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Welcome!

Today's greeter is Val Weston. Phil Libby is program chair. School has started so Phil may be here and have something planned. Otherwise, I suspected we would spend our time talking about the Lobster & Steak Fest but I see on Dave's program listing that he has that scheduled for next week, September 5th. So, I really have no idea what today's meeting will be.

Calendar: The first name listed is the Program Chair, the second is Greeter. In Paul Thornfeldt's absence this summer, please let Lois Strauss or John Griffith know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. Lois will be editor in July, John in August. Also, please remember that when you are Program Chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the Club's paraphernalia.

8/29 – Phil Libby and Val Weston

9/5 – Assembly and Chris Twitchell

9/10 – Board Meeting at the NPC-TV office at 6:00PM

9/12 – Program – Chris Davis and Lois Strauss

9/19 – Ron Morse and Joel Speakman

9/26 – Dave Preble and Frank Shorey

9/28 – District 7780 Membership Seminar, 2:00PM – 8:00PM at the Governor's Inn, Rochester, NH

Birthdays

9/6 – Dawne Wilton (Paul)

9/13 – Stephanie Hinkley (Rob)

9/26 – Paul Thornfeldt

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We had 3 visiting Rotarians – District Governor Marty Helman from Boothbay, AG Sheila Rollins from Bridgton-Lake Region and Dennis King from Washington Township, NJ.

Last Week: Bob led us in the pledge, Lois led us in song and Glenn gave the invocation. District Governor Marty Helman was our speaker. She started off by thanking us and all the clubs in our region for the fun party at Stoneybrook the evening before. Her talk then centered around the strategic plan of Rotary International and the role Rotary has played around the world. She told us that the Rotary and the Rotary Foundation is the most highly rated charity in the world, committed to changing lives and promoting peace among peoples. She then moved

on to talk about membership, how Rotary is losing members in North America. A decade ago, our district had 2200 members and now we are at 1800, a net loss of 40 members per year. A decade ago, Rotary had 1.2M members world-wide, today we are still at 1.2M members. Recruiting and keeping younger professionals under the age of 40 is the most difficult aspect of membership. Another generation and we won't have enough members to carry on a conversation. The world is changing more than Rotary and we need to adjust even if it means giving up some of our traditions. Marty closed by challenging us to discover our passion. "Rotary will give you the tools and remember, activism starts at the club level. We have the options other people don't have. Never forget the reasons we are Rotarians. We are life changers."

ROAD TOLL: Bob, Lynne and John worked the road toll for the local food pantries on Sunday, the 19th with help from former Rotarian Rick Nero. The final tally came to \$1,299.88! Not bad for 2 ½ hours. Couldn't someone have thrown in another .12? There was only one person we know of who made negative comments as he drove by but most people were very supportive. There were 5 \$20.00 donations and 10 \$10.00 donations.

LOBSTER & STEAK FEST: More to come next week, but Dave did tell us we had the most successful Lobster and Steak Fest ever with 410 meals served. That compares with 341 last year and 291 the year before. Dave thinks the increase is due to changing the location from the tennis court area to the bus circle and adding entertainment. We grossed \$8,800.00 and should net around \$4,000.00.

Fines and Happy Dollars: Susan was happy to announce the second Cash Mob, meeting at W.J. Wheeler, Saturday, the 25th at 10:00. Lois was happy that her daughter and grandson were here visiting and that her grandson was getting his first haircut. Sue was happy that she got a part in the OHMPAA play, a musical, the Road to Eden Ridge. Patty was happy that she won the 50/50 last week because she and George are on vacation. She has happy to thank Dennis and Lorraine for helping out at the Lobster & Steak Fest and lastly, she was grateful to Sue for timing the lobster cooking this year. Frank was sad to tell us that the Sox were 12 ½ games out of first place but that the Rays were only 4 games out. Bob was happy that Buddy made the President's List at CMTC with a 3.9 grade average and that Ben was running the Kayak Club at UVM. As a caterer, AG Sheila complimented us on our ability to put out 400 lobster dinners. DG Marty commended us for our Foundation contributions through the years. Lynne was happy and sad that she had to go back to school and will have to finagle her schedule so she can come to our meetings. She was also happy that Rick Nero helped us with the road toll.

50/50 – Didn't write down and don't remember who drew the winning ticket, but for the second week in a row, Patty Rice's number was up. Unlike last week, she didn't win this week.

Thought for the week: When people suck the life out of you, wouldn't it be nice if they took some fat, too?