

February 20, 2008

From The Secretary's Corner - Part 1 - This has got to be the best lawyer story of the year, decade and probably the century. (Charlotte NC) A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars and then insured them against, among other things, fire. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires." The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason - that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The lawyer sued...and WON! (Stay with me.)

Raffle Prize - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to The Good Table Restaurant donated by Jean Bugbee, was won by Fawn Dunphy.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by Fawn Dunphy, Tom Meyers, Bob Danielson, Joe Conroy, Dick Yerxa, Wayne Goodrich, Jim Russell, Paul McKenney, David Lourie, Jack Roberts, Thurston Holt, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Lloyd Knight, Marge Barker, Adrienne Murphy, Janet McLaughlin and Kathy Cotter.

New Member Proposals - Fawn Dunphy has proposed for membership Sean O'Hare. Sean lives and works in SP and his classification is Accounting. Paul McKenney has proposed Janelle Wilker who lives and works in CE. Her classification is Chiropractor.

Membership Minute - John LoBosco would like to remind everyone that he has Be My Guest cards to hand out to prospective members for a free dinner.

Potluck For The Homeless - Janet McLaughlin held two potluck dinners over the weekend. In addition to the camaraderie and fellowship, \$130 was raised for the local food pantry. More dinners will be coming up in the spring.

International Food Festival - Kathy Cotter reports that ticket sales so far are lagging. The tickets are \$20 each and she has books to hand out to sell. If your business has ad sales to put in the brochure, contact her as well.

Food Pantry Wrap Up - Joe Conroy thanked the members of this club for donating various items over the last several weeks for the local food pantry.

From 5:00-7:00 pm February 23 in the parking lot at Sable Oaks, we will be collecting these items from all the clubs and then bringing them over to the local food pantry at 7:00 pm. If you are not attending the dinner and would like to help with the food collection, please come out on Saturday.

Wheels for the World - David Lourie reports that the committee has decided to refocus its efforts on having just one or two collection dates throughout the year. More to follow.

Rebuilding Together - Dan Davidson passed around a signup sheet at this week's meeting. Please mark your calendars for May 3.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Dr. Robert McAfee, Past President of the American Medical Association. Dr. McAfee is currently Chairman of the Board of Dirigo Health Plan. Dirigo currently covers 15,000 people with premiums determined on a sliding scale by income. The impact of Dirigo in the state has been dramatic. Before Dirigo, Maine had over 14% uninsured in its population. The current uninsured rate is 9.5%. Thank you to Paul Butler for inviting Dr. McAfee to speak to us tonight.

Upcoming Events

- February 23-World Peace & Understanding Dinner
- February 27-Charles Colgan, Community Planning & Development (Rick Dobson, Program Chair)
- March 5 - Russ Anderson, ME Chapter of the MS Society (Bill Daviero, Program Chair)
- March 11 - Soup Kitchen
- March 12 - Bill Dunn, Rotoplast (Dave Bagdasarian, Program Chair)
- April 26 - International Food Festival
- May 3 - Rebuilding Together

ASSIGNMENTS

February 27

Song	Schaab
Invocation	R. Dobson
Raffle Gift	Butler
Conductor	Wilcox

March 5

Song	Schmidt
Invocation	J.D.Dobson
Raffle Gift	Butterworth
Conductor	Yerxa

March 12

Song	Simpson
Invocation	Dube
Raffle Gift	Carson
Conductor	Bagdasarian

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