

March 5, 2008

From The Secretary's Corner - Part 3 - This has got to be the best lawyer story of the year, decade and probably the century...After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine. This is a true story and was the First Place winner in the recent Criminal Lawyers Award Contest....ONLY IN AMERICA!

Raffle Prize - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to The Buttered Biscuit donated by Frank Butterworth, was won by Mike McGovern.

Happy Dollars - Many dollars were donated celebrating Dolly Parton's appearance on the cover of The Rotarian magazine.

Help Wanted - There is a very real possibility that the Purpoodock Club will be closed for renovations for approximately six months. Janet McLaughlin is looking for 2-3 people to form a committee to look into meeting venues, menu selection, etc. Please see her if you can help.

International Food Festival - WE NEED HELP! Ticket sales are off and we are behind in obtaining silent auction items (Where we really make the \$!) Kathy Cotter noted that our club is behind the Daybreak Club's ticket sales and auction items. Items do not have to be huge dollar amounts. If you know merchants, places you patronize, etc, please ask if they would be willing to participate. Please pitch in. The event is lots of fun and the food was delicious and plentiful last year.

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.

Soup Kitchen - Next Tuesday, March 11 is our monthly Soup Kitchen obligation.

Food Pantry Fund-Raiser - Several members are hosting potluck fund-raisers for the SP Food Pantry. When you are invited, please go for the fellowship and donate \$10 to the pantry.

Wheelchairs for the World - A date for this event has been set for May 17. More info to follow.

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 Russ Anderson, Director of the Maine Chapter of the MS Society. Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a disease that attacks the myelin in nerves, impeding electrical impulses to the brain. It seems to affect women more than men and the incidence in Maine is almost twice as high as the national average. It is thought that farther away from the equator you live, the higher the rate of incidence. Although there is no cure, there are a number of effective therapies to slow the disease. These therapies are very expensive and require major fund-raisers to support them, such as the MS Walk and Harborfest. Thank you to Bill Daviero for inviting Russ to speak to us tonight.

Editor's Note - Thanks to Adrienne Murphy for taking notes at tonight's meeting.

Upcoming Events

- March 11 - Soup Kitchen
- March 12 - Bill Dunn, Rotoplast ("Bags", P.C.)
- March 19 - Katie Clark, Americores Vista (Phil Dube, Program Chair)
- March 26 - Troy Landwehr, ID Theft Specialist (Fawn Dunphy, Program Chair)
- April 26 - International Food Festival
- May 2-4 - District Conference
- May 3 - Rebuilding Together
- May 17 - Wheelchairs for the World
- June 14 - Family Fun Day
- June 25 - Changeover Night at DiMillo's
- June 27 - PSO Concert at Fort Williams

ASSIGNMENTS

March 12

Song	Simpson
Invocation	Dube
Raffle Gift	Carson
Conductor	Bagdasarian

March 19

Song	Swift-Kayatta
Invocation	Dunphy
Raffle Gift	Conroy
Conductor	Barker

March 26

Song	Wells
Invocation	Eliassen
Raffle Gift	K. Cotter
Conductor	Brainin

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