

September 30, 2009

Secretary's Corner - Did You Know? That our average attendance for the month of September was up to 70.5%. Our average attendance for the first quarter of this Rotary year was 67.6%. And the average number of Rotarians attending meetings since we have been back to Purpoodock is 27 per week. The good news is that we are up to 51 in membership from a low of 47 just 3 months ago.

Raffle - Tonight's raffle prize, a prize to be determined donated by Adrienne Murphy, was won by Jim Russell.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by Jim Russell, Aaron Milberger, Dan Mooers, Anne Swift-Kayatta, Frank Butterworth, Janet McLaughlin, John Eliassen, Tony Wagner, Nancy Hawes, Dick Yerxa, Mike McGovern, Warren Simpson, Phil Dube, Joan Frustaci and John LoBosco.

Foundation Minute - Frank Butterworth updated the club on the status of polio eradication throughout the world. So far, polio cases are down by a little over 200; however, there have been some outbreaks in countries that were formerly polio-free. Frank reminded everyone that we need to remain vigilant in our mission to eradicate polio.

Bike Rally - Dave Bagdasarian thanked the people who have signed up for this Sunday's Bike Rally. We will be meeting in the parking lot behind the new dormitory between 11:30-11:45 am to get organized. He reminded everyone that there is a barbeque afterwards to which all are invited, and is looking forward to as much participation as possible from the membership.

Box Tops for Education - Bob Danielson is collecting General Mills box tops for the CE schools, so please cut them out and bring them in to our weekly meetings.

Rotary Shirts - Tony Wagner showed off one of the new Rotary shirts tonight. If you're interested in getting one, please contact him. If he gets six people, he will reorder.

Reminder - Please bring in your back issues of the Rotarian magazine so they can be given to others who want to learn more about the organization.

Help Wanted - Joan Frustaci is looking for members to help in the videotaping of our meetings. Currently Frank Butterworth and David Lourie are the only two members who are doing it and, if they're not available, the program doesn't get taped. SPC-TV is showing this 15 times per week. For a schedule of times, please refer to a back issue of the bulletin. If you're interested, please see either Frank or David.

New Members - Two weeks ago, we inducted Eleanor Speh, a resident of CE who relocated from Durham, NC. Ellie is currently retired and is looking forward to

involving herself with the projects of the club. Please take the time to welcome Ellie. Tonight we inducted our "newest" member, Bill York. Many of you remember Bill, who was a member of our club for almost 30 years, including president in 1981-82. Bill is semi-retired, living in Portland with Dianne, and is looking forward to getting back into the club activities as well. Welcome back, Bill.

Program - Tonight's speaker was State Senator, Larry Bliss, speaking about tax reform in Maine. The theory behind tax reform, Larry said, is not to reduce taxes, but to provide sufficient revenue to balance the budget. This involves the two kinds of taxes - income and sales - that make up the bulk of the revenue generated in Maine. The tax reform passed by the legislature lowers the top income rate from 8.5% to 6.5%, increases the meals and lodging taxes and eliminates many exemptions in the sales tax. The result is that overall revenue remains approximately the same. Most Maine taxpayers see a reduced amount of their total taxation and approximately \$57 million is shifted to out-of-staters and people visiting Maine. Thank you to Dan Mooers for inviting Larry to speak to us tonight.

Upcoming Events

- October 1 - Frank Butterworth (Birthday)
- October 4 - Bike Rally
- October 5 - Lloyd Knight (Birthday)
- October 7 - Capt. James McPherson, USCG (Dan Davidson, Program Chair)
- October 13 - Soup Kitchen
- October 14 - Steve Bucci, Personal Credit Mgmt
- October 21 - District Governor's Visit
- October 28 - Membership Seminar

ASSIGNMENTS

October 7

Song	Meyers
Invocation	Wilcox
Raffle Gift	Mutty
Conductor	Murphy

October 14

Song	Milberger
Invocation	Yerxa
Raffle Gift	Ray
Conductor	Mutty

October 21

Song	Mooers
Invocation	York
Raffle Gift	Redman
Conductor	Ray

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