

August 12, 2009

**Secretary's Corner - Did You Know?** That maybe we should start to think about establishing a "Raincoat and Umbrella" Fund for Rotarians who are caught sailing in Casco Bay with neither of these items on board when a violent rainstorm comes up. But keep in mind that in order to be eligible for a raincoat or an umbrella, you actually have to be in Casco Bay and not on land somewhere where it probably does not rain at the same time!!

**Raffle** - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Scratch Bakery donated by David Lourie, was won by Phil Dube.

**Happy Dollars** - Dollars were given tonight by Phil Dube, Adrienne Murphy, Jack Roberts, Kathy Cotter, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Nancy Hawes, Sybil Riemensnider, Kathy Ray, Joe Conroy, Dave Bagdasarian, Tony Wagner, David Lourie, Tom Meyers, Bill York and Joan Frustaci.

**Soup Kitchen Wrap Up** - Joe Conroy would like to thank the many people who volunteered last night at the Soup Kitchen. As Joe said, one of the most gratifying things is seeing the young people helping to serve. Joe also mentioned how thankful the guests were to receive their meals. Our next opportunity to serve is Tuesday, September 8.

**Bug Light Update** - Jack Roberts thanked Peter Cotter tonight who was in attendance for his efforts at leading the painting at Bug Light. Jack is looking for help with an open house at the lighthouse on September 12. If you are interested in helping, please see Jack.

**Membership Minute** - August is Membership Month for Rotary. In this month's Rotarian magazine there are many articles highlighting the benefits of Rotary membership. For me personally, the fellowship is the most important thing. I ask everyone to consider sharing this gift of membership with someone that you know by inviting them to become a member.

**Reminder-** Please bring in your back issues of the Rotarian Magazine so that they can be reused and given to others who want to learn more about Rotary.

**Rotary Shirts** - Tony Wagner announced at tonight's meeting that those who wish to buy a newly updated SP/CE Rotary polo shirt will have the chance to do so. Shirts come in both men's and women's styles and will feature the Rotary emblem. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, please see Tony over the next couple weeks.

**Dan Gacetta Update** - It was recently announced that Dan Gacetta has moved into the Scarborough Veterans Home for the foreseeable future as he is experiencing some back problems. If you have some time to stop over and visit, he would be very appreciative.

**Program** - Tonight's speaker was Wayne Brooken from CE speaking about shipwrecks on the Cape shore from 1800-1899. In an age before electricity when sail power was the main mode of transportation, shipwrecks along the CE shoreline were not that uncommon. Wayne featured several such as the schooner Charles which ran aground by Richmond Island in 1807; the steamer Bohemian which crashed in 1864 by Broad Cove; the Australia in 1885 which also crashed; and probably the most famous if you've been to Portland Headlight, the Annie C. McGuire which ran aground on Christmas Eve 1886. As a result of all of these shipwrecks, the U.S. Lifesaving Service was created in 1875 by Congress. In 1887, a CE station was established with a 7-man crew. Their mission was to assist in the rescue efforts when a ship ran aground. Their first effort was in 1888 off of Richmond Island with the Nellie Bowers. The Lifesaving Service later became part of the Coast Guard in 1915. Thank you to Mike McGovern for inviting Wayne to speak to us tonight.

**Upcoming Events**

- August 16 - Joe Conroy (Birthday)
- August 19 - Regular Meeting
- August 26 - Regular Meeting
- September 2 - Regular Meeting
- September 8 - Soup Kitchen

**ASSIGNMENTS**

**August 19**

Song	Kennealy
Invocation	Russell
Raffle Gift	McGovern
Conductor	Lourie

**August 26**

Song	Knight
Invocation	Schaab
Raffle Gift	McKenney
Conductor	McGovern

**September 2**

Song	LoBosco
Invocation	Simpson
Raffle Gift	McLaughlin
Conductor	McKenney

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