

February 20, 2008

**From The Secretary's Corner - Part 2 - This has got to be the best lawyer story of the year, decade and probably the century...**

Delivering on the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated, nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be "unacceptable fire," and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the cigars lost in the "fires."

**Raffle Prize** - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to DiMillo's donated by Paul Butler, was won by Phil Dube.

**Happy Dollars** - Dollars were given tonight by Bob Carson, Marc Mutty, Jim Russell, Joan Frustaci, Carolyn Lambert, Frank Gemme, Paul McKenney, Janel Voelker, Dan Davidson, John Eliassen, Steve Wilcox, Bob Danielson, Jack Roberts, Dave Bagdasarian, Marge Barker, John LoBosco, Phil Dube, David Lourie, Eleanor Brainin, Frank Butterworth, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Kathy Ray, Mike McGovern, Janet McLaughlin, Tony Wagner and Warren Simpson.

**New Member** - Tonight we inducted our newest member, Janel Voelker. Janel is a chiropractor at Coastal Wellness Family Chiropractic in CE. She and her husband, Michall, reside in CE, as well. Please make a point to welcome her to the club.

**International Food Festival** - John Eliassen reports that the goal is to sell 400 tickets to this event. He is looking for auction items as well as ad sales. Tickets for the April 26 event are \$20 each.

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

**Get Well, Jean** - Jean Bugbee is recovering from a herniated disc. I'm sure she would appreciate a card or note.

**Remembering John** - Last week, the club lost one of its most charismatic members, John Linehan. John passed away unexpectedly while visiting his daughter in California. Over the last several years, it was truly a pleasure to make John's acquaintance at Rotary and to hear him lead the club in song. Several members of his family mentioned at the wake how much he was looking forward to being reunited with his wife, Mary Rose. Goodbye John, we will all miss you.

**World Peace & Understanding Dinner Wrap Up** - Over 300 Rotarians from the District were on hand to listen to RI President, Wilf Wilkinson give a memorable talk. Some of the highlights of the dinner include an

additional Paul Harris Fellow given to Warren Simpson and the collection of over 3000 lbs of food for the SP Food Pantry.

**GSE Team** - The incoming GSE team from the Philippines will be arriving in late April. Our club will be responsible for assisting in taking them around for a day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tony.

**Program** - Our speaker tonight was Charlie Colgan, Professor in the USM Muskie School of Economics. The title of his talk was, "Maine 2008 - On Thinner Ice." He is predicting a recession in the first half of 2008, with a turnaround by the end of the year. Because Maine did not have the huge boom that some of the other parts of the country did, our economic problems will not be as deep. Both oil and housing prices should stabilize for 2009. One of the huge problems leading to this recession was the sub-prime mess which Charlie describes as a "big deal." Except for southern Maine, the state was spared the worst of this problem. Thank you to Rick Dobson for inviting Charlie to speak to us tonight.

**Upcoming Events**

- March 5 - Russ Anderson, ME Chapter of the MS Society (Bill Daviero, Program Chair)
- March 11 - Soup Kitchen
- March 12 - Bill Dunn, Rotoplast ("Bags", P.C.)
- April 26 - International Food Festival
- May 3 - Rebuilding Together

**ASSIGNMENTS**

**March 5**

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

**March 12**

Song	Simpson
Invocation	Dube
Raffle Gift	Carson
Conductor	Bagdasarian

**March 19**

Song	Swift-Kayatta
Invocation	Dunphy
Raffle Gift	Conroy
Conductor	Barker

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