

March 1, 2006

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That the ANNUAL DARWIN AWARDS continue:

3) A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.

4) After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, a copy of the book It Happened In Maine by Gail Parker Underwood and a fire extinguisher donated by Dan Davidson, was won by Frank Butterworth.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were donated tonight by Tony Wagner, David Lourie, Adrienne Murphy, Joan Frustaci, Kathy Cotter, Frank Butterworth, Thurston Holt, Bill Daviero, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Jack Roberts, Dick Yerxa and John Eliassen.

World Peace & Understanding Dinner Wrap Up

Tony Wagner gave a report to the club about the dinner held last weekend in New Hampshire. Featured speaker, Rotary Foundation Trustee, Carolyn Jones, spoke about a little known program that Rotary is involved in called "Micro Credit Loans." These are loans of \$50-75 given to the very poor in Central and South America, mostly women by the way, that allow them to establish their own business with the purchase of a sewing machine as an example. This program has been fabulously successful with over 90% of the money paid back on time.

Rotary Basketball - The next three nights for BB are March 2, 13 and 23 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 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 Regis Trembly, founder of a program called "Kids First." Regis, who was originally from Waterville ME, has spent the last 30 years in Arizona. He recently moved back to Maine and has started to look for opportunities to present this unique program. Regis began by outlining what he felt was the single biggest problem facing us as a nation. It is obesity. Sixty-four percent (64%) of Americans are either overweight or obese. Obesity is costing us \$100 billion a year and is close to becoming the #1 killer in the United States. The problem becomes apparent when you look at children. Children do not participate in physical activities the way that previous generations did. The solution is to create activities for children in the schools and to reinforce health wellness in other classes. This can be done on a revenue-neutral basis and will have enormous positive impact throughout our society. Thank you to Alan Hawkins for inviting Regis to speak tonight.

Upcoming Events

- March 2 - Basketball, 7:30pm at CEMS
- March 8 - Russ Willette, Independent Transportation Network (John Hewitt, P.C.)
- March 13 - Basketball, 7:30pm at CEMS
- March 15 - Bill Curtsinger, National Geographic Photographer (Jack Kennealy, Program Chair)
- March 22 - Club Assembly

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ASSIGNMENTS

March 8

Song Packer
Invocation Dunphy
Raffle Gift Daviero
Conductor Bugbee

March 15

Song Ray
Invocation Eliassen
Raffle Gift R.Dobson
Conductor Butterworth

March 22

Song Roberts
Invocation Frustaci
Raffle Gift J.D.Dobson
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