

January 25, 2006

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That this is the tale of the traveling plant. Today I went to a florist and ordered a plant for Dan Gacetta. Before I left the florist, I called Brighton Medical to confirm that he was still there, and he was. The plant was delivered and then returned because Dan checked out some time during the day. I then picked up the plant and delivered it to his house late this afternoon to find out by his daughter-in-law (I think) that he was transferred to the Veterans Home in Scarborough!!! The plant will now be delivered to Dan on Saturday by his family. We all hope, Dan, that you will be out and about very soon.

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Shoppers Hardware donated by Frank Butterworth, was won by Frank Gemme.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were donated tonight by Tom Meyers, Thurston Holt, Marianne Goff, Bob Packer, Rick Dobson, John LoBosco, Jack Roberts, Joan Frustaci, Tony Wagner, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Jean Bugbee, Adrienne Murphy, John Eliassen, Dan Davidson, Bob Carson, Frank Gemme, Mike McGovern, Warren Simpson and Frank Butterworth.

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 Peter or sign up on the circulated sign-up sheet.

February 1 Meeting - Next week, we will not be meeting at the Purpoodock Club. Instead, we will be attending the Wine & Beer Tasting Auction put on by the Casco Bay Sunrise Club at DiMillo's Restaurant. Cost for this event is \$25 per person. The evening runs from 5-8:30pm. If you are planning on attending, please contact Paul Butler.

Foundation Minute - Tony Wagner began a very special presentation by first outlining the progress that we've made as a club in giving - we are almost halfway to our goal, and briefly mentioned some of the humanitarian efforts of the Rotary Foundation.

Rotary Basketball - The next three nights for BB are January 26, February 6 and February 9 at the CE Middle School Gym. The time is 7:30-9:00pm and the cost is \$5 per person. We could really use a few more participants.

Paul Harris Fellows - Tonight the club bestowed Paul Harris recognition on two outstanding individuals - Cassandra and Christian Carson. Mike

McGovern began the presentation by outlining the tradition of public service that exists in the Carson family, going back to Penny's father, through Penny and Bob and finally to Cassandra and Christian. At that point, Tony Wagner presented Bob and Penny with the Paul Harris Fellow for Cassandra. Penny and Bob then surprised Christian, their son, by bestowing a Paul Harris Fellow on him. Christian was at a loss for words. This was a very emotional and moving ceremony.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Emily Yang, our Rotary exchange student from Taiwan. With the aid of PowerPoint, Emily showed the club a glimpse of her family, her country, her passion for art design and her enjoyment of music and swimming. Taiwan, or Formosa, is an island of about 14,000 square miles with a population of about 23 million. China puts a lot of pressure on the international community not to recognize Taiwan as a nation; despite this, Taiwan is a very vibrant and growing nation. Thank you, Emily, for sharing with the club your culture and family background.

Upcoming Events

- February 1 - Casco Bay Sunrise Club Auction
At DiMillo's Restaurant
- February 6 - Basketball, 7:30pm at CEMS
- February 8 - Peter Mills, State Rep, Gubernatorial Candidate (Janet McLaughlin, Program Chair)
- February 14 - Soup Kitchen

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ASSIGNMENTS

February 1 (no duties)

February 8

Song	Morrison
Invocation	Daviero
Raffle Gift	Carson
Conductor	Wagner

February 15

Song	Murphy
Invocation	R. Dobson
Raffle Gift	Conroy
Conductor	Yerxa

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