

April 28, 2010

From The Secretary's Corner - Did You Know?

That one of the Rotary clubs in Florida that I visited has less than 10 members and usually has more visiting Rotarians at any breakfast meeting than its own members. They have Rotary banners from almost every country in the world, you have a choice of ordering one of five breakfast items and I can't believe they are still in existence every year when I venture off to Florida. NEXT WEEK: The all male clubs in Florida.

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Willows Restaurant was donated by Rick Dobson, was won by Dan Davidson.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by Kathy Cotter, Dan Davidson, Paul Butler, Bob Carson, Bill Daviero, Bob Flynn, John LoBosco, Phil Dube, Tony Wagner and Joan Frustaci.

Club Vouchers - Once again, the club will be reimbursing any member who sees a need in the community for up to \$50. Please see Nancy Hawes to turn in your vouchers for reimbursement.

District Conference - This year's District Conference is May 14-16 in Portsmouth. Please see Joan ASAP if you are interested in attending.

Bug Light Clean Up Wrap Up - Bill York reports the following helped him out: Dan Davidson, Bob Flynn, Adrienne Murphy, Cindy Doucette, Dave Bagdasarian, Joan Frustaci, Jim Russell, Dick Yerxa and Jack Roberts. The place looks great again!

Family Fun Day - Steve Wilcox and Ben Wilson have agreed to co-chair this year's fried dough trailer at Family Fun Day. More details to follow.

International Service Committee - David Lourie is looking for people to help with this committee. The first project we will be getting involved with is Crutches for Africa. More details will be coming.

Health Updates - Tony Wagner reports that Warren is still sharp as a tack, but appears to be struggling more physically. Dan Gacetta seems to be doing better and perked up a lot more during Tony's visit. Let's not forget two of our charter members.

Program - Tonight's speaker was our own Jack Roberts who presented a history of Bug Light. In 1830, a huge storm took out most of the Portland Harbor infrastructure. As a result, various breakwaters were started in 1836. In 1855, a wooden tower was constructed at the end of the breakwater. It lasted for 20 years. In 1875, a new 24-foot cast iron monument, the only lighthouse of its kind in the world, was erected. Keepers quarters were added in 1889, so the oil-based flame could be maintained. Electricity was added in 1940. However, by 1988, the lighthouse had been

decommissioned and was severely neglected. Our club was asked to help support in the re-building of the lighthouse and we contributed \$13,000 of seed money to get the project moving. Senator George Mitchell was also very helpful with obtaining federal funding to help with the process. The lighthouse was recommissioned with a solar-powered system in 2002. Thank you to Jack for a very entertaining program.

Editor's Note - Thanks to Tony Wagner for taking notes at tonight's meeting.

Upcoming Events

- April 28 - John Eliassen (Birthday)
- April 29 - Tak & Fred Thomas (Anniversary)
- May 5 - Trevor Maxwell - A Journalist's View of Maine Courts
- May 11 - Soup Kitchen
- May 12 - Lou Piconi, Rotary Foundation Trustee (Mike McGovern, Program Chair)
- May 14-16 - District Conference
- May 19 - Regina Leonard, Mill Creek Park (Jack Roberts, Program Chair)
- May 26 - Suzanne McCormick, United Way of Greater Portland (Anne Swift-Kayatta, P.C.)
- June 30 - Changeover Night

ASSIGNMENTS

May 5

Song	Daviero
Invocation	Lourie
Raffle Gift	Doucette
Conductor	Dunphy

May 12

Song	Dobson
Invocation	McGovern
Raffle Gift	Dube
Conductor	Eliassen

May 19

Song	Doucette
Invocation	Meyers
Raffle Gift	Dunphy
Conductor	Flynn

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