October 5, 2005

From The Secretary's Corner-Did You Know?

That we have lost another of our newest members. Vic Pizzuto has changed jobs and, although he is going to continue to live in this area, his new job will require him to travel the country extensively. Therefore, he does not feel he can meet the Rotary attendance requirements. Vic gives everyone his thanks for being so warmly welcomed. Best of luck, Vic, in your new job.

<u>Raffle</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a Shoppers Hardware gift certificate donated by Kathy Ray, was won by Tom Meyers.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were donated tonight by Bill Daviero, Bob Carson, Paul Butler, Tom Meyers, John Lobosco, Thurston Holt, Bob Danielson, Jack Roberts, Joan Frustaci, Jean Bugbee, Emily (our exchange student), Frank Butterworth, Adrienne Murphy, David Lourie, Bill Kourakos, John Hewitt and John Eliassen.

<u>Soup Kitchen</u> - Next Tuesday, October 11 is our next Soup Kitchen obligation. The dessert is cookies, no nuts.

District Events - One of the key pillars that DG Bob Laux talked about last week was participating in the leadership of your club. District 7780 will be holding two seminars the weekend of October 21-22 to advance this goal. On Friday, October 21, at the Holiday Inn Express in Saco, we will be holding a District Foundation seminar. On Saturday, October 22, at the York County Community College, the District will be holding a membership seminar. If you are interested in attending either of these two valuable information sessions, please contact either Jack Roberts for the membership seminar or Tony Wagner for the District Foundation, or Peter Cotter for either.

<u>Help Wanted 2</u> - J.D. Dobson is still looking for video camera operators at our weekly meetings.

Club Treasurer Update - Nancy Hawes gave the club a run down on some of the recent donations we have made. Among them were \$500 to Make-A-Wish Foundation; \$500 to the PSO Educational Fund; two \$1,000 scholarships to SMCC; a \$3,500 donation to the Rotary Foundation; \$200 for a school in Africa; and \$300 to My Wonderful Dog. President Peter Cotter reminded everyone that if you see a need, write a check and we will reimburse you.

October 1 Tailgate Party Wrap Up - Bill Daviero apologized to the club for the parking lot malfunction. However, a fairly large group of Rotarians, family and friends gathered in Deering

Oaks for a party before the UMaine football game. The University of Maine easily handled Albany State. Sorry, Bill, better luck next year.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Shenna Bellows, Executive Director of the Maine Civil Liberties Union (MCLU). Shenna said their mission is to conserve America's original values that we hold the first amendment to the Constitution sacred. The MCLU is active in three ways - through the courts, the legislature and the court of public opinion. It is currently involved in between 10-15 legal matters on a regular basis. Most of these actions are easily resolved. Only a few involve extensive court action. In the legislature, the MCLU took positions on 64 bills in the last session, opposing 51 of them. All but 5 of the 51 bills that they opposed were either defeated or changed. The MCLU currently has 3,100 members, gets no government funding and is totally independent. Thank you to Anne Swift-Kayatta for inviting Shenna to speak to us tonight.

Upcoming Events

- -October 11 Soup Kitchen
- -October 12 Andy Mishkin, Riverview

Foundation (Adrienne Murphy, Program Chair)

- -October 19 Joe Payne, Friends of Casco Bay (Joe Conroy, Program Chair)
- -October 26 (Bob Danielson, Program Chair)
- -November 2 Steve Birmingham, Sea Scout Boat Skipper (Dan Davidson, Program Chair)
- -November 8 Soup Kitchen

ASSIGNMENTS

October 12

Song Holt Invocation Simpson Raffle Gift Roberts Conductor Meyers

October 19

Song Kennealy
Invocation Swift-Kayatta

Raffle Gift Russell Conductor Mooers

October 26

Song Knight
Invocation Wagner
Raffle Gift Schmidt
Conductor Murphy

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