

May 24, 2006

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That you are all invited to one of the year's last events, the **Governor's Changeover Dinner** on June 29 at Verillo's in Portland. The party starts at 5:30pm. If you decide to go, you must obtain registration forms from Secretary Paul and you must do this no later than June 5. Why June 5? Because I will be out of the country shortly after that date and the forms go with me!!

Happy Dollars - Dollars were donated tonight by Adrienne Murphy, Dan Davidson, Dan Mooers, Dan Gacetta, Marc Mutty, Tom Meyers, Jack Roberts, Frank Butterworth, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Dick Yerxa, Paul McKenney, Paul Butler, Wayne Goodrich, Thurston Holt, David Lourie, Dave Bagdasarian, Peter Cotter, Frank Gemme, Joan Frustaci, Tom Petot and David Bass Clark.

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.

Tonight's Guests - Visiting the club tonight were the current year RYLA participants and two of last year's participants, returning this year as counselors. Also visiting were David Bass Clark, the outbound exchange student back from his year in Chile, along with a Chilean guest visiting him (a young lady who spent the year in Pennsylvania). We had a visiting Rotarian, Andy McPherson, President of the Camden Rotary club who is leasing a home in SP and looking for work here (scouting Rotary clubs?).

New Member Orientation - The orientation has been postponed. We will announce the new date once it has been determined.

Dues Increase - The Board of Directors of the SP/CE Rotary Club has unanimously voted a dues increase of \$22 per year, effective July 1, 2006. The membership shall vote on this after it has been published for 10 days.

Family Fun Day/PSO - As we come up on Memorial Day, it is time to mark your calendars for the food events. On Saturday, June 19, Family Fun Day is scheduled. On Friday, June 30, we will be serving at the PSO Concert. Sign up sheets will follow.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Dr. Dora Mills from the Maine Center for Disease Control. She gave an excellent presentation on the avian bird flu virus and spoke on the possibilities of another pandemic such as the devastating "Spanish flu" scourge that killed 1 in 20 people in the U.S. circa 1918. She estimates the possibility of another

pandemic at about 50%. The highest "at risk" group is the middle-aged. It seems that the very young and the elderly somehow are not as badly affected (not out and about as much?). Dr. Mills said there are three kinds of flu - seasonal, avian and pandemic. The seasonal we are all familiar with; the avian is very common but so far is confined to birds. Only time will tell if the avian flu will "morph" into a human contagion and then become a pandemic. Thank you to Dan Mooers for inviting such an interesting speaker.

Editor's Note - Many thanks to Wayne Goodrich for taking notes at tonight's meeting.

Upcoming Events

- May 31 - His Dental Mission to South America by John Eliassen, Program Chair
- June 7 - (Marc Mutty, Program Chair)
- June 13 - Soup Kitchen
- June 14 - (Bob Packer, Program Chair)
- June 19 - Family Fun Day
- June 28 - Changeover Night
- June 30 - PSO Concert

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ASSIGNMENTS

May 31

Song Bugbee
Invocation Holt
Raffle Gift Hawkins
Conductor Eliassen

June 7

Song Butterworth
Invocation Kennealy
Raffle Gift Hewes
Conductor Frustaci

June 14

Song Carson
Invocation Knight
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