

January 27, 2010

From The Secretary's Corner - Did You Know?

That the February 17 meeting, which was originally scheduled to be a club forum, has been changed. The new format is going to be our 2nd Annual Valentine's Day Potluck Dinner at the Frustaci's. Spouses and family members are invited to share in the fun and fellowship of this event. Joan will have more details in the next few weeks.

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, tickets donated from our guest speaker from Portland Stage Company, were won by Eric Wellman.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by Bob Danielson, Marge Barker, Bill Daviero, Bob Carson, Tak Suppasettawat, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Chuck Redman, Rick Dobson, Ben Wilson, Tony Wagner, Cindy Doucette, Fawn Dunphy, Eric Wellman and John LoBosco.

Board of Directors Meeting - The Board meeting has been rescheduled from February 3 to February 10.

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.

International Food Festival - Now that the tree sale is over, our next big fundraiser is the International Food Festival scheduled for March 27. Tony Wagner has posters for you to put up at your place of business, as well as forms to fill out for ad space for the booklet. Kathy Cotter is looking to collect silent auction items, including gift certificates you may have received the year before. Ellie Speh passed around a signup sheet tonight for set up, work stations throughout the day and clean up. Adrienne Murphy has tickets available. If you take a book of tickets, you are not obligated to sell them all, just do the best you can.

Fellowship Night - The South Portland Breakwater Daybreak Club has invited us to an "ugly sweater night" at Mark Duval's residence on February 27 from 7-10 pm. The event is BYOB, snacks are provided. The cost is \$10 per person and you'll need to RSVP by February 21.

Box Tops - The deadline for turning in box tops is February, so please get them to Bob Danielson ASAP.

Beer & Wine Tasting and Auction - On February 3, the Casco Bay Sunrise Club will be hosting their annual wine tasting and silent auction at DiMillo's to benefit the Maine Children's Cancer Foundation. Tickets are \$25.

Foundation Minute - Events like the recent earthquake in Haiti emphasize the critical need for the Rotary Foundation. If you would like to make a donation for earthquake relief, you can do so through the Foundation and designate it for that express purpose. Frank

Butterworth reminded everyone last week that there is an envelope at the table when you sign in where you can make a weekly donation to the Foundation - just check off your name and the amount given. This is a very quick and easy way to be a Sustaining Member.

Program - Tonight's speaker tonight was Camy Barrantes from Portland Stage Company. Portland Stage is a non-profit professional theater company that was incorporated in 1974 and is located at 25A Forest Avenue. Camy explained how the plays are selected and produced, e.g. how many actors can be afforded, housing for them, appeal to audiences, marketing, etc. There is, she says, "usually a comedy scheduled for January when people seem to need it." Auditions are done in New York using equity (and some local) actors and they have only three weeks' rehearsal for each play. Portland Stage also has both educational and internship programs for students across the U.S. The budget this year is \$1.73 million, about half of which comes from ticket sales. Thanks to Bill Daviero for bringing Camy, whose presentation was very personable and knowledgeable.

Editors' Note - Many thanks for Dan Davidson for his note-taking at tonight's meeting.

Upcoming Events

- February 3 - Peace Corps Experience in Africa (Aaron Milberger, Program Chair)
- February 9 - Soup Kitchen
- February 10 - Laura Tait, US Probation & Parole (Kathy Cotter, Program Chair)

ASSIGNMENTS

February 3

Song Wagner
Invocation Doucette
Raffle Gift Yerxa
Conductor Wilcox

February 10

Song Wellman
Invocation Dube
Raffle Gift York
Conductor Yerxa

February 17

Song Wilcox
Invocation Dunphy
Raffle Gift Bagdasarian
Conductor York

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