

May 5, 2010

From The Secretary's Corner - Did You Know?

That "yes," there are some all-male Rotary clubs in Florida, and probably elsewhere in the country. The noon Rotary club in Englewood, Florida has 90+ members, all male, and has a waiting list for new members. Women can do make-ups at this club, but cannot join. On another note, the Breakfast Club of Placida, Florida has about 37 members, of which 13 are women. Strangely enough, the 5 or 6 women that show up every week (I was there 3 times) all sit at the same table! By the way, I did not do a make-up at the Englewood club.

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Broadway Gardens donated by Cindy Doucette, was won by John LoBosco.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by Dan Mooers, Rick Dobson, Mike Neff, Dan Davidson, Ben Wilson, Dick Yerxa, Mike McGovern, Nancy Hawes, David Lourie, Jim Russell, Tom Meyers, Adrienne Murphy, Caitlin Helstrom, Bill York, John Eliassen, Jack Kennealy 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.

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

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.

GSE Team Wrap Up - John Eliassen took the GSE team for a day in Boston last week, going everywhere from Harvard to the IMAX Theater at the Museum of Science. Thank you, John, for leading them on what was sure to be a very enjoyable day.

Soup Kitchen - Joe Conroy gave a short presentation about the changes in the Soup Kitchen. Last month, we served our guests cafeteria-style, which means they get their own meals and then sit down. We still serve them a beverage of their choice. They are also now allowed to get seconds. The whole atmosphere was visibly relaxed and the evening went very smoothly. Having said that, we do need more workers, as the Williston-West Church has decided to move onto another service commitment. We need 3-4 people to get there at 4:00 pm for set up and about a dozen people to get there between 5:30-5:45 pm to serve and help with

clean up in the kitchen. Our next opportunity is this coming Tuesday, May 11.

Foundation Minute - Kathy Cotter reminds everyone not to forget the cans on the table for your loose change, as well as the blue bag when you sign up for your meal. It's a very painless way to make a contribution to the Foundation.

Program - Tonight's speaker was Trevor Maxwell, Court Reporter for the Portland Press Herald. Trevor has been covering the courts in Maine for the past five years and has written approximately 1,500 articles. He started his talk by giving an example of a recent trial, coming out of that and having two hours to write a story that communicates all the information, error-free, but conveys all of the human emotions that go into the scene he has witnessed. The job has been very rewarding for him as people have been very helpful. On a related note, he says the entire paper is excited about the new ownership and the changes that are happening in the publication. Thank you to Mike McGovern for inviting Trevor to speak to us tonight.

Upcoming Events

- May 9 - John Hewitt (Birthday)
- May 11 - Soup Kitchen
- May 12 - To be determined
- 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 12

Song	Dobson
Invocation	McGovern
Raffle Gift	Dube
Conductor	Eliassen

May 19

Song	Doucette
Invocation	Meyers
Raffle Gift	Dunphy
Conductor	Flynn

May 26

Song	Dube
Invocation	Mooers
Raffle Gift	Eliassen
Conductor	Hawes

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