### **January 2, 2008**

### From The Secretary's Corner - Did You Know?

That we ended the previous Rotary year with 49 members and have increased that number by 4 without a loss of membership. This is the first time this has happened in my memory (careful now). Our December attendance was 73% before 9 of you received make-up credit for the lot take-down, bringing that month's attendance up to 80%. Our average attendance for the first six months of this Rotary year was 75.9%. As President Tony mentioned last night, we are off to a great Rotary year!

<u>Raffle Prize</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Fresh Restaurant donated by Anne Swift-Kayatta, was won by Jim Russell.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by Adrienne Murphy, Marge Barker, Dan Mooers, Shirley Mooers, Jim Russell, Janet McLaughlin, Bob Danielson, Mike McGovern, Frank Butterworth, Joan Frustaci, Dan Davidson, Paul McKenney, Frank Gemme, Rick Dobson, Dick Yerxa, Bob Carson, Wayne Goodrich, Alan Hawkins, Jack Kennealy, Rose Kennealy, Kathy Cotter, Greg Maher, Paul Butler and Tony Wagner.

<u>Membership Memo</u> - Service-minded individuals are given the opportunity the help their communities through Rotary.

Get Well, Jack - Jack Roberts continues his recovery. He is expected to get out of the hospital sometime this weekend. I'm sure he would appreciate a card or note.

<u>Get Well, Bob</u> - Bob Packer has been in the hospital with viral pneumonia. Tony says he is continuing to get better, but I'm sure he would also love to hear from some of the club members.

**Photos Wanted** - Adrienne Murphy has asked anyone who has photos from this year's tree sale to forward them to her.

<u>Christmas Tree Sale Update</u> - Janet thanked the membership for all their hard work and dedication throughout the sale. Financial information will be forthcoming shortly.

<u>Food Festival</u> - Kathy Cotter is looking for people to help with the Food Festival. The date has been set for April 26. Please contact her if interested.

**Rebuilding Together** - The date has been set for May 3. Please mark your calendars.

<u>Soup Kitchen</u> - This Tuesday, January 8 is our monthly Soup Kitchen obligation. Please make an effort to come out as these tend to be the busiest dates for the Kitchen.

<u>Foundation Minute</u> - Bob Carson thanked the members of the club for their participation so far in this year's efforts to support the Foundation. To date, we have raised \$10,124 of our \$11,000 goal.

National Honor Society Fund-Raiser - On Sunday, January 27, Uno's Restaurant will donate 20% of your bill to the Kayanet Children's Home located in Kenya. We were all given coupons at tonight's meeting to hand out. If you need more, please contact Marge.

**Program** - Tonight we had no speaker and instead had a fellowship night with spouses. All had a good time.

### **Upcoming Events**

- -January 8 Soup Kitchen
- -January 9 John Attwood, Haiti Water Project
- -January 16 Christmas Tree Bash at Janet McLaughlin's house
- -January 23 Rachel Davis, Thomas Memorial Library (Bob Danielson, Program Chair)

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Meyers
Carson
Wells

Conductor Ray

# January 16 Song Mooers Invocation Conroy Raffle Gift Wilcox Conductor Russell

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### **January 9, 2008**

### From The Secretary's Corner - Did You Know?

That there isn't much to talk about this week, but there's this. It seems that our Bulletin editor (his name escapes me for the moment) has an entirely new routine that he has developed for the soup kitchen. First, he carries two trays of food instead of one to the table; second, it's just rumored, that he lights candles on his table(s); and then third, he finds an empty table to sit on for most of the rest of the evening. This might be a developing trend, and I urge any of you who haven't been to the soup kitchen lately to show up on February 12 for further developments.

<u>Raffle Prize</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Uno Restaurant donated by Keith Wells, was won by Dick Yerxa.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were given tonight by Tom Meyers, John LoBosco, John Eliassen, Joan Frustaci, Joe Conroy, Kathy Ray, John Linehan, Eleanor Brainin, Nancy Hawes, Captain Lloyd, Janet McLaughlin, Dick Yerxa, Adrienne Murphy and Frank Butterworth.

