- August 24 - (Dick Yerxa, Program Chair)
- September 22-25 - District Conference/Balsams

ASSIGNMENTS

August 17

Song	Gacetta
Invocation	Mutty
Raffle Gift	Meyers
Conductor	Knight

August 24

Song	Gemme
Invocation	Noyes
Raffle Gift	Mooers
Conductor	Kourakos

August 31

Song	Goodrich
Invocation	Packer
Raffle Gift	Murphy
Conductor	Linehan

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