

February 6, 2008

From The Secretary's Corner - The Old Golfer -

Arthur is 90 years old. He's played golf every day since his retirement 25 years ago. One day he arrives home looking downcast. "That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has gotten so bad that once I've hit the ball I couldn't see where it went." His wife sympathizes and makes him a cup of tea. As they sit down, she says, "Why don't you take my brother with you and give it one more try." "That's no good," sighs Arthur, "your brother's 103. He can't help." "He may be 103," says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect."

So the next day, Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law. He tees up, takes an almighty swing and squints down the fairway. He turns to the brother-in-law. "Did you see that ball?" "Of course I did!" replied the brother-in-law. "I have perfect eyesight." "Where did it go?" says Arthur. "I don't remember."

Raffle Prize - Tonight's raffle prize, a Dine Around gift package donated by Marge Barker, was won by Mike McGovern.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by various members of the Breakwater Club, plus Tony Wagner, Janet McLaughlin, Warren Simpson, Joan Frustaci, Wayne Goodrich, Mike McGovern, Joe Conroy, Dan Davidson, John LoBosco, David Lourie, Frank Butterworth, Nancy Hawes and Adrienne Murphy.

Foundation Minute - Frank Butterworth reported that our club is #1 in the District for contributions to annual giving, and that we have reached 97% of our goal for the year.

New Member Proposal - Fawn Dunfey has proposed for membership Sean O'Hare. Sean lives and works in SP and his classification is Accounting.

Soup Kitchen - Next Tuesday is our monthly Soup Kitchen obligation. Dessert is cupcakes, no nuts.

World Peace & Understanding Dinner - The Board of Directors has voted to lower the cost to \$35 for members who sign up by February 15 for the dinner at Sable Oaks. If you are planning on attending, please contact Paul Butler ASAP.

Food Pantry - Joe Conroy has asked members to bring a can of fruit (pears, pineapples or peaches) to our next meeting. If you forgot to bring your hash or baked beans tonight, he will accept it next week.

International Food Festival - Kathy Cotter's committee is off and running for this year's festival. Posters for the April 26 event have already been printed. The committee is looking for ad sponsors and silent auction items. Please contact Kathy if you can help. The goal this year is to raise \$15,000.

Program - Tonight was a joint meeting with the Breakwater Club; we were joined by President Gary and six members of that club. We were also joined by Deb Andrews from SMCC, as well as some of the SMCC scholarship recipients. Our speaker was SMCC President, Jim Ortiz, a member of the Breakwater Club who spoke to us about the growth and challenges at the college. SMCC is the fifth fastest growing college of its size in the country, going from 2,800 students in 2002 to 5,113 currently. This year, over 2,000 students had to be turned away. Some of the programs in high demand are plumbing and nursing. Dr. Ortiz stressed the key role that community colleges play in providing a skilled workforce in Maine. Thank you to Tony Wagner of inviting Dr. Ortiz to speak to us tonight.

Editor's Note - Thank you to Nancy Hawes for taking notes for me at tonight's meeting.

Upcoming Events

- February 12 - Soup Kitchen
- February 13 - Club Assembly
- February 20 - Dr. Robert McAfee (Paul Butler, PC)
- February 23-World Peace & Understanding Dinner

ASSIGNMENTS

February 13

Song	Roberts
Invocation	Davidson
Raffle Gift	Brainin
Conductor	Swift-Kayatta

February 20

Song	Russell
Invocation	Daviero
Raffle Gift	Bugbee
Conductor	Wells

February 27

Song	Schaab
Invocation	R. Dobson
Raffle Gift	Butler
Conductor	Wilcox

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