<u>Membership Memo</u> - John LoBosco has more "Be My Guest" cards if you have someone in mind to invite to a Rotary meeting.

<u>Get Well, Jack</u> - Jack Roberts is out of the hospital and continues his recovery. I'm sure he would appreciate a card or note.

<u>Get Well, Bob</u> - Bob Packer has been in the hospital with viral pneumonia. Tony says he is continuing to get better, but I'm sure he would also love to hear from some of the club members.

<u>Photos Wanted</u> - Adrienne Murphy has asked anyone who has photos from this year's tree sale to forward them to her.

<u>Christmas Tree Bash</u> - Please note that next week's meeting will be at Janet McLaughlin's house on Old Colony Lane. It's a potluck format - names ending B-H bring a salad or side dish; K-Y bring a dessert.

**Soup Kitchen Wrap Up** - Helping at last night's Soup Kitchen were Paul Butler, Jim Russell, Marge Barker, Dan & Edie Davidson, John, Sue & Emily LoBosco, Dave Bagdasarian and Joe Conroy. Our next opportunity to serve is February12.

Foundation Minute - Please mark your calendars for February 23. This year's World Peace & Understanding Dinner will be held at the Marriott and will feature RI President, Wilfrid Wilkinson, as well as RI Vice President, our own Michael McGovern.

<u>Scholarships</u> - Tonight we gave two of our scholarships out to Courtney Babbidge and Kyra Tuttle. These are two of our four high school scholarship recipients who filled us in on their college plans - USM and UMO respectively.

National Honor Society Fund-Raiser - On Sunday, January 27, Uno's Restaurant will donate 20% of your bill to the Kayanet Children's Home located in Kenya. Marge is looking for people to sign up from 11:30 am to 9:00 pm to help meet and greet people at the restaurant. You must have your coupon in order to get the discount. If you need more, please contact her.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was John Attwood from the Damariscotta club who briefed us on the Haiti Water Project we helped support earlier in the year. This \$67,000 project will provide a clean and reliable water source to the Justinian Hospital which serves 800,000 people in Haiti. Our club donated \$2,000 to help with this effort. Thank you to Paul Butler for inviting John to speak tonight.

### **Upcoming Events**

- -January 16 Christmas Tree Bash at Janet McLaughlin's house
- -January 23 Rachel Davis, Thomas Memorial Library (Bob Danielson, Program Chair)

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

# January 16SongMooersInvocationConroyRaffle GiftWilcoxConductorRussell

<mark>January 23</mark>	
Song	Murphy
Invocation	K. Cotter
Raffle Gift	Yerxa
Conductor	Schaab

January 30	
Song	Mutty
Invocation	P. Cotter
Raffle Gift	Bagdasarian
Conductor	Schmidt

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From The Secretary's Corner - Did You Know? Our Secretary has no corner this week. He was thawing out from waiting outside for hamburgers and hot dogs and tracking down members to sign their cards

<u>Raffle Prize</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Nonesuch Books donated by Steve Wilcox, was won by Wayne Goodrich.

<u>Membership Memo</u> - John LoBosco has more "Be My Guest" cards if you have someone in mind to invite to a Rotary meeting.

<u>Get Well, Jack</u> - Jack Roberts is out of the hospital and continues his recovery. I'm sure he would appreciate a card or note.

<u>Get Well, Bob</u> - Bob Packer has been in the hospital with viral pneumonia. Tony says he is continuing to get better, but I'm sure he would also love to hear from some of the club members.

**Photos Wanted** - Adrienne Murphy has asked anyone who has photos from this year's tree sale to forward them to her.

<u>Food Festival</u> - The festival has been set for April 26. Kathy Cotter is the overall Chairperson and is looking for people to help. Please contact her if you are interested in working on her committee.

<u>Rebuilding Together</u> - This program has been scheduled for Saturday, May 3. Please mark your calendars for this worthwhile event.

<u>Wine Tasting</u> - The 10th Annual Rotary Social, Beer & Wine Tasting & Silent Auction is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6 from 5:30-8:30 pm at DiMillo's. Please contact Carol from the Casco Bay Sunrise Club at coopec@mmc.org for more info.

