

May 7, 2008

Secretary's Corner - Did you know: That Dan Davidson, with the able assistance of his wife Edie, has done it again for the 5th or 6th year with "**Rebuilding Together.**" Having the foresight, he brought in David Lourie, Phil Dube and Paul Butler to set up the staging on Friday for the roof work to be done on Saturday. This was about a 6-hour job. On Saturday, Dan & Edie returned, along with Tom Meyers, Bob Flynn, Jim Russell, Kathy Cotter, Marc Mutty, Dave Bagdasarian, Marge Barker, Thurston Holt, Phil Dube (again), John Eliassen, John LoBosco, Kathy Ray and her daughter Meghan and Joe Conroy. There was also another team from another company, but unfortunately due to the weather and some other problems, the roof was only about 1/3 completed by 6:30pm. This club can't thank Dan & Edie enough for the dedicated work they put into this project every year. (I apologize if I have left anybody out of the list of those who helped.)

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, a car wash gift certificate donated by Phil Dube, was won by Wayne Goodrich.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by David Lourie, Wayne Goodrich, Nancy Hawes, Dan Davidson, Bob Flynn, Tom Meyers, Rick Dobson, Jim Russell, Dave Bagdasarian, Eleanor Brainin, Sybil Reimensnider, John LoBosco, Bob Carson, Thurston Holt, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Tak Suppasettawa, Adrienne Murphy, Kathy Cotter, Warren Simpson, Dan Mooers, Frank Butterworth, Joan Frustaci and Janet McLaughlin.

International Food Festival Wrap Up - Kathy Cotter reported that the final number for the Food Festival was \$13,600, a 50% increase over last year.

Wheelchairs For The World - David Lourie announced that on May 17 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the SP Armory we will be collecting wheelchairs, walkers and crutches. In addition, we will be picking up by appointment any wheelchairs that people wish to donate. Please call David if you need something picked up.

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

Rotary Football Trip - September 7 at 1:00 pm is the date for the football trip Phil Dube is putting together. If you are interested, you need to contact him by May 14 to reserve your ticket. This is the Patriot's home opener, which should be exciting.

New Members - Tonight we inducted our two newest members - Sybil Reimensnider and Sean O'Hare. Sybil is the Manager of the SP Food Pantry and Sean is the owner of O'Hare & Associates, a SP accounting firm. Please make a point to welcome them to our club.

Annie's OMJs! - If you are interested in walking with my daughter, Annie next Saturday at 9:00 am, we leave from the SP Boys & Girls Club. If you can't walk, but want to contribute, you can go online at arthritis.org to sign up on her site. Thanks.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Representative Larry Bliss of the Maine State Legislature. He entitled his speech, "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly," as a review of the past legislative session. According to Larry, the good consisted of a large bond package of \$290 million, a regional greenhouse gas initiative, tax credits to keep students in Maine and a reworked Workers Compensation program. The bad primarily consisted of a lack of a tax reform bill and the ugly was the school consolidation plan put forth by the Governor. Larry contrasted the way the school consolidation plan was put forth with the successful 9-1-1 program that reduced the number of dispatch centers from 49 to 22 statewide. The methodology was more bottoms up vs. top down and resulted in people buying into the plan. Because the school plan was pushed down from on high, nobody likes it. Thank you to Dan Mooers for inviting Larry to speak to us tonight.

Upcoming Events

- May 13 - Soup Kitchen
- May 14-St. Alban's Haitian Group (J. Kennealy, PC)
- May 17 - Wheelchairs for the World
- May 21 - Ed Trainer, Southern Maine Agency on Aging (Adrienne Murphy, Program Chair)

ASSIGNMENTS

May 14

Song	Butler
Invocation	Hewitt
Raffle Gift	Dunphy
Conductor	Danielson

May 21

Song	Butterworth
Invocation	Hobbs
Raffle Gift	Eliassen
Conductor	Davidson

May 28

Song	Carson
Invocation	Holt
Raffle Gift	Flynn
Conductor	Daviero

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