

February 22, 2006

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That it's time for my annual trip south, and that means it's time for the **ANNUAL DARWIN AWARDS!!** Over the next six weeks, here are the glorious winners for 2005.

1) When his 38-caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California, would be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked...

2) The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat-cutting machine and, after a little hopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, movie tickets to Patriots Cinema donated by Bob Danielson, were won by Jim Russell.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were donated tonight by Jack Kennealy, Thurston Holt, David Lourie, Jeff Hobbs, Jim Russell, Bob Danielson, Dan Davidson, J.D. Dobson, Bob Packer, Tony Wagner, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Mary Jo Cross and Adrienne Murphy.

World Peace & Understanding Dinner - This year's dinner is at Faro Gardens in Hampton Falls NH on February 26. Cocktails are 6:00pm, dinner starts at 7:00pm. The cost is \$39 per person. The featured speaker is Carolyn Jones, Trustee of the Rotary Foundation. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kathy Cotter ASAP, as tickets are limited.

Rotary Basketball - The next three nights for BB are February 23, March 2 and March 13 at the CE Middle School Gym. The time is 7:30-9:00pm and the cost is \$5 per person.

Rotary Club Fund-Raiser - The Rotary Club of Brunswick will be hosting a performance of the group, The Capitol Steps at the Merrill Auditorium on April 15. Ticket prices are \$30/\$35 and can be obtained by calling 842-0800.

New Member - Tonight we introduced our newest member, Wayne Schaab. Many of you may remember Wayne as a former member of the Maine Mariners from 1977-1983. For the last 20 years, Wayne has had his own business, Wayne Schaab Investments. He and his wife, Cindy live in South Portland. Please take the time to welcome him to our club.

New Member Proposals - Four individuals have been proposed for membership in our club. They are Greg Odlin of CE by Jack Roberts/classification Religion/Christian; James Hewes of CE by David Lourie/classification Attorney-Criminal; Jay Chatmas by Mike McGovern/classification Dentistry; and John Thibodeau of CE by John LoBosco/classification Consulting/Corporate Finance.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Mary Jo Cross, a Rotarian from the Casco Bay Sunrise Club. Her program was about a trip she took to Guatemala last summer. While there, Mary Jo participated in a program called "Safe Passage," a program to break the cycle of poverty for the 3000 people living in a dump near Guatemala City. The mission of the program is to take the children from the dump and educate them in a school environment. These families are given a food allotment in return for their children's attendance at school. The program, which literally started with nothing, currently has a beautiful campus with 250 children in attendance. In addition, some children who have been abused are housed in a dormitory setting on the campus. Mary Jo related how moving an experience this trip was and how the Casco Bay Sunrise Club on her return was able to donate money to purchase mattresses for some of these families to sleep on. Thank you to Adrienne for providing such an excellent speaker.

Upcoming Events

- February 26 - World Peace & Understanding Dinner, Hampton Falls NH
- March 1 - Regis Trembly, Kids First, (Alan Hawkins, Program Chair)
- March 2 - Basketball, 7:30pm at CEMS

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ASSIGNMENTS

March 1

Song Noyes
Invocation Dube
Raffle Gift Davidson
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March 8

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March 15

Song Ray
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