World Peace & Understanding Dinner - This year's Dinner will be held on February 23 at the Marriott at Sable Oaks and will feature RI President, Wilfrid Wilkinson, as well as RI Vice President, our own Michael McGovern.

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Paul Harris Fellows - Tonight we honored two members of our club with Paul Harris +1 Peter Cotter and Wayne Goodrich recognition. have both exemplified Service Above Self throughout the many years of their hard work associated with the Christmas tree sale. Peter has become the official greeter and general manager of the tree sale and Wayne has taken over the role of financial officer and accountant. Congratulations guys on well-deserved this recognition.

**Program** - Tonight was our 3rd Annual Christmas Tree Bash at Janet McLaughlin's house. Thank you to Tony Wagner and Bob Carson who did the cooking and especially to Janet for hosting. After a lot of fellowship, Janet gave out several special awards to various club members, concluding in the Paul Harris Fellows (above). What a wonderful way to end the Christmas tree season. Thanks again, Janet.

### **Upcoming Events**

- -January 23 Rachel Davis, Thomas Memorial Library (Bob Danielson, Program Chair)
- -January 30 Craig LePine, Cultivating Community (Bill Daviero, Program Chair)
- -February 6 Jim Ortiz, SMCC
- -February 13 Club Assembly

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

January 23

Song Murphy
Invocation K. Cotter
Raffle Gift Yerxa
Conductor Schaab

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### **January 23, 2008**

From The Secretary's Corner - Did You Know? That if you are planning to attend the World Peace & Understanding Dinner on February 23 at the Marriott at Sable Oaks and want to beat the early bird deadline (and save \$5.00 per person), you need to sign up at next week's meeting on the 30th or let Phil Dube or Secretary Paul know before then. The cost before February 1 is \$55.00. This is a great opportunity for newer members to see what Rotary is all about on the national level. It isn't every day that the President of RI visits so close to home.

**<u>Raffle Prize</u>** - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift to be determined donated by Dick Yerxa, was won by Frank Gemme.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were given tonight by Janet McLaughlin, John LoBosco, David Lourie, Dave Bagdasarian, Frank Butterworth, Marge Barker, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Jack Roberts, Paul McKenney, Joan Frustaci, Phil Dube, Frank Gemme, Paul Butler, Joe Conroy, Jim Russell and John Eliassen.

<u>Membership Memo</u> - John LoBosco has more "Be My Guest" cards if you have someone in mind to invite to a Rotary meeting.

<u>Nominating Committee</u> - Tonight the club accepted the following nominations for officers for the 2008-2009

President Elect - Joan Frustaci
Vice President - John LoBosco
Directors - Phil Dube, Dave Bagdasarian,
Marge Barker and Wayne Schaab
Treasurer - Nancy Hawes
Secretary - Paul Butler
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**Photos Wanted** - Adrienne Murphy has asked anyone who has photos from this year's tree sale to forward them to her.

**Food Pantry** - Joe Conroy has asked the club members to bring a 1 lb canned ham to next week's meeting as part of our ongoing effort to support our local food pantry. The following week will be hash and Spam.

<u>Wine Tasting</u> - The 10th Annual Rotary Social, Beer & Wine Tasting & Silent Auction is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6 from 5:30-8:30 pm at DiMillo's. Please contact Carol from the Casco Bay Sunrise Club at coopec@mmc.org for more info.

National Honor Society Fund-Raiser - On Sunday, January 27, Uno's Restaurant will donate 20% of your bill to the Kayanet Children's Home located in Kenya. Marge is looking for people to sign up from 11:30 am to 9:00 pm to help meet and greet people at the restaurant. You must have your coupon in order to get the discount. If you need more, please contact her.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Rachel Davis, Children's Librarian at TML. Rachel spoke to us on the program she started with Rotary funding called The Lonely Books Club. The club consists of 391 titles that had not been taken out in at least the last 5 years. After conducting this program, 241 of the books had been taken out at least once. The 92 club members, average age 10, gave wonderful reviews about discovering these great old books that were just sitting on the shelf. Thank you to Bob Danielson for inviting Rachel to speak to us tonight.

