

March 8, 2006

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That the ANNUAL DARWIN AWARDS continue:

4) An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.

5) A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer...\$15.

Rotary Basketball - The next three nights for BB are March 13, 23 and 27 at the CE Middle School Gym. The time is 7:30-9:00pm and the cost is \$5 per person.

Soup Kitchen - Next Tuesday, March 14 is our monthly Soup Kitchen obligation. The dessert is cupcakes. Please mark your calendars to try to attend this.

RYLA - Joan Frustaci is looking for students to participate in the RYLA program. Applications are being taken within the next two weeks. Please contact Joan if you'd like to help with this effort.

Community Service Update - Paul McKenney briefed the club on a couple of projects that will be coming up this spring. The first is working with the Cape Little League to help rebuild some dugouts at the ball fields. The second is a literacy project. More details will be forthcoming.

Rebuilding Together - On Saturday, April 29, our club will be participating in the Rebuilding Together project to provide home repairs to a needy family in the Greater Portland area. This hands-on project is one of the most rewarding that our club does. Please mark your calendars and make an effort to participate.

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.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Russ Willette from the Independent Transportation Network (ITN), a non-profit organization where seniors 65 and older or visually impaired individuals can make

arrangements for transportation. There is a cost associated with the service - everyone must be a member (\$35/year). Rides can be arranged on a regular basis, or for special occasions - a night on the town, doctor's visits or routine daily rides - anything goes. There is a cost per ride, but roughly half of what a cab would cost. Participants can set up accounts and family members can contribute to these accounts to help provide a dignified, viable, spontaneous travel option to help maintain independence for seniors. The service relies heavily on volunteer drivers (although there are a number of paid drivers). Volunteers need to commit a minimum of 4 hours/month. A number of our members who have volunteered commented on how much they enjoyed participating in the program. Thanks to John Hewitt for such an interesting program.

Editor's Note - Many thanks to Adrienne Murphy for taking notes at tonight's meeting.

Upcoming Events

- March 13 - Basketball, 7:30pm at CEMS
- March 15 - Bill Curtsinger, National Geographic Photographer (Jack Kennealy, Program Chair)
- March 22 - Club Assembly
- March 23 - Basketball, 7:30pm
- March 27 - Basketball, 7:30pm
- March 29 - Bill Needelman, Portland City Planner (Jeff Hobbs, Program Chair)

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ASSIGNMENTS

March 15

Song Ray
Invocation Eliassen
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March 22

Song Roberts
Invocation Frustaci
Raffle Gift J. D. Dobson
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March 29

Song Russell
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