

May 10, 2006

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That following Dan Davidson's successful "Rebuilding Together" last week, Joe Conroy brought together another group of Rotarians at the **Soup Kitchen** last night. Present were Bob Packer, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Dave Bagdasarian, Marc Mutty and his guests Pam and Megan, John LoBosco and his daughter Emily, Rose and Jack Kennealy and their son John, Dick Yerxa, Nancy Hawes and Emily, our guest from Taiwan. Does anyone know the two Rotarians who were at both events?

Raffle Prize - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift to be determined donated by Larry Goodglass, was won by John LoBosco.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were donated tonight by Nancy Hawes, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Janet McLaughlin, Kathy Cotter, Dave Bagdasarian, Bill Daviero, Laurenz Schmidt, Jean Bugbee, Wayne Goodrich, John LoBosco, Joan Frustaci, Jim Russell, Frank Butterworth, Paul McKenney, John Eliassen and Mike McGovern.

New Member Proposal - Thomas Peto, General Manager of the Inn By The Sea, has been proposed for membership by Mike McGovern. His classification is Hotel/Inn.

Kentucky Derby - Congratulations for Bill Daviero's tips on Barbaro and Brother Derrick. He is recommending both horses for the Preakness in two weeks.

Orientation Meeting/Fireside Chat - DG Bob Laux, as well as DG Governor-Elect Billy Hobbs, will be holding an orientation meeting next Thursday, May 11 from 6:00-7:30pm at the Cumberland Club in Portland. This is an excellent opportunity to increase your knowledge about Rotary, especially for the newer members. All members are certainly welcome to attend.

Road Race - Dave Bagdasarian is looking for members to join the Road Race committee. The committee meets most Friday mornings at 7:15am at Tim Horton's, Millcreek, South Portland.

RYLA Update - Joan Frustaci reports that our RYLA participants and their families will be attending our meeting next week. She asked that club members "chat up" the RYLA families and separate them amongst the tables.

Program - Tonight's speaker was John Henderson from the Maine Peoples Alliance (MPA) speaking on Dirigo Health. The MPA is a non-profit citizen action organization made up of more than 25,000 members. MPA was one of the advocates for the

creation of Dirigo Health. Dirigo Health reform was passed by the legislature in 2003. Its goal is to control rising health care costs, insure high quality health care and improve access to coverage. Dirigo Health came out of the rising numbers of uninsured Mainers, currently 136,000. In January 2005, an insurance product called Dirigo Choice became available. Currently, about 10,000 Mainers are covered through this program. Dirigo Choice members receive discounts on their monthly payments based on household income. This makes the product affordable for almost everyone. Thank you to David Lourie for inviting John to speak to us tonight.

Upcoming Events

- May 17 - Sarah Kirn, Gulf of Maine Research Institute (Tom Meyers, Program Chair)
- May 24 - Dr. Dora Miller, ME Center for Disease Control re: Avian Flu, etc. (Dan Mooers, P.C.)
- May 31 - Kurt Wolfinger, Titanic Project (Frank Butterworth, Program Chair)
- June 28 - Changeover Night

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May 17

Song Bagdasarian
Invocation Hewitt
Raffle Gift Goodrich
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May 24

Song Barker
Invocation Hewitt
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Conductor Dunphy

May 31

Song Bugbee
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