### **Upcoming Events**

- -January 30 Craig LePine, Cultivating Community (Bill Daviero, Program Chair)
- -February 6 Jim Ortiz, SMCC
- -February 13 Club Assembly

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

### January 30

Song Mutty
Invocation P. Cotter
Raffle Gift Bagdasarian
Conductor Schmidt

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From The Secretary's Corner - Did You Know? That a doctor examined a woman, took the husband aside, and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all." "Me neither, doc," said the husband, "but she's a great cook and really good with the kids."

A blonde calls Delta Airlines and asks, "Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to NYC?" The agent replies, "Just a minute..." "Thank you," the blond says and hangs up.

<u>Raffle Prize</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Parker's Restaurant donated by Dave Bagdasarian, was won by Tak Suppasettawat.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by Janet McLaughlin, Eleanor Brainin, Jack Roberts, Joe Conroy, Bob Danielson, Wayne Schaab, Wayne Goodrich, Paul McKenney, Thurston Holt, Kathy Cotter, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Nancy Hawes, Frank Butterworth, Joan Frustaci, Tak Suppasettawat, Bill Daviero, Paul Butler and Warren Simpson (Who wanted everyone to know that although February 23 is the 103rd anniversary of Rotary, he was not at the first meeting.)

<u>Nominating Committee</u> - Tonight the club voted in the following slate of officers for the 2008-2009.

President Elect - Joan Frustaci
Vice President - John LoBosco
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Marge Barker and Wayne Schaab
Treasurer - Nancy Hawes
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<u>New Member</u> - Tonight we inducted our newest member, Tak Suppasettawat. She lives in CE with her husband, Fred and daughter, Nina. She is a broker for Merrill Lynch. Please take the time to introduce yourself. Welcome Tak!

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.

<u>Food Pantry</u> - Joe Conroy has asked club members to bring a can of baked beans or hash to our next meeting. If you forgot to bring your ham tonight, he will still accept it next week.

<u>Wine Tasting</u> - The 10th Annual Rotary Social, Beer & Wine Tasting & Silent Auction is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6 from 5:30-8:30 pm at DiMillo's. Please contact Carol from the Casco Bay Sunrise Club at coopec@mmc.org for more info.

National Honor Society Fund-Raiser Wrap Up - Marge Barker thanked several members of the club who showed up Sunday to support the effort. Unfortunately, because of the format of having to have a coupon, only \$80 was raised. However, Marge does report that the high school students raised \$2200 at their semi-formal Saturday night.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was Craig LePine with Cultivating Community. This organization is a garden-based learning project for schools and youth organizations. They currently provide 50 households and 15 elderly families with 100% of their vegetable needs throughout the 20 weeks of summer. The group relies on 500-600 volunteers to help with their projects. Thank you to Bill Daviero for inviting Craig to speak to us tonight.

### **Upcoming Events**

- -February 6 Jim Ortiz, SMCC
- -February 12 Soup Kitchen
- -February 13 Club Assembly
- -February 20 Dr. Robert McAfee (Paul Butler, PC)
- -February 27-Charles Colgan, Community Planning & Development (Rick Dobson, Program Chair)

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

#### February 6

Song Ray
Invocation Danielson
Raffle Gift Barker
Conductor Simpson

### February 13

Song Roberts
Invocation Davidson
Raffle Gift Brainin
Conductor Swift-Kayatta

### February 20

Song Russell
Invocation Daviero
Raffle Gift Bugbee
Conductor Wells

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### **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."

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

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - 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.

<u>Foundation Minute</u> - 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.

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

<u>Soup Kitchen</u> - 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.

<u>International Food Festival</u> - 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 Some of the programs in high turned away. 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.

<u>Editor's Note</u> - 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
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### February 27

Song Schaab
Invocation R. Dobson
Raffle Gift Butler
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### February 13, 2008

### From The Secretary's Corner - Did You Know?

That sometimes strange things happen at the Soup Kitchen. This month, John L. showed up without wife, Sue and he was running around in circles until she showed up 15 minutes late, then he was okay! For some reason, leader Joe C. was replaced on the door as exit counter by a lady old enough to be his grandmother. Joe doesn't seem to have an answer for this or at least anything I can print here! And, remember last month when Jim R. put some plates on his table and then proceeded to sit on a table for the rest of the night? Well, this month Jim didn't show up and so they took down his table! Is there a message here for Jim?

