

March 31, 2010

From The Secretary's Corner - Did You Know?

That INTERESTING GEOGRAPHY continues: **Antarctica:** Its the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. Ninety percent of the world's ice covers Antarctica and this ice represents 70% of all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, however, Antarctica is essentially a desert. The average yearly total precipitation is about 2 inches. Although covered with ice (all but 0.4% of it), Antarctica is the driest place on the planet with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi desert.

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, a Joe's Boathouse gift certificate originally donated by Joe Conroy, and originally won by John LoBosco who donated it to the Food Festival silent auction was purchased at the auction by Kathy Cotter. Kathy subsequently donated the gift certificate as tonight's raffle prize and she won it! Stay tuned to see what happens next - will anyone ever use the certificate to eat at Joe's?

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by David Lourie, Bob Danielson, Dick Yerxa, John Eliassen, Kathy Cotter, Adrienne Murphy, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Jack Roberts, Tom Kinley, Ben Wilson (who reported his lasik surgery has given him 20/15 vision), Sybil Riemensnider, Joe Conroy, Tom Meyers and John LoBosco.

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 Wrap Up - Kathy Cotter reported that about 200 people attended and about \$4000 was raised from the silent auction alone. Once figures are tallied, a final report on the Fest will be given. Kathy and other organizers thanked all who helped with this event.

Rotary Minute - Bob Carson read an eloquent letter to the editor of The Rotarian discussing the Four-Way Test and what it allows us as Rotarians to accomplish.

District Assembly - On Saturday, April 10 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm at York County Community College in Wells, the District will be holding its annual Assembly. Not only the incoming Board members, but also any committee chairs, new Rotarians, club webmaster and all other members are strongly encouraged to attend. The club will pick up the cost for any members attending. Please let Phil Dube know ASAP if you are going.

Senior Luncheon - On Saturday, April 24 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Events On Broadway, we will again be hosting a Senior Luncheon. Drivers are needed to transport the seniors to and from their homes. Please contact Sybil if you can help.

Program - Tonight's program was a classification talk by Joe Conroy. Joe emphasized his three careers: Army, teaching and real estate. He opened by saying he likes to sit at a different table at each Rotary meeting in order to get to know more Rotarians. He has taught high school, at USM and at SMCC. "You cannot have a "ho-hum attitude toward teaching," he says, "you have to be prepared and enthusiastic. The best teachers teach their students how to think, to list and make judgments for themselves." Joe graduated from St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. He intended to be a doctor, then decided on liberal arts. After college, Joe enlisted in the Army, obtained a masters degree via the GI Bill, got Ibbotson's permission to join the Army Reserves, received a commission as a Captain and completed a career in the Reserves. He has now been a realtor for some 20 years with Coldwell-Banker.

Editor's Note - Many thanks to Dan Davidson for taking notes at tonight's meeting.

Upcoming Events

- April 2 - Fireside Chat at Bob Danielson's house
- April 3 - Jack & Sherry Roberts (Anniversary)
- April 7 - Selma Botman, President, USM (Tony Wagner, Program Chair)
- April 10 - District Assembly at YCCC
- April 13 - Soup Kitchen
- April 14 - Paul Bradbury, Portland Jetport Expansion (Phil Dube, Program Chair)

ASSIGNMENTS

April 7

Song	Carson
Invocation	Kennealy
Raffle Gift	Danielson
Conductor	Daviero

April 14

Song	Conroy
Invocation	Kinley
Raffle Gift	Davidson
Conductor	Dobson

April 21

Song	Cotter
Invocation	Knight
Raffle Gift	Daviero
Conductor	Doucette

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