

November 17, 2010

Christmas Tree Sale – It's now time to focus on trees. On November 20, we will be meeting at the Fire Barn at 7:00 to load up the truck, followed by setting up the racks at 8:00 am at Millcreek Park. We typically need about 12 people for 2-3 hours for this. Please bring hammers, stepladders, power drills, pick axes, sledgehammers and screwdrivers. The first tree unloading is scheduled for Friday, November 26 at 8:00 am, the day after Thanksgiving. Marge is also looking for a refreshment chair to coordinate items given to us by Tim Horton's on December 4 and December 11. Since we will not be meeting again until December 1, you **must** either get in touch with Scott Irving to sign up for your shifts or go on the club website and do the same. We have several holes in the schedule and it is imperative that you sign up immediately.

Raffle Prize – Tonight's raffle prize, a gift certificate to Terra Cotta donated by John Thibodeau, was won by Bill York.

Happy Dollars - Dollars were given tonight by Ellie & Chris Spheh, David Lourie, Scott Irving, Frank Butterworth, John Eliassen, Joe Conroy, Dave Bagdasarian, Bill Phillips, Mike Tranfaglia, Nancy Hawes, Mike McGovern, Meghan O'Brien, Bill York, Adrienne Murphy and Joan Frustaci.

Get Well, Bill & Captain Lloyd – Bill Daviero recently had back surgery and is recovering at his home. Captain Lloyd is also on the mend and is doing better. I'm sure they would appreciate a card or note as they have been missed at our recent meetings..

South Portland Food Cupboard – Joan Frustaci reports that Sybil is overwhelmed with requests at the SP Food Cupboard and could really use some help with the distribution of food, which takes place on Thursday mornings. If you have some extra time perhaps you could give Sybil a call to see what you can do to help.

Crutches For Africa – On Saturday, November 20 at 12:30 pm, David Lourie is looking for volunteers to help sort and match up more crutches at the SP Armory. Please see him if you are interested.

New Members – Over the past three weeks, we have inducted two new members – Meghan O'Brien and Bill Phillips. If you haven't had the chance, please make a point of introducing yourself at our next meeting in December. Welcome to them both.

Foundation Minute – November is Foundation Month. Our Foundation Co-Chair, Frank Butterworth brought everyone up-to-speed on how the blue bag works when you sign in and reminded everyone to take advantage of the polio cans on the tables. Remember the goal is every Rotarian, every year.

50th Anniversary Project – Ellie Spheh reminded club members to sign up to work on the various sub-committees which are the children's garden, the fire barn and Rotary corner. Please see either Ellie or Tony Wagner or go on the club website to sign up for these committees.

Program – Tonight's speaker was Betsy Biemann, President, of the Maine Technology Institute. The Institute came to life 10 years ago because of the chronic need to invest in research and development in the State of Maine. The mission of MTI is to stimulate private investment in R&D, create higher paying jobs and increase our global competitiveness. The Institute does this by giving seed grants, development grants and occasionally equity investments in companies that are developing cutting-edge technologies. Some of the examples are ocean farm technologies and Bigelow Laboratories. Thank you to Chris Spheh for inviting Betsy to speak to us tonight.

Upcoming Events

- November 20 – Millcreek Park Rack Setup
- November 22 – Tony & Sally Wagner (Anniv.)
- November 24 – No Meeting
- November 26 – First Tree Unloading, 8:00 am
- November 27 – Marge Barker (Birthday)
- December 1 – Dora Mills, Maine CDC (Dan Mooers, Program Chair)
- December 4 - 2nd Tree Unloading, 8:00 am
- December 8 – Caitlin Corrigan, Maine Citizens for Clean Elections (Dan Mooers, P.C.)
- December 14 – Soup Kitchen

ASSIGNMENTS

November 24

No Meeting

December 1

Song	Spheh
Invocation	Davidson
Raffle Gift	Tranfaglia
Conductor	Wilson

December 8

Song	Suppasettawat
Invocation	Daviero
Raffle Gift	Wagner
Conductor	Yerxa

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