<u>Raffle Prize</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to The Cheese Iron donated by Eleanor Brainin, was won by Wayne Schaab.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by Dave Bagdasarian, Frank Butterworth, Bob Flynn, Dick Yerxa, Bill Daviero, Tony Wagner, Wayne Schaab, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Jack Kennealy, Kathy Cotter, John LoBosco, Rick Dobson, Wayne Goodrich, Paul McKenney, Dan Davidson, David Lourie, Paul Butler, Janet McLaughlin and Tom Meyers.

Soup Kitchen Wrap Up - Joe Conroy would like to thank Dan & Edie Davidson, Steve Wilcox, Thurston Holt, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Dave Bagdasarian, John & Sue LoBosco, Paul Butler, Kathy Cotter and Carol Vaughn & children who worked at last night's Soup Kitchen. Our next opportunity to serve is Tuesday, March 11.

New Member Proposals - Fawn Dunfey 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.

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 either toothpaste, shampoo or deodorant to our next meeting. If you've forgotten to bring the specified items in previous weeks, he will continue to accept them.

**International Food Festival** - Kathy Cotter wanted

to let people know the following. If you have ads or ticket sales, please contact her. Donations for the silent auction are to go to the SP City Hall. She is particularly in need of people to work with the students on the day of the festival. Please contact Kathy with any questions.

<u>Wheels for the World</u> - David Lourie announced there will be another wheelchair pick up in two weeks. Please contact him if you can help out.

**Wayne Schaab, HOF** - Congratulations to Wayne for being inducted into the Omaha Hockey Hall of Fame last week. He is the 21st member of the Hall, which began in 1961.

**Rebuilding Together** - Dan Davidson will bring the signup sheet to next week's meeting for this event. Please mark your calendars for May 3.

<u>Program</u> - Tonight's program was a Club Assembly where several topics were discussed, including the expenditure of funds, community service projects, club leadership, the Honduras trip and major fund-raisers. Thank you to Tony for his outstanding leadership this year.

<u>Editor's Note</u> - Thank you to Kathy Ray for taking notes for me at tonight's meeting.

### **Upcoming Events**

- -February 20 Dr. Robert McAfee (Paul Butler, PC)
- -February 23-World Peace & Understanding Dinner -February 27-Charles Colgan, Community Planning
- & Development (Rick Dobson, Program Chair)
- -April 26 International Food Festival

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

### February 20

Song Russell
Invocation Daviero
Raffle Gift Bugbee
Conductor Wells

#### 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

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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.)

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

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - 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.

<u>New Member Proposals</u> - Fawn Dunfey 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.

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

<u>Potluck For The Homeless</u> - 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.

<u>International Food Festival</u> - 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.

<u>Food Pantry Wrap Up</u> - 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.

<u>Wheels for the World</u> - 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	Bagdasariar

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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."

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

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - 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.

<u>New Member</u> - 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.

<u>International Food Festival</u> - 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.

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

<u>Get Well, Jean</u> - 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.

<u>GSE Team</u> - 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.

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- -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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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!

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

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

<u>Help Wanted</u> - 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.

<u>Get Well, Jean</u> - 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.

<u>Food Pantry Fund-Raiser</u> - 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.

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

<u>GSE Team</u> - 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.

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

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- -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

SongSimpsonInvocationDubeRaffle GiftCarsonConductorBagdasarian

### 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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<u>Secretary's Corner</u> - Our Club Secretary was in such a rush to get out of town that instead of giving me columns I was presented with an envelope of "stuff" to put in the bulletin. Following is the first installment. "Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'...and thus the word GOLF entered into the England language."

<u>Raffle Prize</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Pom's Thai Restaurant donated by Bob Carson, was won by Janet McLaughlin.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were given tonight by Janet McLaughlin, Dan Davidson, Thurston Holt, Paul McKenney, Jean Bugbee, Joe Conroy, Bob Flynn, Joan Frustaci, Eleanor Brainin, John LoBosco, Bill Daviero, David Lourie, Frank Butterworth, Dave Bagdasarian, Nancy Hawes and Tony Wagner.

International Food Festival - Peter Cotter filled us in on the progress to date with the International Food Festival. So far, 65 tickets have been sold. What we really need are auction items. So far, only 16 items have been donated. We're looking for 80-100. These items do not have to be huge dollar amounts. In addition, we're looking for people to help out on the day of the event. Contact Kathy if you can help.

**Rebuilding Together** - If you have not yet signed up, contact Dan Davidson. He has to give a roster to the Rebuilding Together organization for the May 3 project, so please let him know of your interest ASAP.

<u>Soup Kitchen Wrap Up</u> - Last night, Dave Bagdasarian, Thurston Holt, Steve Wilcox, Joe Conroy and John, Sue & Emily LoBosco all served at the Soup Kitchen. Our next opportunity is Tuesday, April 8.

**GSE Team** - President Tony is looking for a GSE Team Coordinator for our club. The team from the Philippines will be coming to our meeting on April 23. In addition, the Daybreak Club has asked us to host 1-2 young females for the nights of April 22-23. He needs to know ASAP.

<u>Membership Minute</u> - John LoBosco has asked people who have given him potential members to contact what their status may be. Please get back to John with any update you may have.

**Foundation Minute** - Frank Butterworth challenged the members to go on the RI website and come up with their own Rotary minute. His minute this week was that our club donated \$203.70 per member to the Foundation.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Bill Dunn of the Yarmouth club speaking about Rotoplast. Rotoplast is an organization of volunteers that go on missions to South America and Asia to provide surgical repair for cleft palates and lips, as well as training and mentoring local physicians to continue their work. Last year, Rotoplast performed almost 2,000 procedures. Our District raised \$30,000 last year for one mission and we're in the process to raise funds for a mission this August to Peru. Our club presented Bill with a check for \$500 towards that goal. Thank you, Bill, for coming to speak to us tonight.

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- -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

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

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Song Swift-Kayatta
Invocation Dunphy
Raffle Gift Conroy
Conductor Barker

### March 26

Song Wells
Invocation Eliassen
Raffle Gift K. Cotter
Conductor Brainin

### April 2

Song Wilcox
Invocation Flynn
Raffle Gift P. Cotter
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<u>Secretary's Corner</u> - In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase...'goodnight, sleep tight.'

<u>Raffle Prize</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Joe's Boathouse donated by Joe Conroy, was won by Wayne Schaab.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by Joan Frustaci, Marc Mutty, Eleanor Brainin, Janel Voelker, Bill Daviero, Wayne Schaab, Tom Meyers, David Lourie, Marge Barker, Joe Conroy, John Eliassen, Frank Butterworth, Thurston Holt, Kathy Cotter, Phil Dube, Janet McLaughlin, Warren Simpson and Tony Wagner.

<u>International Food Festival</u> - Kathy Cotter announced that she has posters available. She thanked the club for putting in so many ads, is still looking for auction items and is hoping the club sells more tickets. Thank you, Kathy, for all your hard work.

Rebuilding Together - We now know the home we will be working on - 22 Ellsmere Road, SP (around the corner from Pratt Abbott on Shore Road). Peter Cotter has inspected the sight, and we will have a lot of work to do. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Davidson.

**GSE Team** - President Tony is still looking for 1-2 people to host young females for the nights of April 22-23. Please contact him if you can help out.

<u>Club Website</u> - Our website is up and running. Bob Flynn will be the speaker on April 2, showing us how to navigate around it. The site is:

### www.sp-ce-rotary.org

Foundation Minute - Warren Simpson earned Frank Butterworth's pin by sharing with the club an article about the Sanford Club's trip to India for a National Immunization Day. In one day, 172 million children were given the polio vaccine. Thank you, Warren.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was Katie Clark, Multicultural Coordinator for SMCC. A Rotary "brat" from Idaho, Katie is very enthusiastic about her job. This includes helping the 80 international students optimize opportunities for success, as well as working with the 400 multi-cultural students. At an institute that she attended in Miami, she realized

that there is no formula to work with these people, but instead everyone has their own unique challenge. She thanked the Rotary club for helping pay for her trip and also put a plug in for the International Food Festival which will feature 17 of her students' recipes. Thank you to Phil Dube for having Katie speak to us tonight.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- -March 26 Troy Landwehr, ID Theft Specialist (Fawn Dunphy, Program Chair)
- -April 2 SP/CE Rotary Website/Bob Flynn
- -April 8 Soup Kitchen
- -April 23 District Assembly
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#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

March	26

Song Wells
Invocation Eliassen
Raffle Gift K. Cotter
Conductor Brainin

### April 2

Song Wilcox
Invocation Flynn
Raffle Gift P. Cotter
Conductor Bugbee

### <mark>April</mark> 9

Song Yerxa
Invocation Frustaci
Raffle Gift Danielson
Conductor Butterworth

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<u>Secretary's Corner</u> - In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts...So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them, "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase, 'mind your P's and Q's.'

<u>Raffle Prize</u> - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Scratch Baking Company donated by Kathy Cotter, was won by Tom Meyers.

<u>Happy Dollars</u> - Dollars were given tonight by Joan Frustaci, Paul McKenney, Kathy Cotter, Phil Dube, Wayne Schaab, Bob Danielson, Tom Meyers, Eleanor Brainin, Bill Daviero, John Eliassen, Janet McLaughlin, David Lourie, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Frank Butterworth, Joe Conroy, Marie Williams, Marge Barker, Bob Carson, Jeff Hobbs, Warren Simpson and Tony Wagner.

International Food Festival - Kathy Cotter passed around signup sheets tonight for people to work for set-up, at the event and on clean-up. She's looking for someone to help Nancy Hawes during the day of the event. So far, 32 ads and 99 tickets have been sold. We still need more silent auction items. In addition, Kathy has posters to put up in your place of business. She also wanted to make the announcement that Sodexho (the food service company at SMCC) has donated \$1,000 to the Festival. Thank you, Kathy, for all your hard work.

Rebuilding Together - We now know the home we will be working on - 22 Ellsmere Road, SP (around the corner from Pratt Abbott on Shore Road). Peter Cotter has inspected the sight, and we will have a lot of work to do. Just to remind you, the event will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 3. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Davidson.

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**RYLA** - Joan Frustaci announced that thanks to the hard work of Janet McLaughlin and Marge Barker, we have 13 applicants from CE and 11 from SP.

<u>District Assembly</u> - Janet McLaughlin announced that this year's Assembly is at York County Community College on April 23. All incoming directors are strongly encouraged to attend. Janet wanted everyone to know, though, that the club will pay for anyone that wishes to attend. It's a great way to learn more about Rotary.

<u>Foundation Minute</u> - Warren Simpson gave us tonight's Minute. He spoke about how in <u>The Rotarian</u> magazine, 3 clubs submitted letters to the editor bragging about members with over 70 years of membership. Warren commented that the only member of our club that had a shot at this feat was Dick Yerxa.

<u>Wheelchairs For The World</u> - David Lourie announced that on May 17 we will be collecting at the SP Armory. In addition, we will be picking up by appointment any wheelchairs that people wish to donate.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was under the weather, so our program consisted of PDG Marie Williams recognizing our club for its Foundation giving last year. Our club gave \$15,032 last year to the Rotary Foundation, which translates to over \$241 per member. Congratulations to everyone that made this possible.

### **Upcoming Events**

- -April 2 SP/CE Rotary Website/Bob Flynn
- -April 8 Soup Kitchen
- -April 9 Club Assembly
- -April 23 District Assembly
- -April 26 International Food Festival
- -May 2-4 District Conference
- -May 3 Rebuilding Together

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

April 9

Conductor

<u>April 2</u>	
Song	Wilcox
Invocation	Flynn
Raffle Gift	P. Cotter
Conductor	Bugbee

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Song	Yerxa
Invocation	Frustaci
Raffle Gift	Danielson

Butterworth

<u>April 16</u>	
Song	Bagdasarian
Invocation	Gacetta
Raffle Gift	Davidson
Conductor	Carson

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